

2026 BOOST Conference Workshop Session Evaluations

Workshop Title	Presenter Name	Number of Surveys	Avg. Score out of 5.0
ZTAG in Motion: Wellness Through Play	Quan Gan, MS	1	5.0
8 Steps to Getting Your Esports Club Started	Claire LaBeaux	1	4.9
Game On: LEGO League Future Edition for STEM Engagement (FRI AM)	Denise Phillips	2	4.9
Stop Simulating, Start Advocating: Rethinking Disability Simulations	Sylvia Mac, Ph.D.	4	4.9
Teaching is a Work of Heart - Supporting Your Talent to Support Your Students	Katy Wick	6	4.9
Responding to Myths and Misinformation about LGBTQ+ Youth	Rebby Kern	6	4.9
Juntos Somos Familia"- Every Student Has a Seat at the Table	Rafael Dominguez	13	4.9
Inclusion After the Bell: Strategies to Support Students with Disabilities in After-School Programs	Robin Elliott, Ed.D.	7	4.9
Social Emotional Learning as Essential Practice: Adapting SEL Learning Standards to Nurture Development in OST	Yolanda Luna-Mroz, MA	1	4.9
Glitter & Grit: From Foster Care to District Chair	Nicole "Joanie" Theus	11	4.9
YOU Are the Difference!	Manuel "Manny" Padia, M.Ed.	11	4.9
Designing Multi-Dimensional Learning Experiences	Kristen Henry, Ed.D.	4	4.9
STEM without Screens	Jody Nova, MS	3	4.8
The After-School Field Guide: From "IN" Charge to "IN" Sync with Students	Ray Trinidad, M.Ed.	19	4.8
Arux: Trends and Technology in After School	Robin Mattaini	2	4.8
Resilience: The Power of One	Shree Walker, Ed.D.	4	4.8
From the Classroom to the Court: Integrating Pickleball into PE and After-School Programs	Randall Bedwell, MA	4	4.8
Wellness as Liberation: Creating Healing-Centered Spaces for Youth to Thrive	Abra Smith, MS	4	4.8
The Art of Confidence: Creativity, Connection, and Courage in OST Programs	Joshua Faden, MAT	6	4.8
Designing Character-Building SEL Experiences Through Play	Sena Lee	25	4.8
Flex Your SEL Muscles: Engaging and Fun Tools for Building Resilient Students and Empowered Staff	Lori Woodley-Langendorff, MS, PPS	6	4.8
HOKALI Action Lab: Exploring Robotics, Dance, Sports, and Martial Arts	Delfina Corso Rodriguez	5	4.8
Insanity or Genius? The Magic of Camper Choice at Day Camp	Kristina Woznicki	1	4.8
Leveraging Multilingualism in the Classroom as a Tool for Learning	Amy Feehan, MAT, M.Ed.	1	4.8
Teaching Our Movements How to Love: Leadership Beyond Patriarchy, Competition & Burnout	Mike de la Rocha	7	4.8
The Compass Care Program: A Wraparound Approach Helping Families and Schools Address Chronic Absenteeism	Moderator: Jonathan Nakamoto, Ph.D.	2	4.8

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LGBTQ+101: Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth	Joseph Clark, MS	22	4.8
Active Minds, Strong Bodies: Building Connection and Confidence Through Play	Fred Rasuli	11	4.8
The Power of Partners: Leveraging Partnerships to Strengthen Program Success	Tiffany Roberson, MS	5	4.8
Teach the Brain, Change the World: Innovative Strategies that Teach Peace and Decrease Behavior Referrals	Lyndsay Morris, M.Ed	22	4.8
#iAmImpact Presents: Healing Circles (THURS PM II)	Nathan Houston	9	4.8
NBA Math Hoops - Creating the Next Math Champion	Hunter Strickland, MBA	9	4.8
The Hidden Link Between Emotions and Learning: Unlocking Executive Function in Every Child	Sonia Toledo, Ph.D.	15	4.8
Youth Mental Health First Aid (Pre-Conference Academy)	Rita Rasuli, MS	14	4.8
BEYOND ICEBREAKERS! Innovative and NON-CRINGY Challenges to Engage	Eric Rowles, MS	31	4.8
How to Plan and Facilitate Transformative AND Joyful Team Meetings	Brooklyn Joseph, M.Ed.	13	4.8
