



**November 17 – 19, 2023**

Missouri School Age Conference (MOSAC) is the largest conference in Missouri designed specifically for afterschool professionals. The event is held annually in the fall to bring together professionals from throughout the state for high-quality professional development offerings in positive youth development, program ideas, and networking opportunities.

The schedule is subject to change without notice.

### **Friday: November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 – 11:30 AM: DESE Grantee Pre-Conference (registration through DESE)**

**10:00 AM: MOSAC Conference Registration Opens - Campana**

**10:30 AM: Exhibit Hall Open - Campana**

### **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 AM**

**Lunch - Campana**

### **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 1:15 PM**

**Opening Keynote - Campana**

#### ***The OST Eras Tour (NAA's version)***

Heidi Ham, Chief Operating Officer, National AfterSchool Association  
Angelica Portillo, Director of Advocacy, National AfterSchool Association

Today, the world buzzes with news about megastar Taylor Swift and how she structured her record-smashing concert tour as a chronological exploration of the chapters in her career. Eras. Taylor Swift isn't the only one who has them. All people do. Inspired by this pop phenomenon, together, we'll explore the eras and markers of an OST career journey, remember the past, honor the present, and set the stage for our potential future with a shared why and job quality at the core. Join the journey, identifying key moments that shaped you and envisioning how you can build on your strengths to make an impact through a mapped career in OST.

### **Friday: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 - 2:45 PM**

**Breakout Sessions**

#### ***Updates from the Office of Childhood – Granada A***

Stephanie Chandler  
DESE Office of Childhood, Jefferson City, MO

The Office of Childhood has been very busy since last year's session! Attendees will learn about the launch of the MOPD System, updates to licensing rules, and changes to subsidy rates.

#### ***Thriving with the Entrepreneurial Mindset – Granada B***

Kara Siebe  
Webster Groves School District, Webster Groves MO

When we created our HS program, we knew that we wanted all of our students (K12) to learn how to develop an entrepreneurial mindset. We piloted programming in our elementary and middle schools during the afterschool space, and are now approved to expand our entrepreneurial program to our K-8 schools. I will share tips on curriculum development/selection, scheduling, funding opportunities, and how to clear some of the roadblocks we have faced on this journey.

### ***Basics of Floral Design with 4-H - Granada C***

Robert McNary

University of Missouri Extension – 4-H Center For Youth Development, Greenfield, MO

Welcome to the exciting world of floral design. Whether youth within your program are interested in a career in the florist industry or what to learn to make floral arrangements for their own enjoyment, you are going to enjoy this workshop! We will cover the basics of floral design and construct a floral arrangement.

### ***How we went from the brink of closure to thriving in 6 weeks - HK Club Room***

Jay Patterson

Kidlet.Care, Jackson, MO

Imagine a struggling before and after school program on the brink of closure and learn how we turned it around in just six weeks. I was there, as a software consultant turned CEO, and I will share the strategies that saved the day. We'll delve into the nitty-gritty of revamping operations, introducing fresh training and management tactics, and paying extra attention to feedback from families and on-site operations, and how this led to higher employee pay, healthcare benefits, and an overall improved experience for kids and families. We will provide easily implementable strategies, creative ideas, and a fresh perspective on navigating the intricacies of our industry. Discover how innovation and a novel approach can truly make a difference in the world of out-of-school time.

### ***Creativity in Leadership - Marbella B***

Brad Lademann

Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

Whether you are the leader of an entire organization or leading an afterschool site, leadership matters. Unfortunately, leadership training in afterschool settings is not always a priority. We are often thrown into leadership positions, with little or no preparation, and then we sink or swim. Join us to learn about five essential practices of leadership and how creativity fits into our leadership roles.

