



The Power of Showing Up: How Small Acts of Care Ignite Big Change

Keynote: Friday: November 21, 12:15 - 1:15 pm

(Campana)

David Flood

This inspiring keynote explores what happens when educators truly “show up.” David Flood draws on his personal journey as a father of a child with autism, a 30-year recovery advocate, and a speaker trusted by hundreds of schools. Through stories that are equal parts moving and practical, David challenges staff to see themselves not just as instructors, but as daily lifelines for the students who need them most. His message affirms the extraordinary impact of ordinary actions and reignites the heart behind the work.

Building Bridges: Collaborative Approaches to Youth Literacy and Entrepreneurship

Friday: November 21, 1:30 - 2:45 pm

(Granada A)

Nyanna Harris, CEO, Business Owners of Tomorrow

This session is ideal for educators, youth program leaders, school administrators, and community partners who are passionate about increasing literacy and life-readiness through entrepreneurship. Participants will explore collaborative approaches that connect reading, writing, and real-world business skills for youth ages 8–18. We’ll highlight successful models, including how becoming a young author or business owner can drive engagement and academic growth.

NBA Math Hoops - Creating the Next Math Champion

Friday: November 21, 1:30 - 2:45 pm

(Granada B)

Jonathan McLean, Regional Outreach Coordinator, Learn Fresh; Steven Young, Sr. Manager of Program Outreach, Learn Fresh

Through this training, educators will learn best practices for implementing the NBA Math Hoops game and curriculum, gain free access to the Learn Fresh program management platform and all program materials, and learn about opportunities to extend students' learning through virtual and in-person community events. Educators will immediately gain access to all materials needed to begin implementing with students in their programs and classrooms.

From Ideas to Impact: Elevating Youth Voice Through Brainstorming Sessions

Friday: November 21, 1:30 - 2:45 pm (Granada C)

Stephanie Vadnais, Assistant Vice President of Community Support and Innovation, Beyond School Bells

Discover how Youth Brainstorming Sessions empower young people to help shape afterschool and summer programming. Learn how this simple yet powerful process from Beyond School Bells helps youth feel heard while providing actionable data for adults. You'll leave with a Youth Brainstorming Session starter kit and inspiration to elevate youth voice in your own program.

Nature After Hours: Inspiration and Resources for Implementing Nature-based Programming At Your Site

Friday: November 21, 1:30 - 2:45 pm (HK Club Room)

Sarah Easton, Naturalist, Missouri Department of Conservation

Outdoor experiences as children help shape who we are and build life skills, but today's kids are missing out and the effects are noticeable. Afterschool programs can help reverse this trend by weaving nature into daily program routines. Join us to explore simple strategies for existing programs and free resources from the Missouri Department of Conservation to help kids reconnect with the outdoors.

Financial Literacy

Friday: November 21, 1:30 - 2:45 pm (Marbella A)

Traci Critser, Program Director, Tiger Academy I, II, & III

Learn practical strategies to teach financial literacy through counting money, simple math, chore lists, and banking basics. Explore ways to guide students in saving, spending wisely, and setting goals for giving. Leave with hands-on tools and activities to make money management engaging and accessible for all learners.

Unlock the Future: Digital Consciousness and Human Intelligence

Friday: November 21, 1:30 - 2:45 pm

(Marbella B)

Julia Gabor, Founder, kid-grit

Michelle Pina, Director of Partnerships and Outreach, kid-grit

In a world where technology (devices, social media, AI) is rapidly advancing, the key to success lies in balancing digital skills with essential human intelligence. Join us for an insightful journey into the heart of digital consciousness. We'll explore the profound impact of technology on the developing brain and how we can foster a balanced approach in education. Discover strategies to empower caregivers and educators in nurturing well-rounded, resilient young individuals - equipped for a tech-driven world yet grounded in empathy, creativity, and authentic human connection.

