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PD@your.desktop™ brings the Center's experienced afterschool educators to you with convenient, affordable professional development for high quality out-of-school time. The sessions are geared for afterschool leaders, educators, and directors serving children of all ages. Don't miss your opportunity to participate in these new, informative sessions with specific strategies to tailor for your program.

Boosting Program Quality—Dec. 10

Quality. Do you know it when you see it? Identify components of effective programming within and across sites. Set targets to meet the needs of your staff and kids. Actively engage stakeholders to create a culture of on-going program improvement.

Designing Effective Homework Time—Jan. 19

Make the most of homework time for kids and staff. Organize your space and resources to promote study skills, positive work habits, teamwork, creativity, independent learning—and get kids working!

Tools and Tips to Support Homework Time

—Jan. 20

Prepare kids for success in school and life with 21st century skills—time management, finding resources, collaboration, and communication. Integrate learner-centered homework tools and helping strategies to transform your homework program into an engaging learning space.

Using Evaluation for Program Improvement

—Jan. 26

Move evaluation from obligation to opportunity—for everyone. Gain strategies and tools to strengthen communication, gather appropriate data, and use results to (re)shape programming to meet goals.

Staff Development that Works—Jan. 27

Design and deliver effective professional development, even with limited time and resources. Make staff training an accessible and ongoing component of your program with portfolios, focused sessions, and follow-up.

Hands-On Academics—Feb. 4

Weave academic content into your program in ways that fit the afterschool environment, and keep kids coming back for more. Learn practical strategies to better plan and lead winning activities that make learning meaningful and fun.

English Language Learning and Learners—Feb. 23

Boost English language learning—at all levels—in OST programs with language learning techniques every staff member can use. Learn core principles of language development, engaging methods to improve communication, and ways to help ELLs build skills while having fun using English every day.

Activities for English Language Learning—Feb. 24

Turn concepts of language acquisition into language learning activities you can adapt to all interests, levels, and ages. Learn take-home-and-do games and projects to engage ELLs—and all children—in building listening and speaking skills.

Involving Families in Your Program—March 11

What can families do for your program? What can your program do for families? Family engagement can happen before, during, and after program time. Learn to foster home—OST partnerships with outreach, communication, and planning.

Building Cultural Competence in Your Program

—March 18

Build awareness of different attitudes, languages, values, and ways of life. Tap family and community resources for cultural learning and improve communication with all families, kids, and staff members.

Engaging Older Youth—April 14

Tackle the diverse interests and needs of high school youth with fresh ideas for homework support, 21st Century skill building, and more. Create programming that high school students will want to attend by planning with a youth development, learner-centered lens.

Global Learning in Out-of-School Time—April 21

Get kids on their feet, thinking about, connecting to, and learning from global-themed games and activities that all staff and kids can do. Discover ways to deepen understanding and interest in world languages, cultures, and geography, and make real-life connections with the wider world.



Fee: \$29.95 per session Time: 1:00 PM EST

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