### ***Girls Just Want to Have Fun: Engaging Math Activities to Support STEM Identity - Sea Chase***

Maryann Stimmer

FHI360, New York

Engagement and a positive STEM identity are the two most important indicators for success and retention in the STEM pipeline. During this session, participants will use hands-on, minds-on activities to learn research-based, time tested strategies for success in math. Activities from the Afterschool Math Plus curriculum can be used to engage all children. Participants will leave with curriculum materials and ongoing virtual technical support. This session is sponsored by Million Girls Moonshot.

***Incorporating SEL into Youth Civic Education - Seville***

Natalie Hampton & Deborah Taylor  
Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

Youth can learn key SEL competencies: social awareness, relationship building, and responsible decision making, by becoming involved in their communities and feeling invested in the political process. In this workshop, you will learn how to connect SEL and civic engagement and ideas for sparking youth interest. Most importantly, we'll help you develop confidence in your own community and civic engagement so you can facilitate this process for youth in your program.

***Choices: Growth and Fixed Mindset - Valencia***

Jodi Miller  
kid-grit, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

In this session, we will explore and discuss how to build a growth mindset in order to build resilience and grit over time. Front-line staff and staff influencers are going to gain insight into how mindset can make changes in their program. Participants will learn to develop positive cultures with their staff, students and families that promote learning, connection, and a sense of community.

**Friday: November 17th, 3:00 - 4:15 PM**  
**Breakout Sessions**

***Statewide Afterschool Evaluation - Granada A***

Dr. Wayne Mayfield & Jason Patrie  
Institute of Public Policy, University of Missouri & MASN, Columbia, MO

In this session, we will be reviewing the 2022-23 Statewide Afterschool Evaluation data. This includes data collected in the 2022-23 school year of 21st-century and SAC-funded afterschool programs.

***Career Exploration and Innovation: Creativity & Confidence for Middle Schoolers – Granada B***

Christen Rains  
VentureLab, St. Louis, MO

Help your students move beyond the typical responses to "I want to be a \_\_\_\_\_ when I grow up." With VentureLab's Career Exploration and Innovation approach, youth grow their entrepreneurial mindsets and skills as they apply their passions and strengths to identify opportunities to discover, research, and innovate a career.

***Designing Jobs That Support Program Quality - Granada C***

Heidi Ham & Angelica Portillo  
National AfterSchool Association, Dallas, TX

Quality programs rely on a stable workforce of skilled professionals. Together, we must design quality jobs and provide supports to develop and sustain the OST workforce. In this session, participants will review NAA's Thriving OST Workforce Initiative, discuss the Job Design Framework, and collaborate to design jobs that support program quality.

***Nature After School: Inspiration and resources for implementing nature-based programming at your site - HK Club Room***

Sarah Easton

Missouri Department of Conservation, Jefferson City, MO

You may have fond childhood memories of summer evenings chasing fireflies or sunny Saturdays exploring the woods. Although unknown at the time, you were developing critical intellectual, emotional, social, and physical skills. Sadly, these nature-based experiences are becoming less and less common for today's youth. Your afterschool program is in a unique position to change this trajectory by incorporating nature into your routine. Learn simple ways to include nature in your programming and explore the resources available to you through the Missouri Department of Conservation.

***Fun With Robots - FIRST Progression of Programs (PK-12) – Marbella B***

Laura Roth & Leigh Ann Carpenter

FIRST in Missouri, Saint Louis, MO

FIRST is the world's leading youth-serving nonprofit advancing STEM education. Come see what happens when STEM meets the fun and excitement of sports. Bring STEM inspiration, holistic skill building, and fun to your after-school learning environment with collaborative problem-solving. We will introduce FIRST ethos, our Brandeis University longitudinal study of participants, and our Core Values. Free resources, LEGO hands-on activities, and more!

***Tips and Tricks of the Trade: Using 16 and 17-year-olds in your afterschool program - Sea Chase***

Ashlee Liska & Cassie Hackett

Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

Do 16 and 17-year-olds have a leadership or teen staff member role in your afterschool program, or are you hoping to include teens in your site staff team in the future? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then this session is for you! Join us to learn best practices for using 16 and 17-year-olds and the important role they can play in your program. We will also look at the proposed and upcoming licensing rule revisions that will allow you to count them in ratio and how you can best utilize them within the given parameters.