Tools to Transform Social Content

Friday: November 21, 1:30 - 2:45 pm

(Sea Chase)

Megan Sauls, Sr. Strategic Communications Coordinator, MASN

Social media is one of the best ways to share the amazing things happening in Missouri's afterschool programs—but it can sometimes feel like one more thing on an already full plate. In this fun, hands-on session, MASN's Strategic Communications Coordinator will walk you through simple, low-cost tools to create eye-catching graphics, short videos, and posts that capture the heart of your program. You'll leave with fresh ideas, practical tips, and ready-to-use resources to save time and help your program.

Shimmer & Shine: A Hands-On DIY Diamond Painting Workshop to Bring Calm, Creativity & Connection Into Your Program

Friday: November 21, 1:30 - 2:45 pm

(Valencia)

Aileen Hunnell, Owner/Creator, Unwind Designs; Janiecia McCaleb, Chief Operating Officer, Unwind Designs

Looking for a unique way to engage students of all ages and abilities? In this breakout session, you'll experience firsthand how diamond painting can bring a calming, creative energy to your program - while also being incredibly easy to implement. You'll leave with ideas, inspiration, and confidence to introduce this screen-free, stress-reducing activity into your afterschool schedule right away. Come ready to relax, create, and connect!

Plug & Play Entrepreneurship: Where STEM Thinking Meets Real World Challenges

Friday: November 21, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Granada B)

Jessica Dragar, Director, Outreach & Engagement, Young Entrepreneur Institute

Join Young Entrepreneur Institute as we bring innovation and entrepreneurship into your program effortlessly with a ready-to-use collection of hands-on lessons designed for students of all ages. Each multi-lesson unit will guide students through creative problem-solving, design thinking and pitching their ideas, all while building critical STEM and entrepreneurial mindset skills. No prep, no stress, just everything you need to engage your students in real-world challenges that spark curiosity.

Advocating through Story Telling

Friday: November 21, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Granada C)

Robyn Schelp, Director of Policy & Advocacy, Kids Win Missouri

Advocacy begins with your story. In this session, you'll discover how your voice can inspire change - whether it's securing resources, shaping stronger policies, or opening new opportunities for school-age programs. Together, we'll explore how to engage in advocacy at the state and federal levels while learning how to share your story in a compelling way that captures attention and influences decision-makers.

Missouri Afterschool Data System (MADS) for Afterschool Grantees – Feedback and Open Forum

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(HK Club Room)

John Shively, Kids Care Center Coordinator, Dynamic Enterprise Solutions

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Transform Stress Through Science & Somatics

Friday: November 21, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Marbella A)

Abbie Kaufmann, Wellness Coach & Speaker

Supporting children requires understanding both their stress responses and yours. This interactive session teaches practical body-based techniques to stay regulated during challenging moments and create healing connections with dysregulated children. Learn co-regulation strategies, breathing exercises, and somatic tools that transform classroom stress into opportunities for connection and healing.

Activities to Connect

Friday: November 21, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Marbella B)

Brad Lademann, Associate Director of Quality, Missouri AfterSchool Network

Need games you can use to build connections among youth? Looking for activities designed to bring your staff together? Join us as we explore activities that will create opportunities for people to get to know one another, to work together, and to have some fun and laughter in the process.

Not Your Grandma's Bingo

Friday: November 21, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Sea Chase)

Michaela Flores, Program Coordinator, Moving Ahead Program Columbia Housing Authority; Alexis Seals, Lead Staff, Moving Ahead Program Columbia Housing Authority; Charlee Glover, Family Outreach Coordinator, Moving Ahead Program Columbia Housing Authority

Learn about the dynamic ways in which you can engage, interact, and educate families through creative family development experiences.

All Behavior is a Form of Communication

Friday: November 21, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Valencia)

Layla Minton, Site Director, Monett Cub House; Cassie Villandry, Afterschool Teacher, Monett Cub House

Every behavior tells a story. In this session, discover practical tools to understand what students are really communicating, while preserving their dignity and supporting their growth. Learn how tone, body language, and simple strategies - like using timeout as reflection rather than punishment - can transform challenging moments into opportunities for connection. Walk away with ready-to-use techniques to build stronger relationships and create a positive, compassionate environment in your afterschool program.

