

San Francisco Expanded Learning Collaborative Newsletter- March 2014

Welcome to the newsletter of San Francisco's Expanded Learning Collaborative (formerly Afterschool for All). Through our quarterly newsletters, we aim to provide afterschool stakeholders-- including staff members, parents, school personnel, funders, trainers, and others--with a sense of what is going on in the afterschool world of San Francisco.

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SF Expanded Learning Collaborative News



ELC Technical Assistance Update

The Expanded Learning Collaborative Technical Assistance Project has a few more events coming up in the next couple of months. Check out sfelc.org for the latest news and updates. If you want to receive the technical assistance e-mail blasts to stay in the loop, you can sign up at sfelc.org/elc-tap-trainings-and-events/e-mail-blasts

The SFELC website also has a myriad of resources for anyone working in (or hoping to find a job in) the out of school time field. Visit the community forum or job postings pages to view and post jobs and program information for your colleagues throughout the city. Join the registered users and get the word out!

Upcoming ELC TAP Events:

Coffee Klatch-QSA 10: Promoting Diversity, Access, Equity and Inclusion

This month's topic is the Expanded Learning Collaborative's Afterschool Quality Self-Assessment Section 10- Promoting Diversity, Access, Equity, and Inclusion. This month's host is Aim High. Join in this opportunity to network with your peers and learn about promising practices for afterschool and summer programs.

When: Thursday March 6, 2014 from 10:00am to 11:30am

Where: Aim High- 2030 Harrison St San Francisco, CA

Last Summer Quality Self-Assessment Workshop of the Year

Come to this fun and game-filled workshop to learn about how to identify the elements that can make your summer program a place that also builds skills, helps young people grow socially, and develops confidence and connections of all involved.

Lunch will be served.

When: Thursday, March 20, 2014, 9am – 1pm

Where: Hayes Valley Playground, Corner of Hayes and Buchanan San Francisco, CA 94102

Why: Because QUALITY matters!

For more information, and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-quality-self-assessment-workshop-tickets-7958440911>

Resource Guide Workshop: Promoting Diversity, Access, Equity and Inclusion

Come learn about creating a program that respects differences, is accessible, supports participants with special needs-and more! In this workshop you will learn how to use tools from the ELC Resource Guide's chapter on Promoting Diversity, Access, Equity and Inclusion (Chapter 10). This workshop is appropriate for staff working directly with youth, and for program managers/coordinators.

Lunch will be served.

When: Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 9am – 1pm

Where: 1663 Mission St. 7th Floor San Francisco, CA 94103

For more information, and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/resource-guide-workshop-promoting-diversity-access-equity-and-inclusion-tickets-10643022567>

For information on upcoming events and workshops in March and beyond, click here [here](#).

Out of School Time News

Join the Movement: Summer Learning Day is June 20, 2014

Summer Learning Day is a national advocacy day recognized to spread awareness about the importance of summer learning for the nation's youth in order to close the achievement gap. The goal is to support healthy development in communities all across the country. Visit the site to learn more about this advocacy day and how to participate.

http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=summer_learning_day

Family Math Night Hosted by Mission Graduates at Marshall Elementary in San Francisco

Math is often times viewed as a subject of great intimidation. Nevertheless, students and parents from Mission Graduates Extended Day Program at Marshall Elementary learned that math does not necessarily have to be a scary subject. It could be a fun experience!

Thanks largely to both the daytime teachers and the Extended Day staff; parents and students learned fun and easy math games they could play at home. This year the annual Family Math Night took place on January 29 from 6 to 9pm; it's a popular event that aims to make math more engaging, while simultaneously helping students develop their mathematical skills.

Math Night successfully provided a platform that allowed parents and teachers to talk about math. Daytime teachers across all grades led parent workshops. They presented key mathematical concepts that their children are learning, parents had the opportunity to voice their concerns and questions regarding changes in the curriculum, and learned what they can do to support their child at home. The teachers also talked about the importance of mastering the fundamental algorithms of addition, subtraction, and multiplication and taught them different math games that they could do alongside their child at home.

At the same time, students were rotating between Classroom Coordinators. Each Coordinator prepared a game and the classrooms of Marshall Elementary turned into Math Game Night. The games ranged from card games such as "31," where students drew and added up their cards to come closest to 31, to "Hot Dice," where students rolled for 5s and 1s and tried to get the highest sum. Parents also had the opportunity to learn additional games students have learned during school and experienced how much fun it could be using only a deck of cards or a set of die. Teachers provided parents with all of the resources needed to play these games with their child at home.