***RAISING YOUTH VOICE - Seville***

Deborah Taylor

Missouri AfterSchool Network, St. Louis, MO

We will discuss and understand the current level of civic education and engagement and create opportunities to increase civic education and engagement within the afterschool realm.

***Empower Girls in Technology Entrepreneurship with Technovation - Valencia***

Laura Lytle

YMCA Community Development, St. Louis, MO

Technovation Girls is a program that empowers young women 8-18 to solve community problems by designing technology solutions - see here: [tinyurl.com/Technovation24](https://tinyurl.com/Technovation24). Laura will share about her experience implementing this program at YMCA sites in St. Louis. She will offer best practices and materials for leveraging a "train the trainer" model to support staff facilitators.

**Friday: November 17th, 4:30 - 5:00 PM**  
**Spark Sessions**

***MO 4-H STEM To Go Backpack Program - Granada A***

Julianna Thrasher & Amanda Meek

University of Missouri Extension - 4-H Center for Youth Development, Rolla, MO

Ignite a passion for science, technology, engineering, and math areas in tomorrow's industry leaders. MO 4-H STEM To Go is an initiative to provide quality STEM programming to families that can be completed at their convenience.

***Building Connections from Curriculum to Careers in Construction – Granada B***

Greg Lever & Nate Zier

National Institute for Construction Excellence, Kansas City, MO

This session will focus on how workforce demands in construction have changed and how afterschool professionals can support early exposure to careers in the construction industry.

***Play with Purpose - Granada C***

Kristin Stayer & Hailee Moehnke

Mizzen Education, Indianapolis, IN

This fast-paced and interactive workshop will model what we want youth to experience in their expanded learning program! Discover games that encourage youth to learn through challenges and problem-solving. Join us to get pumped up and energized with our playful competitions and matches.

***Onward! Forging Pathways with 4-H Youth Futures - HK Club Room***

Kellie Seals

University of Missouri Extension - 4-H Center for Youth Development, Columbia, MO

The Missouri 4-H Youth Futures: College and Careers Within Reach program is helping youth find their own future pathways in addition to navigating new roads programmatically. As the workforce landscape changes and durable skills become top-priority, inclusivity and access regarding postsecondary life choices become paramount. So do quality youth-adult relationships! That's what 4-H Youth Futures is shifting to be all about.

***Mindful Recess with The Walking Classroom - Marbella B***

Daniel Hatcher

Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Washington, DC

Join the Alliance for a Healthier Generation for an energizing mindfulness walk to boost your day. Participants will have the opportunity to listen to The Walking Classroom podcast and play Nature BINGO while connecting with other conference attendees. One lucky participant will win a WalkKit (\$125 value), and all attendees will receive an electronic version of a Walking Classroom Teacher's Guide PLUS Healthier Generation swag.

***Collaborating with School-Day Teachers: Establishing Effective Partnerships and Aligning Goals - Sea Chase***

Lorenzo Harrison  
Y-CLUB, Lee's Summit, MO

Learn how to establish effective partnerships and align goals between afterschool and school-day educators to enhance student success. Explore strategies for collaboration, understanding roles, and overcoming challenges. Discover the benefits of collaborative efforts and gain practical insights to strengthen your afterschool programs. (session repeats Sunday)

***How Being an Elected Official Enhances Afterschool Programs - Seville***

LaTonya Williams  
Bartlett Center, St. Joseph, MO

Are you looking for out-of-the-box ways to enhance your advocacy and your afterschool program? Becoming an elected official will bring so much to your program! Hear from a school board president who is also an executive director of an afterschool program!

