



Dear Site Coordinators **[if you are not a SC, please pass onto your Site Coordinator(s):**

**1. NEW AND/OR UPCOMING TRAININGS: GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR REGISTER FOR THESE AT:**  
<http://aspire.lacoe.edu/event-type-groups/staff-development-training-events>

**A. STEAM COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE: 3 OPPORTUNITIES**

We are building 3 communities of practice of Program Director/Site Coordinator and front line staff [teams are encouraged] in the Rosemead/Glendale area; south Central area and Downey area. See details for dates on ASPIRE and send questions to Sue Gevedon or give her a call at 562 401 1783 to get more information!

**B. ASSETs Programs (High School) Professional Development Series: Day 2 of 3 - March 29, 2018**

The Professional Development Series will take place over a two-month period of time. Each of the three meetings will be face-to-face and between those meetings participants will have aligned work in which their supervisor will support them.

Each participant will be required to have read and have with them the program narrative for their program site. This will be used as a guiding document for their integrated learning and ongoing work throughout the professional development series.

**C. Site Coordinator Fun Friday (Growth Heartset) - April 6, 2018**

GROWTH HEARTSET: Establishing a Culture of Caring

This workshop will provide you with Skills, Strategies and Practices to share with your frontline staff for developing a new “growth heartset” in your teaching and learning.

**D. Summer 101: 4-Part Train-the-Trainer Series (Part 1) – May 9, 2018**

This series will focus on the importance of summer learning including: Summer learning loss (Part 1), How to create a unique program culture (Part 2), and How to use the Quick Comprehensive Assessment of Summer Programs (QuickCASP) (Part 3) AND In Part 4, participants will practice utilizing the QuickCASP tool at a school site (the date will be determined at the Part 3 training).

**2. LEGISLATION : TAKE ACTION TO SAVE YOUR JOB AND CONTINUE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE STUDENTS YOU SERVE**

## March, Rally, Talk with Legislators: May 14-15, 2018

Join hundreds of after school providers, students, families, and other advocates in Sacramento on May 14-15 to tell policymakers why and how they can SaveAfterSchool. At the annual [CA Afterschool & Summer Challenge](#), you will:

- Stand with supporters from across California to march and rally at the State Capitol
- Share your needs and priorities with policymakers in meetings
- Receive customized advocacy training based on your previous experience
- Network with advocates from your community, region, and around the state to build a base of support and coordinate future efforts



**Bring Youth:** Now, more than ever, it is critical for youth to get civically engaged. We have a special advocacy introduction for youth participants to educate and inspire. You can bring one student or you could bring a bus full - the power of their words and the self-confidence that will grow is immeasurable.

### 3. RESOURCES

#### A. 2018 Reading Challenge Kicks Off this Month

Families in Schools is currently registering schools for its 2018 Reading Challenge. Every year Families in Schools challenges students to read hundreds of thousands of words outside of the classroom. This year the challenge will take place February 13 2018 - May 4, 2018. Signing up for the reading challenge is FREE. When schools register they receive downloadable and sample materials, technical support on how to launch of the campaign, and will be eligible to receive book, and other in-kind donations from Families in Schools partners and / or sponsors. The top winners from the 50 of the most engaged schools will get: A package of books, a \$25 gift card, and an invitation to a private ceremony in June 2018, where they will be awarded a medallion and be recognized with the other 49 winners from schools in the county. [Learn more here.](#)

#### B. CDE Releases New Healthy Choices and Behaviors Video for OST

The California Department of Education – Expanded Learning Division has released the fifth video in a series of videos highlighting the Quality Standards in Action. This video highlights programs who are implementing the Healthy Choices and Behaviors standard. The purpose of these videos is to serve as a resource to support implementation of the Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California. [Learn more here.](#)

### 4. OPPORTUNITIES

#### A. BOOST; GET INTO THE WORKSHOP(S) OF YOUR CHOICE: BE A ROOM HOST VOLUNTEER

The time has arrived - that's right! It's time to sign up to be a ROOM HOST! <https://www.volunteersignup.org/C3CT7>

Encourage your team members to click the above link, and sign up to be a Room Host!

What are the benefits of being a Room Host at BOOST 2018? Check out what the website has to say:

## ROOM HOSTS will have the opportunity to:

- Greet participants upon arrival to the workshop
- Monitor workshop attendance
- Assist Presenters with workshop logistics before, during and after their workshop
- Ensure participants complete workshop evaluations

## By serving as a volunteer and/or room host, you will be given the opportunity to:

- Represent your program to a global audience
- Network with other out-of-school time professionals
- Practice public speaking skills amongst peers
- Develop leadership abilities
- Attend a workshop of your choice
- Be inspired and inspire others to be an advocate for out-of-school time programs
- Be acknowledged in our final conference brochure

Thank you in advance for your support! We look forward to seeing you at the BOOST Conference in beautiful Palm Springs!

### B. ANOTHER BOOST OPPORTUNITY

#### Lead a BOOST Inspiration Station Workshop on a Topic of Your Choice

The [Best of Out of School Time \(BOOST\) Conference](#) provides numerous ways to learn and network while attending the event. There are still a few spots left for participants to host Inspiration Stations to engage colleagues on a topic of your choice. This opportunity is available to anyone to share information, knowledge, and connect on any topic. [Learn more here.](#)

### C. EXPANDED LEARNING SITE COORDINATOR WORK GROUP

#### SPLASH FEATURE

#### CAN is Seeking Applicants for the Expanded Learning Site Coordinator Work Group

The California AfterSchool Network is embarking on another exciting project and we need your voice!