The Hook: Strategies to Ignite Curiosity and Enthusiasm

Friday: November 21, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

(Granada A)

Hailee Moehnke, Community Engagement + Experiences Manager, Mizzen Education; Kristin Stayer, VP, Engagement + Educator Experiences, Mizzen Education

Elevate your activity facilitation game and have some fun along the way! In this interactive and hands-on session, we'll identify easy-to-implement strategies that ignite curiosity and enthusiasm in youth and invite them into their own learning process. Bring your energy, enthusiasm, and a willingness to learn and leave with free resources, practical skills, and fresh ideas.

Focus on Families: A Self-Assessment Framework and Practical Strategies to Strengthen Family Involvement

Friday: November 21, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

(Granada C)

Kay Lewis, Afterschool Regional Educator, Missouri Afterschool Network

Participants will evaluate their strengths and areas for improvement using a structured self-assessment tool to reflect on current family engagement practices. They will also

explore strategies for developing sustainable action plans that reduce barriers to family involvement.

Take the Stage! Integrating Theatre Into Afterschool Programs

Friday: November 21, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

(Marbella A)

Kelly Thomas, Community Center Director, The Salvation Army After School Program; Anneliese Conboy, Lead Community Center Assistant, The Salvation Army After School Program

Discover the power of theatre to transform afterschool programs into dynamic, engaging, and enriching experiences for students of all ages. In this interactive session, participants will explore practical strategies for leading fun and accessible theatre activities - no stage experience required! Participants will leave with a toolkit of ready-to-use activities, guidance on adapting theatre to different age groups and settings, and actionable steps for building a sustainable program.

So You Want to be a Presenter?

Friday: November 21, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

(Marbella B)

Clint Darr, MOARC Resource Center Coordinator, MASN; Brad Lademann, Associate Director of Quality, MASN

Have you ever thought about presenting a session at MOSAC or another conference? Would you like to be a better trainer for your staff? Join us in this Spark session for a brief overview of how to find and complete conference RFPs, a few do's and don'ts of presenting, and some tricks and tips to improve your presentation.

Link Up & Level Up

Friday: November 21, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

(Sea Chase)

Lorenzo Harrison, Assistant Director, Ray-Pec School District; Dakota Schlechter, Program Director, Ray-Pec School District

Don't just run a program - create a community! Link Up & Level Up is packed with creative, low-cost strategies and big energy to strengthen bonds with staff, students, and families.

Walk away inspired, equipped, and ready to level up your afterschool community like never before.

Democracy Job Fair: Civic Engagement for Youth

Saturday, November 22, 8:45 - 11:00 am

(Granada A)

Natalie Hampton, Associate Director of Policy, Missouri AfterSchool Network; Deborah Taylor, Consultant, Missouri AfterSchool Network

Experience the Democracy Job Fair, seven hands-on activities designed to guide youth in their journey to active citizenship.

The STEAM Playground: Igniting Learning Through PLAY!

Saturday, November 22, 8:45 - 11:00 am

(Granada B)

Tyler Kearns, Program Coordinator, Clayton School District: Clayton Kid Zone; Kim Albrecht, Site Leader, Clayton School District: Clayton Kid Zone

Step onto the STEAM Playground, where learning comes to life! This hands-on workshop shows how play-based learning can transform your STEAM teaching. Through games, activities, and low-cost materials, you'll explore how to spark imagination, build problem-solving skills, and inspire young learners. Leave with ready-to-use strategies, a playful STEAM activity toolkit, and a fresh perspective on how play can deepen learning and ignite curiosity.

Moomba!