Serving Well: An Exploration of What it Means to Be Well and Serve Well	Ashley Ellis, M.Ed.	5	4.8
Unconventional Fun: A Session of Non-Traditional Games	Madison Roloff	15	4.8
Get FAST and FURIOUS with Omnikin!	Scotty Williams, M.Ed.	7	4.8
What is My Value Instructionally to the Educators I Supervise?	Baruti Kafele, MA (Principal Kafele)	20	4.8
Funology 101: The Science of Joy in Afterschool	Clint Darr, M.Ed.	18	4.8
Innovate Anyway: Creativity within Compliance in Expanded Learning	Alexis Prehm	4	4.8
The Leadership Compass: Mastering Your Leadership Style and How to Effectively Lead Others	Doug Luffborough, III, Ph.D.	40	4.7
The Connection Lab: Building Social Skills Through Play and Dog Therapy (With Special Guest Billy, the therapy dog!)	Cara Zelas, B.Ed.	8	4.7
#iAmImpact Healing Circles (THURS AM)	Nathan Houston	11	4.7
Empowering Middle Schoolers to Make Healthy Choices: Implementing FREE Underage Drinking Prevention Education Curriculum	Leticia Barr, MAT, MS	2	4.7
Transforming Academic Hour at Bakersfield City School District: Engaging Learning with LEGO Education Science	Denise Phillips	3	4.7
ZTAG Belonging in Motion: Active SEL Through Play	Quan Gan, MS	9	4.7
Community Walks, Field Trips, Panels, and Beyond! Adding Career Exploration Components to Your Middle School Program	Alexandra "Alex" Fendrich, M.Ed	4	4.7
Risky Business in Expanded Learning	Jeanette Cruz, MPA	4	4.7
When the Heat is On: Communicating Through Conflict	Erika Bare, M.Ed. and Tiffany Burns, M.Ed.	18	4.7
Victorious Underdog	Roosevelt Sargent	7	4.7
TK/K Success in Afterschool: Strategies That Work	Rahele Atabaki, M.Ed.	2	4.7
From Foster Care to Future Builder: Unseen Strength, Unbreakable Leadership	Janelle Matthews	8	4.7
Building Social, Emotional, and Physical Wellness Through Play: The U.S. Soccer Foundation Model	Michael Vaughan-Cherubin	6	4.7
Protecting California K-12 Students from Harmful Law Enforcement (including ICE) Encounters in Schools	Brenda Rosas	6	4.7
The Art of the Warm Demander: Leveraging Relationships to Support High Performance for All	K'Ion Benson	11	4.7

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Creative Healing in Action: The S.E.A.R.C.H Model for Youth Voice, Reflection, and Collective Expression	Fausto Alejandro Lopez, M.Ed.	4	4.7
One Vision, One Program: Reimagining What's Possible in Expanded Learning	Emily Tay, MPA	13	4.7
Civic Engagement and Service Learning: Empowering Your Kids to be Superheroes in Their Communities	Ryan McCarthy, PP	14	4.7
Building Bright Futures: Summer Learning with LEGO Education	Denise Phillips	6	4.7
Coaching with Empathy	Julie Shiller	14	4.7
Plan Better, Do Better: Strategic Planning Lessons from LA's BEST	Michele Broadnax, MBA	7	4.7
Feed More, Spend Less: Expanding Access to Free Meals	Courtney Lockridge	10	4.7
15 OMG FREE TOOLS To Raise Your Youth Engagement Game	Eric Rowles, MS	14	4.7
Leading the Leaders: Using Transformational Leadership to Develop Young Staff in Out-of-School Time	Elena Arias	26	4.7
Connection Counts: Leveraging PDSA for Double-Digit Absenteeism Reduction	Scott Payne, MA	3	4.7
Facilitating After School STEAM Workshops with KiwiCo	Courtney Morgan	3	4.7
25 Fabulous Enrichment Ideas (& Where to Get More)	Marisa Miller	15	4.7
Hip Hop as Healing: The Art and Science of Thriving in Tumultuous Times	Roberto Rivera, Ph.D.	7	4.7
Beyond Fun: Building Real-World Skills and Career Awareness in TK - 8 Programs	Aidan King, M.Ed.	6	4.7