***Young Professionals Meet-Up - Valencia***

Angelica Portillo  
National AfterSchool Association, Dallas, TX

Under age 40? Join the National AfterSchool Association for a YP meet-up and connect with other young professionals. During this meet-up, you'll learn about the NAA Nex Gen Award, NAA resources, and participate in engaging networking activities.

**5:30 – 8:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open - Campana**

**6:00 – 7:30 pm Dinner with *Celebration of Afterschool*- Campana**

**8:00 – 11:00 pm *Networking Fun* (Social/Dessert and Drinks) - Thirst**

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**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 AM: Exhibit Hall Open - Campana**

**7:30 AM: Breakfast - Campana**

**8:00 – 8:30 AM: Welcome and Announcements - Campana**

**Saturday, November 18th, 8:45 - 10:45 AM**

**Deep Dive Sessions**

***Supporting Youth Dealing with Behavior and Trauma – Granada A***

Daniel McGeehan, Sonya Valdovino, & Triston Groff  
YMCA of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, MO

Come learn how to best support youth experiencing trauma and behavior challenges. We will teach you some strategies that are helpful to know when working with youth dealing with trauma. We will also teach you some tricks you can use when working with youth with challenging behaviors.

***Program Director's Round Table Discussion – Granada B***

Terri Foulkes & Ashlee Liska  
Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

This session will use the Unconference format to flip the script and feature the true experts in program administration - you and your colleagues. During an Unconference session, participants pitch topics of interest and contribute to peer learning by sharing experiences and best practices, The Unconference format ensures that topics are relevant to attendees because if you don't see the topic you want to discuss - just propose it!

***Candle Lotion Workshop - Granada C***

Joy Taylor & Chevelle Stewart  
St. Louis Public Schools/21st Century, St. Louis, MO

Participants will access and evaluate information to better understand the “science” of skincare. Participants will formulate recipes for specific physical and emotional effects. They will be encouraged to document desired outcomes using the scientific method approach. The outcome of the effects of the ingredients used can lead to entrepreneurship opportunities.

***Supporting a Positive STEM Identity: Hands-on STEM to Support Identity, Engagement, and Content Mastery – HK Club Room***

Maryann Stimmer  
FHI360, New York

We (inadvertently) teach youth every day that STEM is not for them! Experience strategies that let kids know that STEM is for them, it's fun, and it encompasses basic skills and knowledge we use every day. Participants will leave with tools for supporting a positive mind-set, a free curriculum (development supported by NSF) and virtual technical assistance.

***Cooking With(out) Allergies - Marbella B***

Lacy Culberston & Savannah Webster  
Belton School District, Belton, MO

Cooking Projects can be hard, but they can be even harder when there are allergies involved. Staff and Students alike can struggle with allergies in before and after school programs, while all wish to practice inclusion. We all have the power to educate students with basic life & cooking skills while utilizing the Missouri learning standards. By doing this we provide students with the ability to learn ELA, SEL & STEM skills through experimenting with food while creating positive interactions among peers and also staff. We are here to help with what resources we have to help you feel more confident cooking with students who have allergies!

***FISH! Philosophy: A Framework for Success! - Sea Chase***

Clint Darr  
Missouri Afterschool Network, Columbia, MO

The FISH! Philosophy provides a powerful framework for transforming the culture of educational institutions. By prioritizing engagement, creativity, and collaboration, educators can create a more inspiring and effective learning environment for students and teachers alike. The result is a more positive and fulfilling educational experience for everyone involved. Attend this session to learn the 4 simple FISH Philosophy practices that deliver amazing results!

***Planning with Purpose - Valencia***

Kristin Stayer & Hailee Moehnke  
Mizzen Education, Indianapolis, IN & Los Angeles, CA

Build your creative confidence as we explore human-centered, highly engaging, and brain-friendly student and staff learning experiences. Use the collective wisdom in the workshop room plus expert-designed resources from Mizzen to discover solutions for free, relevant, and easy-to-implement activities. Learn by doing, make meaningful connections, and have a ton of fun-- and leave inspired to create this environment with your program!