Building upon the positive response of Math Night, the Extended Day Program staff hosted another math game day on February 7. Families were invited to join their child's class and enjoy a Friday afternoon of playing games that they both had learned during Math Night, but this time together. Parents and students alike were thrilled

to play the games together. The Extended Day Program hopes that with the help of parents and a few fun math games at home, the students at Marshall will become math whizzes in no time.

California Adopts First Mathematics Materials Aligned to the Common Core

As of January 15, 2014, school districts now have a list of more than 30 instructional materials to choose from that are aligned to the Common Core State Standards for mathematics. This came after the State Board of Education completed the 2014 adoption of kindergarten through eighth grade mathematics materials for California students. The State Board of Education approved 31 instructional materials programs; 20 were basic grade-level programs, 10 were Algebra 1, and one was an integrated mathematics program. Districts will have a wide variety of choices to tailor their instructional programs and help their students achieve academically. Districts may use some of the \$1.25 billion in Common Core State Standards Implementation Funds to purchase the materials. The complete list can be found on the CA Dept. of Education Site:

http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ma/im/sbeadopted2014mathprgms.asp?utm_source=Feb+2014+Newsblast&utm_campaign=Feb.+2014+Newsblast&utm_medium=email

For more information about the 2014 Mathematics Adoption process, visit the California Department of Education Mathematics <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ma/im/index.asp> web page.

California Schools Chief Unveils New Standards for High-Quality After School Programs

The CDE After School Division worked with the California Afterschool Network, a coalition of experts and providers funded by foundations, to bring together a "Work Group on Quality Standards" through a competitive application process. Through research and feedback from stakeholders, the work group developed 12 standards for expanded learning programs. Moving forward, these standards can be used to inform the After School Division's decision-making, such as in requests for applications; to guide program providers in assessing their own programs; or to help parents and students identify and choose good programs. The standards can be read on the California Afterschool Network site: <http://www.afterschoolnetwork.org/post/quality-standards-expanded-learning-programs>

Events and Trainings

STEM NPASS Training Project

There are great opportunities to incorporate a dynamic computer science curriculum in middle school afterschool programs with this new STEM series. CalSAC launched the new Afterschool Computer Science Educators (ACSE) project in 2014 and enrollment began in January. With each training in this series your team will sharpen their skills and confidence in facilitating an inquiry based learning environment and will take away over 15 hours of STEM curriculum. There are three different STEM related programs being offered for STEM afterschool programs; pricing and curriculum information is available on the site:

<https://calsac.org/projects/stem>

For questions, contact Zak Parpia at zparpia@calsac.org or call 510-444-4622 ext. 103.

March 8- San Francisco Summer Resource Fair

The San Francisco Summer Resource Fair will take place at Balboa High School on Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 10:00am until 2:00pm. The Summer Resource Fair is the City's largest free showcase of summer camps, classes, presentations and teen programs for families. The fair is an opportunity for families to meet face-to-face with representatives from nearly 200 organizations offering summer programs and they can attend free workshops related to summer, such as summer learning loss and teen opportunities.

The fair is free to attend and is hosted by DCYF, SFUSD, and the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. Please mark your calendar and visit the flyer for the event for more information:

<http://www.dcyf.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=1843>. If you are interested in volunteering,

please send an email to recparkvolunteer@sfgov.org; if you have any questions about the fair or would like to be an exhibitor, contact Emily Davis at edavis@dcyf.org.

March 14, 2014- Summer Learning Conference

The 2014 Summer Learning Conference will give you the opportunity to redefine summer with activities that are active, collaborative, meaningful, support mastery and expand horizons. The goal of the conference is to raise awareness about summer learning and to empower you to provide the highest quality program possible. This conference is a part of San Francisco's commitment to supporting summer quality citywide and is being hosted through a partnership between multiple organizations, including DCYF, SFUSD, the Expanded Learning Collaborative, Partnership for Children and Youth, and other stakeholders. This conference is open to anyone operating a summer program in San Francisco.

Please provide your feedback by January 17 at 5pm for the planning of the conference.

Please click on the following link to provide feedback if you supervise a program or staff:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SummerConference2014-Supervisors>

Please click on the following link to provide feedback if you work directly with youth as a camp counselor, program leader, coach, etc: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SummerConference2014-ProgramStaff>

More information about the conference is coming soon; please check the sfelc.org website for updates.

