

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Session 1: 2:00pm-3:30pm

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Presenter - Suzanne Stone, Skillastics

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9

Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: Enhancing Career Pathways in Afterschool Programs

In this workshop, senior leaders will explore innovative strategies to enrich afterschool programs through the integration of technology and work-based learning opportunities. Participants will engage in immersive activities and collaborative discussions, allowing them to develop actionable plans that foster student engagement, essential skill development, and career readiness. By leveraging recent examples and targeted resources, leaders will be equipped to create impactful pathways that empower youth for success in their futures.

Presenter - Fred Lumpkin, Working for Tomorrow

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9

Session 2: 3:45pm-5:15pm

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Breaking the Language Barrier: Best Practices for developing reading and writing proficiency for English as a Second language (esl)

In this workshop, you will learn foundation to help English Language Learners start their reading and writing process. You will also learn small group instruction activities to help improve and expand their academic skillset.

Presenter - Briana Young, Literacy Logic

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 1,2

Off-site Session: Thursday, October 17 3:00pm-4:00pm

Joy of Learning: STEM Exploration

Workshop in stations - hands-on, interactive experiences with Nexlore Programs:

- 3D Printing
- RoboCoding
- Makers Club

Presenters - Claire Finders, Chief Operating Officer, Nexlore

Emily Gregory, VP of Customer Experience, Nexlore

Amy Smith, Regional Relationship Manager, Nexlore

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 2,4,9,10

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Presenter - Sharon Maier, Cornerstone Education Group

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Presenter - Icle Freeland, Two by Two Character Education

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 1,2,4,5,7

Understanding Behavior From the Inside Out

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Presenter - Gloria Sherman, Parenting and Teaching with G.L.O., LLC

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YOUth are Beautiful: Strength-Based Communication for Empowering Youth and Families

This experiential and hands-on workshop looks at innovative and culturally sensitive ways to engage with youth and families in order to build community. The hope is that attendees will leave the workshop feeling even more enlightened and encouraged in order to instill encouragement in youth and families.

Presenter - Dr. Cherry Jones. LMFT, Just Jones

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10

Empowering Resilient Futures: Strategies for Supporting Mental Wellness in Out-of-School Youth

Participants will be guided through innovative strategies for assessing youth wellness, identifying strengths, and providing targeted support for those navigating mental health challenges. Attendees will leave with a toolkit of practical interventions and prevention techniques rooted in trauma-informed, evidence-based practices to foster resilience and cultivate healing pathways that level up the next generation of expanded learning professionals.

Presenter - Tiffany Mensah, D.O.V.E.S. Network®

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 1,4,5,6,8

Session 2: 12:15pm-1:45pm

Cosmic Coders-Interstellar Exploration of Coding and Robotics

Experience Cosmic Coders, where robotics and space exploration converge into an interstellar adventure. Engage in dynamic discussions and hands-on coding challenges with the mBot Neo robot, guiding participants through simulated space scenarios. This innovative workshop equips both educators and students with essential skills for navigating the digital age, fostering curiosity, and preparing them for success in an ever-evolving technological landscape.

Presenter - Tyler Downey, PCS Edventures

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 1,2,5,6,8

Mapping Resilience: simple tools to build critical skills

How do we guide youth to weather the storms life may send their way? We're realizing that resilience-building skills, social-emotional learning, and strong communities are more important now than ever. This hands-on workshop will explore the common threads between resilience work, trauma-informed practices, social-emotional learning, and positive youth development. We will learn game-changing ways to intentionally link these concepts using evidence-based strategies and new staff practices — all leading to consistent high quality programs with the potential to engage and heal while improving vital cognitive skills and youth success.