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Keynote - Campana**

***Your Past is ON Purpose***

Lana Hailemariam  
The Flourish Lab, Denver, CO

Your past can be the excuse you make for never reaching your highest potential or it can be the springboard into the best version of yourself. We all have choices. In this talk, I will share stories of difficult experiences in my life that slowed me down. But then my perspective changed and I discovered that my unique experiences are what made me special. Now, being authentically me was enough because I embraced all of my stories, not just the bright, happy or fun ones. In other words, the only real limits are the ones we create. And if we created them, then guess what? We can remove them.

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 12:45 PM**

**Lunch - Campana**

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 - 2:15 PM**

**Breakout Sessions**

***Empowering MS and HS Students to Reach their Second to None Life! - Granada A***

Mark Cowsert & Matthew Moheban  
Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO & 220 Leadership, Chicago, IL



Experience and learn strategies to inspire and equip your middle schoolers to be prepared for high school and your high schoolers for their next steps after graduation with 220 Leadership's free curriculum and support. A great session to discover full-year programming resources for middle and high school including student summits and PLC support. 220 Leadership is a national leader in guiding students into their "second to none" life.

### ***Commitment vs. Investment - A Key to Employee Retention – Granada B***

Raven Swingler & DeNyne Carter  
The SoulFisher Ministries, St. Louis, MO

Attendees explore the differences between commitment and investment and learn ways to create a workplace culture of investment. This interactive presentation teaches leaders how to identify invested employees and provides tips for how to inspire committed team members to invest and their invested team members to commit. With activities that provide real-world solutions, participants will leave with action steps to get their team invested, while achieving better retention and service delivery.

### ***"Make it" STEAM - Granada C***

Kim Albrecht & Tyler Kearns  
Clayton Kid Zone, Clayton, MO

STEAM activities can be as easy or as complicated as you want to make them. Join us and learn to "Make" STEAM happen in your program through themed Makerspace. Walk away with fun, simple, activities, the right questions, and strategies to make STEAM happen for your program.

### ***Full Day Programming: How to Keep Your Students Engaged All Day in Your Program - HK Club Room***

Erica Kreisler  
Independence School District, Independence, MO

Kids All Day... Now What? Whether you are wanting to vamp up your full days, snow days, summer, or are in a district with a 4-day school week I will help you tackle your planning blues. You will walk away with some planning tools as well as theme ideas to keep your staff and students all engaged.

### ***Rethinking Transitions - Marbella B***

Jen Harris  
The Flourish Lab, Denver, CO

Many programs have a certain way they handle transitions. Some programs have never thought deeply about it at all. Wherever you are on that spectrum, this workshop could be the inspiration you need. Think about it... Transitions are everywhere throughout the day, they could involve switching between activities or physically changing spaces. They set the tone for how the next activity goes. A great transition can make for a great next moment and a rough transition can... well, you probably already know how those end!

### ***We Don't Say That Anymore: The Language of Allyship - Sea Chase***

Lorenzo Harrison  
Lee's Summit Y-Club, Lee's Summit, MO

This is an engaging and thought-provoking workshop led by afterschool professional trainer Lorenzo Harrison. Explore the power of language in promoting inclusivity and learn how to cultivate an environment of allyship. Gain practical strategies and tools to use inclusive language effectively, empowering you to create a more inclusive and welcoming afterschool program for all students and staff.

***Being a Voice for Kids - Advocating for Statewide Change - Seville***

Robyn Schelp & Casey Hanson  
Kids Win Missouri, Columbia, MO

Are you ready to use your unique voice as a provider and professional to advocate for statewide improvements in the space of afterschool care? Gain an understanding of the statewide policy landscape and how you can effectively advocate for children in this space. Learn about recent policy changes and find out how you can get involved in upcoming advocacy efforts.