March 14, Case Management-Recognizing and Reporting Suspected Child Abuse

On Friday March 14 the San Francisco Family Support Network (SFSN) in collaboration with several community organizations is hosting a training on recognizing and reporting child abuse. This training is geared towards mandated reporters of child abuse, including after-school care providers, to help them understand and manage their role. This training is a part of the case management training series from SFSN. SFSN and non SFSN members may register at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/case-management-recognizing-and-reporting-suspected-child-abuse-tickets-10599115239>

For more information about other future SFSN trainings or to be added to the training notice email list, visit:

<http://sffsn.org/training>

March 20, 2014- Youth Works Methods Training

The Partnership for Children and Youth will be hosting the Youth Works Methods trainings on Thursday, March 20, 2014 from 8:30am-4:30pm at the Boy Scouts of America (1001 Davis St. San Leandro, CA 94577). The training is designed for program managers, site coordinators, and line staff. The training materials and YWM guidebooks will be provided for each session attended.

Please register ASAP (Space is limited!) at the following link : <https://pcy.wufoo.com/forms/youth-work-methods/>

If you have any questions or need general information, please contact Laura Beebe at laura@partnerforchildren.org or 510-830-4200, ext 1614.

March 21, 2014 Out- of-School –Time Housing Conference

The Partnership for Children and Youth is hosting the 2014 Out-of-School Time Housing Conference on Friday, March 21 at the Boy Scouts of America office: 1001 Davis St. San Leandro, CA 94577. This is a free hands-on conference that will provide training and tools to help service coordinators and youth workers in housing communities create quality after-school and summer programs for children and youth. The goal is to provide youth workers in housing settings with resources, structures and strategies on how to best support the youth they serve. The list of workshops will include and is not limited to: *Parent Engagement, Supporting Kids with Trauma, and Building Program Culture.*

Please register ASAP if you are interested in attending, space is limited: <https://pcy.wufoo.com/forms/2014-outofschooltime-housing-conference/>

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Beebe at laura@partnerforchildren.org or 510-830-4200 x 1614-

April- Enrollment Begins for Summer 2014 Semester Courses Related to After-School and Youth Work

Enrollment for courses related to After-School and Youth Work will begin in April for Summer 2014 at City College in San Francisco. There are short-term Spring courses that are still open for enrollment.

You can earn certificates in Youth Worker and After-School Specialties! There is a possibility to earn an AS or an AS transfer degree at CCSF. There are also courses available for future K-12 teachers and those wanting to learn more about serving children with special needs. Visit the CCSF site and explore the possibilities.

April 8, 2014 Child Development and Early Childhood Education Career Fair

City College Phelan Campus invites child development agencies to celebrate, “Week of the Young Child” at the Child Development and Early Childhood Education Career Fair. The Career Fair will take place on Tuesday, April 8, from 3:00-6:00pm at the City College Phelan Campus: 50 Phelan Ave Multiuse Building (MUB) first floor, room 140.

All interested Early Child Education groups have to RSVP by Wednesday March 26, 2014 to Brenda Wemiz: bwemiz@ccsf.edu. For more information about the San Francisco Early Childhood Professional Development Project, please visit <http://www.ccsf.edu/NEW/en/educational-programs/school-and-departments/school-of-health-and-physical-education/ChildDevFamilyStudies/pdp.html>

April 16- SRI Afterschool Science Forum

SRI Education and the California Afterschool Network are hosting 4 forums focused on the current state and future direction of afterschool science. Invited thought leaders from the afterschool and informal science fields will gather to discuss: important research findings from the first comprehensive multi-year study of science education in California’s state-funded afterschool programs, generate research implications, and shape the agenda for the future of afterschool science. The SRI research forums will provide great opportunity for leaders to learn and contribute to the discussion about science in California afterschool programs. The San Francisco Bay Area forum will take place in Menlo Park on April 16, 2014. To learn more and register, visit: <http://www.afterschoolnetwork.org/overview/sri-afterschool-science-forum>

April 29-May 2, 2014: Boost Conference

From April 29th-May 2, 2014 join the Best of Out-of-School Time Conference (BOOST), the nation’s largest, most recognized and comprehensive conference for after school and out-of-school time professionals. It is set in a retreat-like atmosphere in Palm Springs, CA and provides a rejuvenating experience for boosting the direction for quality programming. This conference will feature: 125 workshops, the latest OST trends in research, in depth learning sessions and many more educational opportunities.

For **more information** and to **register** please visit: <http://www.boostconference.org/>

May 9, 2014: Summer Matters Staff Conference for Line Staff

The Summer Matters Program Staff Conference is designed for front-line staff, teachers and site coordinators. This is a FREE conference that provides practical training and tools to help summer learning programs create a summer culture that is inclusive, youth-focused, and fun.