Saturday, November 22, 8:45 - 11:00 am

(Granada C)

Jana Ramsey, Coordinator, Webster Groves Adventure Club

Moomba meaning: "Let's get together and have some fun!". When looking for activities that will encourage team work with your students or your staff, this workshop is the golden ticket. Come ready to play & actively participate in unique and exciting games & group activities that will encourage team work, self-confidence, focus, and respect. Let Moomba! take you back to the days of childhood, where fun was your only objective and learning & laughter took place without effort. Let's play!

Creating a Tribe

Saturday, November 22, 8:45 - 11:00 am

(HK Club Room)

Shawntelle Fisher, Founder/CEO, The SoulFisher Ministries

Creating a tribe of allies for after school programming... starting with the parents. This will be an interactive workshops that provides tips and tools for engaging parents in afterschool programming. Participants will learn tips for creating a tribe that supports the work the afterschool program does. We will share how we've gone beyond providing a service, to creating space where parents truly believe that it takes a village to raise a child.

Designing for Belonging

Saturday, November 22, 8:45 - 11:00 am

(Marbella A)

Hailee Moehnke, Community Engagement + Experiences Manager, Mizzen Education;
Kristin Stayer, VP, Engagement + Educator Experiences, Mizzen Education

Join Mizzen Education for an interactive session that unpacks how and why high-quality youth programs begin with strong relationships and environments that promote belonging. Explore the meaning of belonging and othering and how to design practices for feeling, seeing, and shaping belonging that influence program design, delivery, and team culture. Expect to move, talk, play, and walk away with tools you can immediately use to make your program space more inclusive, joyful, and connected.

Drone Soccer Tournament

Saturday, November 22, 8:45 - 11:00 am

(Marbella B)

Eric Richard, President, Drone Sports Inc.

Calling all Afterschool Programs with Drone Soccer Equipment! Now is your opportunity to meet other organizations and play in a tournament. Learn the rules and strategies to share with your home program. Basic flight skills are required, and teams will be assembled ahead of time. Please bring your own equipment. Fans welcome!

Sneaky Subtext

Saturday, November 22, 8:45 - 11:00 am

(Sea Chase)

Julia Gabor, Founder, kid-grit; Michelle Pina, Director of Partnerships and Outreach, kid-grit

Are your actions and thoughts misaligned? Could your inner dialogue be affecting your decision-making? In this session, participants will uncover how past thought patterns and perceptions influence their present choices. By recognizing and addressing these “sneaky” subtexts, you’ll gain clarity and develop a fresh approach to decision-making. This session will also focus on fostering clear communication skills, helping you move forward with confidence and purpose. Join us!

ESTEAM for All: Building Together Through Hands-On Challenges

Saturday, November 22, 8:45 - 11:00 am

(Valencia)

Elizabeth Rains, Program Success Manager, VentureLab; Peter Gioia, CAPSA Manager, Mission St. Louis

"ESTEAM Design Challenges" are experiential and activate youth creativity, empathy, and teamwork. Learn how Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math are explored through an Entrepreneurial lens. You will be immersed in a challenge, showcasing how project-based activities empower students to collaborate, innovate, and present their solutions, while building a shared sense of accomplishment. Leave this session with ready-to-use activities for your K-12 program.

Afterschool Behavior: Using a Behavior Management System in an Afterschool Program

Saturday, November 22, 1:00 - 2:15 pm

(Granada A)

Brian Gasper, Director, STRIPES 360, Republic School District

Managing student behavior effectively is a cornerstone of a successful afterschool program, fostering an environment where learning, engagement, and positive relationships can flourish. This dynamic session will introduce and explore the CHAMPS behavior management system; a proactive and highly effective framework designed to establish clear expectations and promote student accountability in diverse afterschool settings.

Growing Greatness: Practical Tools to Build Youth Assets Every Day

Saturday, November 22, 1:00 - 2:15 pm

(Granada B)

Lindsey Harrison-Bixler, Out of School Time Quality Supports Coordinator, Arkansas State University Childhood Services

Discover the 40 proven strengths that help youth thrive! This engaging session explores Developmental Assets and offers practical strategies to create rich, supportive environments in OST and Child Care programs. Leave with new tools, fresh energy, and a clear vision for meaningful youth impact.

