

LACOE EXPANDED LEARNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNIT

STEM COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

March – June 2018

What is a STEM Community of Practice (CoP)?

STEM CoPs are very similar to the existing LA County Expanded Learning CoPs but are specifically focused on improving the quality and quantity of STEM learning opportunities available to students in expanded learning programs.

What are the benefits of Participation in a STEM CoP?

STEM CoPs are meant to build capacity- that is, they are intended to empower programs to build the knowledge/skills, systems, and structures necessary to be successful in creating high quality STEM learning environments for students. More specifically, participating in a STEM CoP will allow participants to develop:

- ✓ A peer learning **NETWORK** with other local expanded learning leaders in order to gain information about promising practices and resources that can help participants improve their own program quality
- ✓ An increased understanding of what it means to **DESIGN and IMPLEMENT** high quality STEM learning opportunities for students in expanded learning program sites.
- ✓ An increased understanding of and ability to **BUILD** collaborative partnerships to support high quality STEM learning opportunities for students
- ✓ An improved ability to construct sustainable ways to **TRANSFER KNOWLEDGE** between site coordinators and line staff (e.g., coaching)

Who should participate in this CoP?

Ideally, a team from each ASES or 21st CCLC funded expanded learning program operating within the LA County Region. This team should consist of a Program Manager and Site Coordinator.

Where are LA County STEM CoPs?

Beginning in March 2018, three sub regional STEM CoPs will be launched in north (Rosemead area), central (downtown LA area), and south (Downey area) LA County.

When are LA County STEM CoPs?

Each of the three sub regional CoPs will have three meetings between March-June 2018. Although the exact dates/times are TBD, the CoP meetings will occur in the following months:

- ✓ March 2018
- ✓ April 2018
- ✓ May 2018

Interested in participating? Contact Sue Gevedon at Gevedon_Sue@lacoedu.edu.