

Site Coordinator eNewsletter - February 5, 2019

If you are NOT a Site Coordinator, *please forward to your Site Coordinators.*

Dear Site Coordinator:

We hope to see many of you at the statewide Site Coordinator Symposium this Friday and Saturday (2/8 and 2/9) at the Queen Mary. Please find Michelle Perrenoud, our Project Coordinator; Emily Tay, Sr. Program Activities Specialist and Sterling Williams, Consultant who will be there and introduce yourself to them.

1. Professional Development

A. Site Coordinator Fun Fridays and Super Saturdays are back—the focus is on Social Emotional Learning

Sign up for the 3/22 and/or 4/13 dates [they are all different topics] at: <http://aspire.lacoe.edu/event-type-groups/staff-development-training-events>

B. Connect with your peers on CQI

Check out ASPIRE this Friday. We will be offering 1-hour calls in late February-late May for you to connect with other Site Coordinators who are working on the same Quality Standard, so you can connect and share ideas.

C. Save The Date: Team Up for Attendance Webinar—How Expanded Learning Supports School Day Attendance

Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 10:00-11:30 AM

This webinar, hosted by the California AfterSchool Network and Attendance Works, will look at how high quality expanded learning (before and after school, summer, and intersession learning experiences) programs help reduce chronic absenteeism. Presenters will discuss what chronic absence is and why it matters,

how California incorporates chronic absence into its funding and accountability systems, particularly through the Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plans, and how high quality programs expanded learning programs are an evidence-based strategy to reduce chronic absenteeism. You will hear from several expanded learning program providers about the specific strategies they use to reach the students who need the support and provide them with meaningful engagement opportunities that in turn results in increased attendance in school and after school. We will share resources and next steps for expanded learning programs that wish to intentionally focus on chronic absenteeism and stakeholders that wish to develop partnerships between the core instructional day and the expanded learning program that keep students attending school and meaningfully engaged after school to reduce chronic absence.



TEAM UP FOR ATTENDANCE WEBINAR:
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Hosted by California AfterSchool Network & Attendance Works
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019
10:00 - 11:30 AM
For more information and to register visit <https://bit.ly/2Dy92zs>

2. Resources

A. Got the Frontline Staffing Blues? Are you still looking for new staff members?

We know many of you are struggling to find frontline staff, and here is a tool for you to utilize. As shared at our last several advisory meetings, organizations such as yours are spending countless hours and financial resources to bring frontline staff on board only to have them resign after 2-3 days on the job because they have discovered it is “not for them.” The commitment was made to produce a short video that you can utilize in your recruitment process that shares with candidates the valuable information about the position. You are highly encouraged to do the following:

Require candidates to watch the video prior to completing an application. Time is money, and money in our field is in short supply.

- Post this video on your website as a tool for potential candidates to see what they can gain from this position
- Share this position at any meetings, etc., when you and/or your staff are attending with potential candidates
- Utilize this at your recruitment booths
- Share this with others in the field
- The cost to you is \$0. This was produced by Region 11 Expanded Learning Technical Assistance Unit and Change Agent Productions for YOU. The link follows:



[The Power of One video](#)

3. Leadership Opportunities

A. Are you the next Leader of the California After-school Network?

The California AfterSchool Network (CAN) lives its organizational motto, “of the field, for the field.” CAN is led by a field-based [Leadership Team](#) that created and guides the implementation of [CAN's Theory of Change and Strategic Plan](#). In the past year, CAN Leaders have informed a new suite of tools to support Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI), informed statewide initiatives, worked with non-profit sustainability experts to create a fund development and sustainability plan, and informed CAN on how to best use its resources to support capacity building and advocacy strategies for California’s out-of-school time programs. CAN is seeking committed Leaders to build on the strong foundation laid by its current Leadership Team members to take CAN’s work to the next level.

Are you the next Leader of CAN? **CAN is accepting applications through February 8th.** [Learn more about becoming a CAN Leader and apply today!](#)

4. Funding

Dear Expanded Learning Comrades,

As you know, expanded learning programs are dependent upon funding from the State of California, the After School Education and Safety (ASES) grants. While the costs of operating the program have risen dramatically in recent years, the funding has not kept up. We need to send a very loud and clear message to the state legislature and the governor that they need to invest in the future by increasing the ASES rate.

We would like to invite YOU to join us in going to Sacramento to make our voices heard. We are going to fill a bus with afterschool staff from Los Angeles to drive to Sacramento and participate in the

5. Resources

A. Marguerite Ponce from Kids Campus found this great app that transcribes for free.

The app is called Otter Voice Notes. Each month, you will receive 600 minutes of transcription for free. Marguerite has been using the app for her staff interviews, and it has saved her so much time (and money). Please check out the links below. It’s an app that can be downloaded to your smart devices:

- Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/otter-voice-notes/id1276437113?mt=8>
- Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aisense.otter&hl=en_US

[Afterschool and Summer Challenge](#), a rally on the Capitol Steps and meetings within the offices of elected officials. Unfortunately, we don't have the money to fly up and stay in hotels, so we are going to make an adventure out of this—we are going to leave L.A. late, drive all night and arrive in Sacramento in the morning. Then, we will spend the day advocating, and get back on the bus to L.A. It will probably be a 24-hour trip, a whirlwind of excitement and standing up for children and families.

We will be leaving very late the night of March 11 and arrive in Sacramento on March 12. After the rally and events, we will get on the bus and return to L.A. very late (between 11 pm-midnight best guesstimate).

Due to liability concerns, you must be 18 or older to sign up. If you are a staff member, you must have the permission of your supervisor and organization to participate. Please direct any questions you have regarding how you report your time, compensation or other personnel issues to the organization you work for. If you have any questions about the bus trip or the challenge, please email LA's BEST President and CEO Eric Gurna at eric.gurna@lacity.org.

If the response is greater than the number of seats available, we will inform you if we are able to accommodate your participation. Please do not sign up if you are not 110% committed to going.

[Please click here to sign up](#), by **Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6pm**. Thank you for your dedication and compassion for the children of Los Angeles!

Please feel free to forward this message as you see fit.

Warm regards,
Eric Guerna



B. We Love After School -- Spread the Word, Spread the Love!

Post February 4, 2019



Take a moment to spread the love for after school programs this Valentine's Day. There are many reasons to love after school. We love after school programs because it ensures a safe environment, inspires creative learning, and helps working families. The [Afterschool Alliance](#) has created a [We Love Afterschool Partner Toolkit](#) to help you express your love for after school and show why #AfterschoolWorks in your community. Share why you love after school using this handy toolkit and some [social media templates](#). Remember to spread the word to your friends, family, and community!

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We carry all the power we need inside ourselves
already. We have the power to imagine better."
J.K. Rowling**

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