Operationalizing Love: Developing A Critical Theory of Love in Our Social Justice Work	Duryle Brooks, Ph.D.	6	4.7
Game Changers: Elevating Staff Engagement During Gym and Outdoor Time	Gregg Lauderdale, M.S.	11	4.7
Coaching for Impact: 12 Practices to Elevate Youth Development in Sport	Jessy Newman	10	4.7
Every Body Moves!: Leading Inclusive and Engaging Physical Activities for Youth	Jeff Mushkin, MPH	6	4.6
ZTAG Into Learning: Real Classroom Integration	Quan Gan, MS	6	4.6
Leading With Culture – Creating Schools That All Students Want to Attend	Shaun Hurtado, M.Ed.	8	4.6
Play and Nature for Healing and Health	Daniel Hatcher, MPH	8	4.6
Navigating Grants World: A Practical Guide For Expanded Learning and OST Professionals (Pre-Conference Academy)	Gabriela B. Delgado, M.A., M.P.A., GPC	17	4.6
Leading With Dignity: Counter-Dominant Leadership in Practice	Kim Cabais	16	4.6
Supercharge Expanded Learning: District Success Stories of Smart Systems & Community Partnerships	Shilpa Dalmia	4	4.6
Telling a Bigger Story: Using Race Class Gender Narrative to Advance LGBTQ+ Justice	Anthony Brisson, MAT	8	4.6
We've Got Your Back®: Superpowers for Safety in After-School Programs - The After-School Experience	Michael Kimball	3	4.6
Beyond the School Bell: Elevating Mental Health Supports for Students and Families	Sohil Sud, MD	4	4.6
How to Collaborate With Your Superintendent, Cabinet, and Board	Moderator: Rod Hsiao, MPP	4	4.6
Cooking is Hot, Hot, Hot!	Ann Butler	1	4.6
Hitting Curveballs: The Human OS Upgrade	Dee Hankins	4	4.6

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Linking, Learning, Leading: Workforce Development Strategies Across California	Maria Ramirez	1	4.6
PBIS After the Bell: Building Equitable Behavior Systems in Expanded Learning	Molly Stoeckel, MA	7	4.6
Emotional Health: Recognizing it in Yourself, Your Staff, and Your Students	Marissa Carlson, MS, CPS	6	4.6
Rooted in Connection: Restorative Practices in Our Everyday Actions	Vannary Jim, MS	6	4.6
Family & Community Engagement with LEGO Education & Morongo Unified	Breanna Flores, MBA	7	4.6
Building Future-Ready Afterschool Programs with LEGO Education	Jesse Woodward	5	4.6
In N Out: Take Space to Pause on the Go	Chizu Ukachi-Nwata	2	4.6
Building Scalable Career-Ready Programs in Expanded Learning with High School Interns	Leticia Bradley, MA	13	4.6
Write Your Evolving Story	Billy Mawhiney	9	4.6
Heart-Centered Connections: Creating Inclusive Environments For Neurodiverse Children (Pre-Conference Academy)	Niki Elliott, Ph.D.	44	4.6
ZTAG Kickstart: The Play & Move Experience	Quan Gan, MS	7	4.5
From Barriers to Belonging: Using Data and PBIS to Mainstream Students with IEPs into Afterschool Enrichment	Benjamin Plá, M.S.	10	4.5
Growing Staff Capacity to Create Systems for Success!	Tim Torres Mofhitz, M.Ed.	19	4.5
Building Durable Skills in Afterschool: Hands-on Strategies to Help Students Thrive	Carol McElvain, JD	18	4.5
Findings from the California Department of Education's 2023 and 2025 Legislative Reports on Expanded Learning Programs	Jonathan Nakamoto, Ph.D.	11	4.5
From Suffering and Surviving to Healing and Thriving: Applying Indigenous Wisdom and a Critical Wellbeing Paradigm to Recalibrating Education Ecosystems	Roberto Rivera, Ph.D.	4	4.5
From Voice to Power: Building Student-Led Systems for Change	Melissa Erickson, M.Ed.	12	4.5
Startup Thinking for ELO-P Success: Build. Reflect. Improve. Repeat.	Moderator: Shauna Hultgrien	2	4.5