***Supporting Caregivers: Simple Social-Emotional Health & Learning Resources - Valencia***

Daniel Hatcher  
Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Washington, DC

In this interactive workshop, attendees will explore resources from Kohl's Healthy at Home - a hub of proven tips and resources designed to help families prioritize physical and social-emotional health. Together, we'll practice new ways to feel calm, confident, and connected.

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:15 – 3:00 PM**

Snack Break with Youth Marketplace (Campana) and  
Exhibit Hall Open (Campana)

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 - 4:15 PM**

**Breakout Sessions**

***DESE Updates - Granada A***

James Reed & Patrice Speed  
DESE, Office of Childhood, Afterschool Programs, Jefferson City, MO

This breakout will cover updates and information for both 21st CCLC and SAC grantees from DESE staff.

***Making the School-To-Prison Pipeline Obsolete – Granada B***

Natasha Scruggs  
JustUs System, Inc., Kansas City, MO

After a lifetime of witnessing the criminal justice system, leaders of JustUs System, Inc. built a new pipeline to law school that is making the school-to-prison pipeline obsolete. We provide kinesthetic education in after school and Summer programs. We use professional sports teams as a vehicle to achieve social justice, providing access and opportunities for all students.

### ***Fizz, Foam and Fun - Teaching Science the Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Way - Granada C***

Terri Johnson & Sherry Cook

The Quirkles & Fuddlebrook Science Series, Springfield, MO

You can teach science effectively, excite your students, and have fun yourself if you follow these four steps. Start early, tell a story, make it hands-on (what kid doesn't like fizz and foam), and keep it simple. In this session, we'll demonstrate these principles and have fun doing it the Quirkles/Fuddlebrook Way!

### ***NBA Math Hoops - Creating the Next Math Champion - HK Club Room***

Denzel Smith

Learn Fresh, Philadelphia, PA

NBA Math Hoops leverages the game of basketball and the NBA/WNBA brands to build fundamental math and social-emotional skills through a basketball-themed board game, curriculum, and community program experience. Designed for students in grades 4-8, this free program develops students' algebra readiness, while strengthening important skills including self-regulation and executive function. The NBA Math Hoops program is implemented in a variety of learning environments.

### ***Every Behavior Starts with a Feeling - Marbella B***

Lana Hailemariam

The Flourish Lab, Denver, CO

Children, like adults, have emotional emergencies — they just look different from ours. On closer inspection, we learn that there's a predictable pattern to escalation — an arc of sorts, that if caught in time, can re-direct outcomes from explosive to calm. Using a child-first, relationship-centered mindset, we see that strong behaviors are no mystery, and that all feelings make sense. We also discover that preventative techniques (like connection), can help facilitate a sense of calm and belonging.

### ***Spark, Connect, Thrive: Harnessing Entrepreneurship Education for Youth Inspiration! – Sea Chase***

Kelly Biggar

Young Entrepreneur Institute, Hunting Valley, OH

Entrepreneurship education provides opportunities for youth to explore their interests and talents, develop work-readiness skills, and meaningfully engage members of the community. Youth-serving organizations will share their experiences integrating entrepreneur education into their out-of-school time programs. Topics will include youth impact, community connections and mentors, parent engagement, best practices, resources, and support.

### ***Afterschool Ambassadors Meeting - Seville***

Natalie Hampton

Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia MO

This meeting is for current afterschool ambassadors. Please join us for this special, in-person rendition of our monthly ambassador meeting. This meeting will not be eligible for clock hours.

***Engaging Students and Educating Educators with MASN STEM Mobile Lab - Valencia***

Richard Irwin

Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

MASN Mobile STEM Lab is a unique way to bring a STEM experience to your afterschool program. We focus on high-quality STEM content for your students as well as professional development for your staff. Let's Explore the possibilities with MASN Mobile STEM Lab.

