

Register Now!



Second Annual Symposium

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Time: 8:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: Universities at Shady Grove
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Building 2
Multi Purpose Room
Rockville, MD 20850

Who should attend?

Educators, OST Program Providers, Community and Faith Leaders, Elected Officials, Public and Private Agencies, Funders, Business Representatives and anyone who wants to ensure that out-of-school time programs continue to grow in number and quality to support our school-aged children and youth.

There will be two breakout sessions of six (6) workshops per session to choose from. A brief description of each follows. **DUE TO LIMITED SPACE YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOPS OF YOUR CHOOSING.** Please indicate your first and second choices on the registration form.

Session Titles

First Period:

1-A The Quest for Quality: Developing Key

Standards: Using health safety and nutrition standards as an example, learn how these standards are being implemented, and have worked to strengthen programs and develop high quality OST experiences for youth.

1-B Youth Engagement: What's in It for Them?:

How can out of school time programs engage and retain youth during the middle and high school years? Come and learn about successes and strategies used by programs, and hear from the youth themselves!

1-C Investing in Our Future: Excel Beyond the Bell

Funders Network: The Collaboration Council and Montgomery County Community Foundation are partnering to support innovations and partnerships in after school programs. This session will focus on strategies being developed by the Network to fund direct services and professional development.

1-D Designing Effective OST Programs: It's All in

the Brain: How can programs effectively address life-skills building, given what we know about brain development and adolescent decision-making? What are realistic expectations of how programs can support positive youth development?

1-E Inquiring Young Minds: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math:

Out-of-school programs can engage school-agers in STEM activities so they become scientifically literate community members and/or our future STEM workforce. This session will cover an introduction to STEM; what approaches are effective (Hint-you don't need to be a scientist!); and how after-school programs can contribute.

1-F OST Programs Engaging and Supporting

Families: In times of economic crisis, OST programs are often asked to provide a wide range of services and referrals to families of youth participating in programs. Learn how two organizations have effectively worked with county government to obtain services and support families.



Key Note Speaker: Dr. Jay Giedd

Dr. Giedd is a lead neuroscientist at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda. Recently, he spearheaded research showing for the first time that there is a wave of growth and change in the adolescent brain. He is internationally renowned for translating this research into everyday language that also informs the realistic expectations we should have for adolescent behavior and everyone's role in influencing positive brain development at this critical period.

Second Period:

2-G Creating the Most Competent Youth Workers:

Learn how positive youth development is promoted and reinforced through training programs for workers, such as Advancing Youth Development (AYD) training.

2-H Sharing Success: Telling Your Story So People

Listen!: Great programs use evaluation to determine their effectiveness in meeting their objectives. Evaluation is a learning tool and a way of communicating with key stakeholders about program success. This workshop will share a set of tools for putting together powerful reports and developing key messages that complement statistics with human stories.

2-I Beating the Recession: Building Your

Organization's Future: Nonprofits of all sizes are being challenged to remain in operation and continue programming during this economic downturn. Hear strategies and share ideas on how your organization can weather the storm.

2-J Building Partnerships with Middle Schools

through RecExtra: Recreation Department programs such as RecExtra can play a connecting role for MCPS, nonprofit providers and communities through their approach to working in schools. Two examples of successful and innovative partnerships will be highlighted.

2-K Preparing Youth for the 21st Century

Workforce: OST is a key way for youth to engage with the work environment and help them with future career choices. This panel, moderated by county government workforce experts, will focus on key components of career and work preparatory programs.

2-L Connecting with Youth: Cultural Competence

for All: In our diverse county, organizations and their staff who deliver out-of-school time programs need to work in ways that acknowledge and respect participants' cultures. This session provides a foundation on cultural diversity and competency in youth programs along with strategies and resources to build engaging, responsive programs.

This symposium is FREE!

Deadline for submitting registration: May 13, 2009

Email completed registration form to Alicia Church at alicia.church@collaborationcouncil.org or fax to 301.610.0148

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Name: _____

Phone: _____

Title _____

Email _____

Organization _____

Check here if you **do not** want your contact information shared with other Symposium Participants

Please describe yourself *(check all that apply)*

- Community Leader
- Elected Official
- MCPS Staff
- Parent
- Program Manager
- Student
- Youth Worker (work directly with youth)
- Other: _____

Please describe your organization *(check only one)*

- Advocacy Group
- Business
- Community Based Provider
- Faith Community
- Funder
- Public Agency
- Other: _____

Break-out Session One: Please select your 1st and 2nd choice *See Flyer for description of each break-out session*

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- 2 - G. Creating the Most Competent Youth Workers
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Complimentary Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided.

Return Registration to Alicia Church: e-mail alicia.church@collaborationcouncil.org fax 301.610.0148

You will be notified via email when your registration has been processed. Thank you

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 3 full business days advance notice, prior to the day of the event. If you need other services or accommodations to participate in this activity, please call Alicia Church at 301.610.0147 or email alicia.church@collaborationcouncil.org. Taking these steps will help us have sufficient time to best meet your needs.