ZTAG for Every Learner: Access Through Play	Quan Gan, MS	1	4.5
Better Together: Crafting Powerful Community Partnerships	Nicole Marshall-Wheeler, M.A.	8	4.5
AI in Action: Moving from Fear to Fluency with Practical Guidelines & Creative Tools	Derek Suzuki, MA	26	4.4
Game On: LEGO League Future Edition for STEM Engagement (WED AM)	Denise Phillips	4	4.4
Math With Me in Mind: How to Center Student Math Identity to Boost Math Achievement	Liesl McConchie, MA	4	4.4
Supporting Young Minds: Exploring Mental Health Screening, Free Skill Building Resources, and Data Trends for Advocacy	Theresa Nguyen, LCSW	10	4.4
Ambassador Youth Employment: The Cyclical Impact of Cross Age Mentoring	Moderator: Vanessa Reyes	12	4.4
Create, Connect, Collaborate: Unlocking SEL with Easy-to-Implement Robotics & Engineering	Ann Goodwin, M.Ed.	3	4.4
Operation Outbreak: An Infectious Way to Learn	Moderator: Liesl McConchie, MA	3	4.4
Ladders to Leadership – Innovation in Staffing!	Michael Waters	2	4.4
Charting the Course: Afterschool Policy in Trump's Washington	Jodi Grant, JD	6	4.4
Build a Dynamic After-School Esports Program	Alan Sitomer, M.Ed.	7	4.3
Planning for Impact: Tips and Tools to Launch Evidence-based Summer Learning (Pre-Conference Academy)	Hillary Oravec, MA	21	4.3

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Centering Youth, Sharing Power: Trust-Building Across Expanded Learning Systems	Moderator: Michelle Jaramillo, MA	19	4.3
The Power of Partnerships: Scaling Expanded Learning with Purpose	Carolyn Taylor, M.Ed.	5	4.3
College and Career in Expanded Learning	David Guzman	3	4.3
Innovating Together: Partnering to Meet the Needs of Students with Disabilities Beyond the School Day	Asha Levert-McDowell	13	4.3
Beyond Compliance: Building Cultures of Continuous Improvement in Expanded Learning	Lisa Rice	4	4.2
Don't Hate the Core - Partner with It! Turn the Afterschool Drag into an Academic Powerhouse!	Ayo Coker, M.Ed.	6	4.2
Master the Chaos - Turn Unruly Energy into Engaged Movement	Leslie Fisher, MA	4	4.2
Turning Numbers into Narratives: Using Data to Win Support for Afterschool	Jennifer Rinehart, MA	2	4.2
Storytelling as Pedagogy: Healing, Voice, and Community in the Classroom	Rita Naranjo, M.A.	3	4.2
Building Better Bonds	Megan Shaw	2	4.1
Bridging Belonging: Connecting Classrooms, Communities, and Careers	Dr. Lola Adeyemo, DSL	8	4.1
Evolving Models of Recruitment, Training, and Retention	Teresa Rivas	9	4.1
Onboarding and Retention: Building a Strong Foundation for Sustainable OST Programming	Jessica Baker, MA	4	4.1
From Duplication to Innovation - Partnerships that Break the Mold	Manuel Avina	4	4.0
ZTAG Forward: STEM Play, Prediction, and Problem-Solving	Quan Gan, MS	2	4.0
Beyond the Game: Building Culturally Responsive Organizational Capacity in Out-of-School Time	Julián Alonso Restrepo, Ph.D.	2	4.0
Sparking STEM Career Interest: Engaging Diverse Teens Through Teen Science Cafés	Sheila James	3	4.0
Connecting Community Through Service and Safety: Building Bridges Between ELOP Schools, Families, and the Heart of a City	Laura North, M.Ed.	1	3.9
Expanding Student Success: State of Expanded Learning in CA	Michael Funk	19	3.8
Lead Together: From Solo Burden to Shared Vision	Sweta Chawla, PharmD/MS	6	3.8
Mappineering Your Future: A Visual Path to Achieving Your Best Life	John Diggs	9	3.7
Attendance Recovery & Expanded Learning: A Profitable Partnership	Katie Brackenridge, MPP	5	3.6
Exploring Career Mapping in Expanded Learning	Maria Ramirez	3	2.9