**Saturday, November 18th, 4:30 - 5:00 PM**

**Spark Sessions**

***Engaging Families by Fostering Relationships Between Families and Communities - Granada A***

Kay Lewis

Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

Building relationships with families and communities is essential for positive student outcomes. Connecting with families builds trusting relationships based on mutual respect and understanding. Moreover, educators connecting to the broader community where families live will better understand families' needs, especially those marginalized. During this session, participants will discuss the benefits and leave with tools to accomplish both effectively.

***Prep Your Brain – Granada B***

Yolanda Campbell

Unleashing Potential, St. Louis, MO

This training provides participants with new brain-based strategies and techniques and refines existing skills to guide students in the school environment. The training covers physical and mental activities that require continuing practice to improve cognitive functions like memory recall, problem-solving, concentration, and task completion. Let's get started with the importance of play!

***Your health matters, too! 3 Simple "Me Moment" Activities - Granada C***

Daniel Hatcher

Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Washington, DC

In this play-based workshop, we'll explore simple practices to support our own mental and physical health during the workday. Together, we'll practice breathing exercises and art activities to help us prioritize our own well-being as we take care of others.

***The Fun Side of Afterschool STEM - HK Club Room***

Maryann Stimmer

FHI360, New York

Learn FUN STEM activities to engage all youth. Learn about the math in art and sports, the science of everyday experiences, and how to create that "Aha!" moment.

***Gamification - Teambuilding and Transition Activities - Marbella B***

Mary Bauwens

Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

Attend this active session to experience spur-of-the-moment activities to promote team building and fill transition times with fun and excitement for youth.

**Got Canva - Now What? - Sea Chase**

Mia Joe

Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield - Fremont Unit, Springfield, MO

This session will give you the basics of how Canva can make an impact on your program. From flyers to t-shirts, and presentations to social media posts, this application will have you looking like a professional without needing a degree in Graphics Design. Believe me, it's easy and fun!! Participants are welcome to bring their computers or devices, but not required.

**Feedback with a Purpose - Valencia**

Kristin Stayer & Hailee Moehnke

Mizzen Education, Indianapolis, IN

Mizzen has and will continue to be created based on user needs and feedback. Join us for real-time testing of app features and feedback, discussion around content needs and opportunities, and brainstorming to design an experience that works for staff in all types of programs. Become a collaborative partner with an influential voice and inspire Mizzen in 2024 and for years to come!

**Saturday, November 18th, 5:00 PM**

**Dinner on your own.**

**Saturday, November 18th, 8:00 - 10:00 PM**

**Backyard Glow Party – Marbella**

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**Sunday, November 19th, 7:30 – 8:15 AM**

**Breakfast – Granada B/C**

**Sunday, November 19th, 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

**TALKS INSPIRED BY AFTERSCHOOL- Granada A**

Tyler Kearns, Clayton School District: Clayton Kid Zone, Clayton, MO

Joy Taylor, St. Louis Public Schools/21st Century, Caseyville, IL

Carl Wade, Great KC LINC, Inc, Kansas City, MO

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!

## Sunday, November 19th, 9:45 - 11:00 AM Breakout Sessions

### **Activities to Connect - Marbella A**

Brad Lademann

Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

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.

### **DESE Grantee Directors Session - HK Club Room**

Terri Foulkes

Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

DESE Grantee Directors Session - Program directors from 21st CCLC, SAC, and ARP grantees are invited to a grantee-specific director session. This session will cover best practices related to academic support, planning a broad array of enriching activities, and engaging families.

### **Mobile STEM Lab Astronomy Playlist: Constellations & Mythology - Marbella B**

Richard Irwin & Beth Rasa Edwards

Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

Constellations & Mythology is one activity from the MASN Mobile STEM Lab's Astronomy Playlist. Step inside a planetarium dome and learn how mythology shaped the way we see stars. Create your own constellation and the mythology behind it using paper circuits.