There will be a Star Wars series where characters use technology to explore space, solve problems, and create a better society, which can be applied to the work in summer learning. The Summer Matters Leadership Conference invites you to explore the universe and enjoy the adventure of summer learning. May the force be with you!

It will be held at Preservation Park in Oakland, California on May 9, 2014 from 8:15am to 2pm. For more information and any questions, please contact Laura Beebe at laura@partnerforchildren.org.

May 12-May 13: CA Afterschool Challenge

This event aims to educate and inspire professionals, youth, and parents in afterschool and school age care programs to engage in grassroots advocacy to advance the out-of-school time field. The event includes a full day of training and networking that culminates with legislative visits and a rally at the State Capitol. Participants will learn about issues impacting the OST field and educate legislators about programs from firsthand experience. For more information, please visit www.calsac.org and contact Zak Parpia with any questions at zparpia@calsac.org or 510-444-4622, ext. 103.

June 11, 2014-July 16, 2014 Extended Learning & Support Summer Learning

The Extended Learning & Support (ELS) office in SFUSD is offering credit recovery options for SFUSD students. Balboa high school, Washington high school, and Thurgood Marshall high school are designated as credit recovery sites, Galileo academy is designated as a summer graduation site and students expecting to graduate in the summer can sign up. In addition to traditional classes, over 20 a-g approved courses will be available online through Edgenuity. For more information about the credit recovery options, visit the ELS site: <http://exls.weebly.com/our-programs.html>

Reports and Resources

Out of School Time Cost Calculator from the Wallace Foundation

The Wallace Foundation has a resource that can help with determining the costs of a variety of options for high-quality out-of-school time programs and assist with budgeting. This calculator also lets you know the questions to ask, provides an easy to understand analysis of the data entered and offers ideas and resources. Visit the Wallace Foundation site and online calculator for assistance with budgeting: <http://www.wallacefoundation.org/cost-of-quality/cost-calculator/Pages/cost-calculator.aspx>

Getting to Work on Summer Learning: Recommended Practices for Success

The Wallace Foundation has made available a report based on evaluations of six summer programs in six urban districts selected for a multi-year demonstration project. Research shows that during the summer, low-income residents suffer disproportionate learning loss and this loss accumulates over time. This report offers guidance to school district leaders interested in launching or improving summer learning programs. Recommendations include to start planning in January and stick to a firm enrollment deadline. The full report can be found at: <http://www.wallacefoundation.org/knowledge-center/summer-and-extended-learning-time/extended-learning-time/Documents/Getting-to-Work-on-Summer-Learning-Recommended-Practices-for-Success.pdf>

New Wallace Foundation Videos Show How Afterschool Can Help Cities Close the Opportunity Gap

The Wallace Foundation funded the creation of videos featuring national experts discussing what cities can do to close the achievement gap and boost quality and participation in out of school time programs. The videos were originally created for the Better Together Conference on how cities can improve access to high-quality afterschool. The videos and report from the conference can be found at: <http://www.wallacefoundation.org/view-latest-news/events-and-presentations/Pages/VIDEO-Afterschool-and-Afterschool-Systems.aspx>
Feedback related to the videos and other products can be provided at Emailalerts@wallacefoundation.org.

California Afterschool Network Campaign for Quality

The California Afterschool Network's Campaign for Quality aims to improve afterschool program quality through sharing their promising practices described in their Quality Self-Assessment tools. The campaign recently launched a series of videos that highlight each of the 11 sections of the QSA tool and the 5 sections of the High

School QSA Rubric. The 3-5 minute videos are intended to be used as meaningful conversation starters with afterschool program stakeholders on program quality and to start a plan for continuous improvement. The videos and related QSA resources can be found at: <http://www.afterschoolnetwork.org/campaign-quality>

Resources about Common Core Initiative in CA

The Silicon Valley Common Core Initiative has a general page with resources about common core in California. This is a general resource about the common core standards, how it is being applied in California, how it is being implemented, related news and resources for parents and teachers. Please visit this source at: <http://www.siliconvalleyccf.org/content/common-core/resources>

Funding Opportunities

New York Life Excellence in Summer Learning Award

The 2014 New York Life Excellence Award recognizes outstanding summer programs that demonstrate excellence in accelerating academic achievement and promoting healthy development for youth between kindergarten and twelfth grade. There is an opportunity for three programs to win the \$10,000 award. The steps and application are now available and can be found at:

http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=excellence_apply

If you have any questions about the award, please contact Larry Smith, Program Quality Manager at lsmith@summerlearning.org or 410-856-1370 ext 408.

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<http://sfelc.org/about-expanded-learning-collaborative/newsletters-2/>

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