CAN is launching a two-year effort to positively impact California's Site Coordinators building on the success of a multi-year Site Coordinator Community of Practice and last year's [Site Coordinator Expanded Learning Symposium](#). Convening Site Coordinators allows them to share information, solutions to common challenges, and promising practices resulting in increased inspiration, reduced feelings of isolation and increased feelings of support, and connected them to new resources and strategies to improve their practice. Site Coordinators play a strong role in implementing a high-quality expanded learning program, and program quality is the foundation for positive outcomes for program participants. Therefore, an initiative focused specifically on Site Coordinators will result in increased program quality and positive outcomes for children and youth.

Over the next two years, CAN will implement a collaborative model for Site Coordinators to identify field challenges and needs, develop solutions, and share promising practices. The effort hopes to elevate the Site Coordinator voice and provide information on how the [System of Support for Expanded Learning](#) can be more responsive to Site Coordinator needs.

**CAN will:**

- Create and strengthen a statewide Network of Expanded Learning Site Coordinators,
- Create local hubs of peer learning to spread promising practices, and learn successes, challenges & needs of Site Coordinators.
- Give rise to Site Coordinator voice and influence within [California's System of Support](#).
- Surface valuable site level lessons to address the structural challenges of engaging Site Coordinators in capacity building efforts.

### **CAN is Seeking Applicants for a New Expanded Learning Site Coordinator Working Group**

*CAN is "of the field and for the field" and we are seeking a diverse cross-section of passionate field stakeholders to ensure that this exciting new initiative will address the needs of California's Expanded Learning field.*

CAN is seeking 20-25 individuals that can inform the creation and implementation of a statewide effort to positively impact Site Coordinators. Selected applicants will provide input to the development and implementation process to ensure that the effort has maximum relevance and impact for the Expanded Learning field. Work group members commit to approximately one year of service and will have the opportunity to re-apply for a second year.

#### **Applicants we are Seeking Include:**

- Site Coordinators (from all geographies of California representing urban, suburban, and rural programs run by Local Education Agencies and Community Based Organizations)
- Grant Managers
- Program Managers
- System of Support for Expanded Learning Regional Leads
- Statewide expanded learning technical assistance and advocacy representatives (e.g., from the California School Age Consortium, ASAPconnect, and the Partnership for Children and Youth, Temescal Associates, etc.)
- Others with demonstrated expertise and willingness to participate.

#### **Work Group Commitment:**

- Participate in two in-person meetings (including a 2-day orientation and planning intensive retreat) between March 2018 and December 2018.
- Participate in up to four, three hour virtual meetings between March 2018 – December 2018
- Commit to up to 16 total hours of additional work in-between meetings.
- Approximately one-year of service. Members will have the opportunity to re-apply for a second year.
- Learn more about the commitments of Work Group members, Co-chairs, and CAN staff. [Access CAN's Governance Guidelines](#) (p. 12-15)

#### **Dates of Participation** (please note on your calendar when you submit your application):

- 2-day orientation and planning intensive retreat May 11th-13th, 2018 Sacramento, CA 11th being a travel day)
- Virtual meeting Aug. 3rd, 2018 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Virtual meeting Sept. 21st, 2018 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Virtual meeting Nov. 2nd, 2018 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Virtual meeting Dec. 7th, 2018 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Final in-person meeting Jan. 11th Location and time TBD

### Application Timeline:

- Application released Feb. 26th, 2018
- Application closes Apr. 6th, 2018
- Selection process Apr. 6th- 20th, 2018
- Notification of selected applicants Apr. 23rd- 27th, 2018

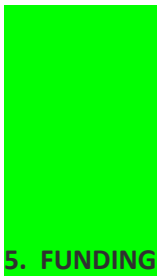
### How to Apply:

Complete the Site Coordinator Work Group Application by March 23rd, 2018

[\(Site Coordinator Workgroup Application\)](#)

### Travel Reimbursement

Limited travel support is available for those who are unable to attend meetings due to lack of travel support. Such supports are available specifically to support Site Coordinator participants.



#### A. **Awesome Foundation Grants - Deadline: Ongoing**

Apply today to fund your project with an aim to bring communities in your area together. Awesome ideas "spark an instant of joy and delight and inspire a long-term hope for a more awesome future." Submissions are reviewed and grants of \$1000 are awarded monthly. [Learn more here.](#)

#### B. **Creative Play Grants – Deadline: Ongoing**

Imagination Playground™ is an innovative design in play equipment that encourages creativity, communication, and collaboration in play. With a collection of custom-designed, oversized blue foam parts, Imagination Playground™ provides a changing array of elements that allow children to turn their playground into a space constantly built and re-built by their imagination. [Learn more here.](#)



**YOU DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE STUDENTS YOU AND YOUR TEAM SERVE EVERY DAY!**

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**“We do not need magic to transform our world. We carry all the power we need inside ourselves already. We have the power to imagine better.” J.K. Rowling**