Driven by Choice: Student-Led Programming for Teens

Saturday, November 22, 1:00 - 2:15 pm

(Granada C)

Tracy Ross, 7-12 After School Teacher, Bulldogs After 3

Discover what works - and what doesn't - when building student-choice afterschool programs for grades 6-12. Learn strategies for student-led activities, hear examples of top hits with teens, and gain practical ideas to boost engagement, ownership, and creativity in your own program.

Program Planning with Effective Computer Hacks

Saturday, November 22, 1:00 - 2:15 pm

(HK Club Room)

Stacy Herion, Site Director, Tiger Academy I; Kayla Arnold, Asst. Site Director, Tiger Academy I

Learn how to plan effective programs with clarity and purpose while using simple computer hacks to make the process easier. This session will cover strategies for setting goals, organizing steps, and tracking progress, alongside digital tools that streamline scheduling, resource management, and adjustments. Walk away with practical planning methods and tech shortcuts to save time and boost impact.

DESE Updates

Saturday, November 22, 1:00 - 2:15 pm

(Lookout)

James Reed, Program Specialist, DESE; Patrice Speed, Program Specialist, DESE; Rachel Bishop Program Specialist DESE

Updates for 21st CCLC, MOCAL, and SAC grantees.

Creating a Sensory-Friendly Environment for Everyone

Saturday, November 22, 1:00 - 2:15 pm

(Marbella A)

Robyn Schelp, Director of Policy & Advocacy, Kids Win Missouri

This session equips afterschool professionals with practical strategies to engage policymakers, share program impact, and elevate youth and family voices. Participants will learn how to translate outcomes into compelling advocacy messages and build relationships that ensure afterschool remains a priority in policy decisions. Learn how to turn the impact your program has into powerful advocacy that inspires policymakers to champion afterschool.

Books, Bubbles, & Beakers - Easy Science Lessons using the Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Series

Saturday, November 22, 1:00 - 2:15 pm

(Marbella B)

Terri Johnson, Owner/Developer, Creative 3, LLC-Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series

Be the educator that students will remember for a lifetime. Does this sound difficult? It is much easier than you think when you combine good stories with hands-on activities. The Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series have integrated literacy and science, and it is just plain fun... plus it is linked to state and national science standards. Yes, eggs will fly, water will disappear, and a human circuit will be made, all while making science hilarious, easy, and relevant. Come and join us!

9 Ways to Build Smooth Sailing & Successful Relationships with Students

Saturday, November 22, 1:00 - 2:15 pm

(Sea Chase)

Michelle Pina, Director of Partnerships and Outreach, kid-grit; Julia Gabor, Founder, kid-grit

Struggling to make the connection to build trust with your students? In this session, participants will learn how to communicate with care and strength in order to build

relationships for more impactful delivery of instruction and activities. We will navigate how to create safe spaces, build rapport, establish trust and use positive behavioral strategies with 9 intentional ideas and methods.

Nailed It! Afterschool Style – Turning TV Fun into Program Gold

Saturday, November 22, 1:00 - 2:15 pm

(Valencia)

Dakota Schlechter, Director of BOOST, Raymore-Peculiar School District; Whitley Wood, Site Coordinator, Raymore-Peculiar School District

Bring the fun of Netflix's Nailed It! into your afterschool program! In this interactive session, participants will take on a timed cookie/cupcake decorating challenge while learning how to adapt the concept to build creativity, resilience, and laughter with youth.

Using Storytelling to Bridge Your Afterschool Program and Community

Saturday, November 22, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Granada A)

Megan Sauls, Sr. Strategic Communications Coordinator, MASN; Kya Nilges, Communications Associate, MASN

Storytelling is a powerful way for afterschool programs to connect with partners and community leaders. This session explores why sharing your story matters and how it can build trust, spark support, and strengthen relationships. Learn simple storytelling strategies that fit busy schedules and leave with practical ideas to share your unique story and inspire your community.