### **Ain't Nobody Got Time for That: Habits for Your Best Life – Sea Chase**

Colleen Abbott

Eldon LEAP, Eldon, MO

Time is our most finite & valuable resource. Come explore habits for your daily life to stop the mantra, "I don't have time for that." This workshop is for anyone who wants more of the good stuff including how to best care for yourself and for the people in our lives.

### **Engaging Children during Out of School Time Through Invention Education and STEM Learning - Seville**

Kristin Thorsen

National Inventors Hall of Fame, North Canton, OH

This hands-on, interactive workshop will renew enthusiasm and give staff strategies grounded in Invention Education to engage and empower children with joyful learning during out-of-school time. Take these concepts and activities back to your staff, back to your program, or any learning environment so you can implement them immediately. This workshop will provide staff with ready-to-use strategies and concepts to help students invent, problem-solve, and have fun while learning.

### **You Gotta Laugh! Using Humor and Laughter to Improve Your Health, Your Attitude, and Your Program! - Valencia**

Clint Darr  
Missouri Afterschool Network, Columbia, MO

Laughter: the best medicine for all that ails us! Embrace the power of laughter and humor and learn how it can improve your out-of-school time program and energize you, your staff, and your students! Discover the physical, emotional, and social benefits of laughter and humor, and when not ROTFL, hear anecdotes, tips, and strategies for using humor and laughter in your out-of-school time program as well as in your personal life. LOL as we practice various laughter yoga activities!

## **Sunday, November 19th, 11:15 - 11:45 AM**

### **Spark Sessions**

#### ***Noodles and Hoops - Marbella A***

Tyler Kearns  
Clayton School District: Clayton Kid Zone, Clayton, MO

Join this fun, fast, interactive session to take back games and activities you can use with students using hula hoops and pool noodles.

#### ***Robots with Preschool-Second Grade - HK Club Room***

Jocelyn Kreuger  
Explorer's Club 21st CCLC, Elsberry, MO

Meet the Sphero Indi car that teaches coding using color tiles. Indi is a learning robot designed for children ages 4 and up that encourages open-ended, imaginative play-based learning. Easy to charge and store. Stop by to play with a robot that brings a smile to all ages.

#### ***Explore the Solar System & Beyond: Bring the Solar Eclipse to your Afterschool Program - Marbella B***

Richard Irwin  
Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

Learn about the coming Eclipse on April 8, 2024, as you delve into the MASN planetarium Dome. Learn hands-on activities you can take back with you to your site. Activities designed to help enhance your program's resources and support instruction on how an eclipse occurs.

#### ***Unleashing the Future: Empowering Students to Discover Their Dream Careers and Forge Their Own Path – Sea Chase***

Aaron Banks  
Missouri AfterSchool Network, Columbia, MO

Join me in an immersive journey as we navigate the maze of career preparation. I will unveil a dynamic, multi-lesson blueprint that will ignite your students' passions and equip them with the skills they need to map their future. Harness the power of the MASN Resource Library as I guide you step-by-step in crafting your personalized career exploration curriculum. Leave the session with a classroom-ready plan that will inspire your students and prepare them to conquer their dreams!

***Collaborating with School-Day Teachers: Establishing Effective Partnerships and Aligning Goals - Seville***

Lorenzo Harrison

Y-CLUB, Lee's Summit, MO

Learn how to establish effective partnerships and align goals between afterschool and school-day educators to enhance student success. Explore strategies for collaboration, understanding roles, and overcoming challenges. Discover the benefits of collaborative efforts and gain practical insights to strengthen your afterschool programs. (Repeat of Friday Session)

***Designing an AfterSchool Oasis - Valencia***

Kristen Alford & Sarah Zubeck

YMCA, Lee's Summit, MO

Unlock the potential of after-school programs in our session. Explore crafting peaceful spaces that inspire growth and creativity. Elevate learning environments for a brighter, calmer future.

**Sunday, November 19th, 12:00 - 12:30 PM**  
**Door Prizes and Conference Wrap-Up – Marbella B**