Presenter - Kirk Lewis, Portage Community Center

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 1,2,4,5,6,8

Skills for Onstage and Beyond: Incorporating Social Emotional Learning into the Classroom Through Drama Games and Activities

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Addressing Chronic Absenteeism / Truancy (CAT) Through Meaningful Community Engagement

Research shows that chronic absenteeism is a primary cause of low academic achievement and a powerful predictor of which students are at a higher risk for dropping out of school. This workshop will look at chronic absenteeism and truancy through a community lens and engaging the community to address the problem. Participants attending will discuss and learn about:

- How bad is the problem of chronic non-attendance
- What is the difference between chronic vs occasional non-attendance
- What is the difference between chronic absenteeism and truancy
- Specific strategies for engaging students, parents/family, community organization and
- government systems

Presenter - Damon Brown & Jacqueline Patrick-James, R.I.S.E. Corp

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Art of Play

Learn to teach students how to think, rather than what to think! This hands-on workshop explores the importance and application of game play as a powerful learning tool. The Nexlore Games' methodology and thinking games provide practical strategies and activities to facilitate academic and SEL growth. During the workshop, the Nexlore Games Method will be applied to real life situations, allowing transference from learning activities to real life and vice versa.

Presenter - Claire Finders & Emily Gregory, Nexlore

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 1,2,4,10

Secrets of a Digitally Organized Google Workspace

Gmail overload stressing you out? Frustrated by the frantic searching for a file needed in Google Drive? Tired of living in the world of 1,000 tabs in Chrome? It's time to create a better digital system & reclaim your sanity within the Google Workspace. You CAN increase your organization & efficiency while reducing stress & anxiety. During this interactive session, you will be blown away by how some simple tips & tricks will empower you to conquer the digital chaos!

Presenter - Lissa Brunan, Engaging TECHniques

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 9,10

Empowering At-Risk Students with Procedural Fluency: A Research-Informed and Engaging Approach

This 90-minute session will introduce educators to the procedural fluency model used in the JCPS Elev8 Program, as a powerful tool for supporting students in developing basic fact fluency and positive dispositions toward mathematics. Participants will explore the framework's ease of use, research-informed design, engaging game-based practice methods, and formative assessment reporting, focusing on how it can effectively address the needs of learners across a continuum of grades.

Presenter - Dr. Roland O'Daniel, The Collaborative for Teaching and Learning

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 2,6,10

Session 3: 2:00pm-3:30pm

Poor Students, Rich Teaching

This workshop, major theme is developing the most powerful tool to change; mindset. Mrs Wiley demonstrates three of seven high-impact mindset strategies needed by AfterSchool Professionals that will impact students in the 21st-century.

Presenter - Pat Wiley, Inform Yourself, Youth Development Company

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 1,4,5,6,9,10

Equip. Inspire. Impact

Join this interactive workshop to become even more equipped and inspired to positively impact youth.

Gain three specific tools to build hope, strength, and resilience in yourself and the youth you serve. Learn how these three elements build a solid foundation for youth, and how focusing on them can change lives.

Presenter - Beverlee Wenzel, Discover You with The ROCK Center for Youth Development

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Powerful Parents: Engaging Parents as Partners in OST Programming and Policy

This presentation will share examples of the work Detroit Parent Network has done to inform and engage parents in Out of School Time Policy. This work has encompassed looking at best practice models as well as helping parents understand the connection of OST work as an equity issue.

Presenter - Jametta Lilly & Renell Weathers, Detroit Parent Network

Core Knowledge & Competencies - 1,2,6,7,10

Building the Reading Brain - Panel Discussion

The session will begin by watching a 26 minute video entitled, Building the Reading Brain. It will be followed by panel discussion with literacy experts and a Best Practice Q & A session.

Presenter/Facilitator - Robin Pizzo, WKAR

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STEAMVentures: Cultivating Curiosity and Innovation in Young Learners

Discover an innovative approach to engage TK/Kindergarten students through hands-on activities centered on Flight, Transportation, and Food. This workshop integrates STEAM principles into early childhood education, fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills while introducing young learners to diverse career paths within STEAM fields. Educators will gain strategies to create inclusive learning environments and lead captivating STEAM explorations, preparing students for lifelong curiosity and success in elementary school.

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Spaces in Between: deep integration of social-emotional learning

How do we create equitable and sustainable social-emotional learning practices that resonate with kids? The answer is in all the spaces in between — through deep integration of SEL and resilience practices into the fabric of our programs! This exciting new workshop will allow you to experience valuable strategies and tools that have the power to transform communities and change lives for the better!

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Using Specific Student Data to Inform After School Learning Programs

Office referrals, attendance, and academics- When those specific data areas are used to create individual plans for students to enhance their in school and after experiences.

Presenter - Freddie McGee, TRW Educational Consulting, LLC

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