MLB Players STEM League - Creating the Next Math Champion

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immediately gain access to all materials needed to begin implementing with students in their programs and classrooms.

Question Everything: Teaching Critical Thinking in Middle School and High School

Saturday, November 22, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Granada C)

Peter Gioia, CAPSA Manager, Mission: St. Louis

Using the principles of philosophy and persuasion, the presenter will take the attendees through multiple fast-paced, "quick-hit" games and activities to get your youth engaged in critical thinking and have them questioning everything.

State of Afterschool - A Look at the 2024–25 Statewide Evaluation

Saturday, November 22, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(HK Club Room)

Jason Patrie, Data Analyst, MASN; Dr. Wayne Mayfield, Statewide Evaluator

The 2024–25 statewide evaluation results are in - let's take a closer look together. This session will explore outcomes from 21st CCLC, SAC, and MOCAL programs across Missouri, highlighting both youth outcomes (Goal 1) and measures of overall program quality (Goal 2). Join us for an interactive discussion as we review the data, identify trends, and consider what it tells us about the current state and future direction of afterschool in Missouri. Your insights and experiences are essential to the conversation!

So You Want to Be a Zookeeper? Using Missouri Connections in Afterschool Lessons

Saturday, November 22, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Lookout)

Susan Reisner, Director, Miners in the Making, The Kummer Center for STEM Education at MO S&T

Getting students excited about math after a long day can be tough - but connecting math to real-world careers and future dreams makes it meaningful. This session explores how to use Missouri Connections to design engaging, standards-aligned math activities based on local career data, salary information, and job projections. Learn how to turn this free tool into lessons on data analysis, graphing, and statistics that inspire students to see how math connects to their future goals. Attendees will leave with practical, ready-to-use activity ideas for their programs.

Dive Into Full-Day Programming

Saturday, November 22, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Marbella A)

Janelle Stanek, Care Day/Summer School Coordinator, Warren County R-III

Join us for a dynamic session designed for afterschool professionals to dive into hands-on learning to incorporate STEM and a variety of other activities into full-day programming.

Facilitating Science Discovery

Saturday, November 22, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Marbella B)

Richard Irwin, STEM Educator, Missouri AfterSchool Network

Ignite your passion for science as you dive into the unknown. Facilitate science discovery with hands-on activity using robotics. Get into the mind of students as you try to figure out what they were working on using unfinished projects.

I Spy the Signs: Mental Health vs. Emotional Distress:

Saturday, November 22, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Sea Chase)

Michelle Pina, Director of Partnerships and Outreach, kid-grit; Julia Gabor, Founder, kid-grit

Youth are facing an unprecedented mental health crisis, with nearly 9 in 10 reporting ongoing struggles. For educators and afterschool leaders, the challenge lies in distinguishing between normal adolescent distress and signs of deeper mental health concerns. This session provides practical tools to recognize warning signals, ask the right questions, and intervene early. By understanding these distinctions, educators can create safer environments, respond with empathy, and foster school cultures that actively support student well-being.

C.A.L.M. (Cooperative Awareness Learning Methods)

Saturday, November 22, 3:00 - 4:15 pm

(Valencia)

Ryan Marcus, Associate Director of Special Education, KVC Missouri

C.A.L.M. empowers educators to recognize sensory triggers, de-escalate behavioral issues, and equip youth with the tools for physical awareness and self-regulation. C.A.L.M. provides tools and skills for educators to identify and address highly stimulating environments that lead to sensory overload, emotional distress and behavioral escalations in youth. Educators will learn proactive strategies, enabling youth to gain the tools for self-regulation.

Young Professionals Meet-Up

Saturday, November 22, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

(Granada A)

Tyler Kearns, Program Coordinator, Clayton School District: Clayton Kid Zone; Kimberly Albrecht, Site Leader, Clayton Kid Zone

Join fellow emerging afterschool educators for an energizing and interactive meet-up designed just for you! This session is all about building community, sharing fresh ideas, and gaining practical tools to boost your confidence and creativity in youth programs. Expect hands-on activities, real-talk conversations, and plenty of inspiration to fuel your journey as a dynamic afterschool professional.

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Template Playground

Saturday, November 22, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

(Marbella A)

Emily Sprague, Site Supervisor, Nixa Public Schools Before and Afterschool Program

Discover how to streamline your afterschool programs with powerful, ready and easy to use templates! This session will explore practical tools and strategies to save time, boost organization, and make your program run smoother than ever. Whether managing schedules, communication, or activities, these templates will help you level-up your afterschool game and focus on what matters most - engaging students.

STEM PLC

Saturday, November 22, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

(Room)

The STEM PLC will meet during this time to network with other members of the STEM PLC.

Refresh Your Mindset: Optimism to Innovate and Spark Change

Saturday, November 22, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

(Sea Chase)

Elizabeth Rains, Program Success Manager, VentureLab

This 30 minutes is just for YOU! To show up for your students, you have to show up for yourself. Attend this session to focus on your strengths, practice your innovative mindset, and take action on 3 outcomes you want to achieve. Leave feeling refreshed and confident in your ability to make positive changes.

Youth Futures

Saturday, November 22, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

(Valencia)

Kellie Seals, Assistant Extension Professor, University of Missouri

Inspire to Aspire! 4-H Youth Futures clubs help middle and high school youth identify and reach their postsecondary goals through experiential opportunities, identity development, pathway exploration, and positive peer-peer and peer-adult relationships. The program can be combined with pre-existing clubs via our partner club format. Join us to learn why and how a partnership with 4-H Youth Futures could help youth in your community grow and thrive, now and in the future.

Talks Inspired by AfterSchool

Sunday, November 23, 8:30 am - 9:30 am

(Cordoba Theater)

Courtney Carpenter, Ozarks Regional YMCA; Kourtney Davis, Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson City; Peter Gioia, Mission St. Louis

In afterschool programs, we are often working to inspire our students to reach their full potential. We can also be inspired in that setting by our students, their parents, or our colleagues. This session will feature a few of your peers who will talk about how we can inspire, and be inspired, while working in the world of afterschool. Come with an open mind and heart, and find some inspiration!

Stop, Collaborate, & Listen: From Classroom Behaviors to Family Partnerships

Sunday, November 23, 9:45 - 11:00 am

(Granada A)

Erica Schadegg, Research Project Specialist, Kansas Enrichment Network

Managing behavior and building strong family partnerships don't have to be separate challenges - they work best when they work together. In this interactive session, participants will explore practical resources on behavior management and family engagement, then collaborate by sharing their own successes and strategies. Come ready to "stop, collaborate, and listen" as we exchange ideas, discover what's working in other programs, and leave with fresh approaches to strengthen both classroom behavior and family engagement.

Youth Voice - Let's Listen

Sunday, November 23, 9:45 - 11:00 am

(HK Club Room)

Deborah Taylor, Consultant, MASN

The session will focus on Youth Voice - from the Weikart Youth Work Method Series. We will examine ways in which Youth Voice can be implemented during programming by creating opportunities and providing support. We will review the following elements - shared leadership, choice, input and no voice or false voice.

Program Director's Round Table Discussion for School District Programs

Sunday, November 23, 9:45 - 11:00 am

(Marbella A)

Ashlee Liska, Associate Director of Quality, MASN

Join this session to learn about and provide feedback on the Quality Committee's progress on workforce categories, titles, job descriptions, etc. Time will be available for workshopping concerns about staffing and other emergent issues. This session is intended for programs facilitated by school districts.

Program Director's Round Table Discussion for Community-Based Programs

Sunday, November 23, 9:45 - 11:00 am

(Marbella B)

Terri Foulkes, MASN Executive Director, MASN

Join this session to learn about and provide feedback on the Quality Committee's progress on workforce categories, titles, job descriptions, etc. Time will be available for workshopping concerns about staffing and other emergent issues. This session is intended for programs facilitated by Community Based Organizations.

“We Don’t Do That Here”: Navigating Tough Moments in Afterschool Spaces

Sunday, November 23, 9:45 - 11:00 am

(Sea Chase)

Lorenzo Harrison, CEO, Lorenzo Harrison Enterprise

What do you say when something just doesn’t feel right? In this unfiltered session, we tackle real afterschool dilemmas—bias, tension, conflict—and practice how to respond with courage, compassion, and professionalism. You’ll leave equipped, empowered, and never caught off guard again.

IGNITE! An Introduction to The Flourish Lab Approach

Sunday, November 23, 9:45 - 11:00 am

(Valencia)

Clint Darr, MASN Resource Center Coordinator, Missouri Afterschool Network

You are the spark! As out-of-school-time professionals, how you show up matters. This engaging introduction to The Flourish Lab includes a review of the five components of

social-emotional learning, and how they apply to you as well as the youth you serve. Together we will look for ways to practice showing up as our best by considering three pivotal lenses—relationships, presence, and planning. Discover a roadmap for meaningful connection and lasting positive change that begins with you.

What's Your 3rd Place?

Sunday, November 23, 11:15 - 11:45 am

(HK Club Room)

Lynna Lawson, Afterschool Regional Educator, MASN

We spend most of our lives at work or home, but what do you do when you need a "3rd place" where we are happy and comfortable, with friends, fun, and no judgment? With a wave of loneliness sweeping the world, so many of us are missing out on a vital space of belonging and expression. Explore what your "3rd Place" is and how you can connect to others in that space and recreate it in your afterschool setting.

Don't Lose Your Marbles

Sunday, November 23, 11:15 - 11:45 am

(Marbella A)

Ashlee Liska, Associate Director of Quality, MASN; Brian Gasper, Director of STRIPES 360,

This workshop is designed for administrators and directors to evaluate and improve the student's transition from the school day to the afterschool program.

Get to Know the MASN STEM Mobile Lab!

Sunday, November 23, 11:15 - 11:45 am

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Richard Irwin, STEM Educator, Missouri AfterSchool Network

Have you ever wondered what happens when the MASN STEM Mobile Lab rolls up to your site? Curious about the hands-on learning opportunities it brings to students? In this interactive session, you'll get a firsthand look at the activities, tools, and excitement that make the STEM Mobile Lab a hit across Missouri. Come explore, experiment, and see how the lab can spark curiosity and innovation in your program!

Turning Policy into Possibility: Advocating for Afterschool with Policymakers

Sunday, November 23, 11:15 - 11:45 am

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Jaymes Wapp, Director of Alternative Programs, Lebanon R3 School District

This session equips afterschool professionals with practical strategies to engage policymakers, share program impact, and elevate youth and family voices. Participants will learn how to translate outcomes into compelling advocacy messages and build relationships that ensure afterschool remains a priority in policy decisions. Learn how to turn the impact your program has into powerful advocacy that inspires policymakers to champion afterschool.

Missouri Middle School Manufacturing Academy and Additive Manufacturing - What It Is and How You Can Get Involved!

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Donna Luechtefeld, Senior Program Project Support Coordinator, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Kummer Center for STEM Education; Courtney Jones, Senior Director, Kummer Center for STEM Education; Mark Cowser, Associate Director of Partnerships Missouri Afterschool Network

The Missouri Middle School Manufacturing Academy is a free program designed for middle school students and is open to afterschool, in-school, and homeschool educators. The Academy is comprised of a two-part curriculum (7-10 lessons each, plus 3D printing activities) that focuses on advanced manufacturing with an emphasis on additive manufacturing (3D printing). Students will learn about advanced manufacturing in Missouri, the US, and the world. They will explore career pathways and opportunities in the field of advanced manufacturing.