

Your update on training opportunities available through the BOOST Grants Program

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We are grateful for your continued engagement and feedback throughout the BOOST Grants program. **As the BOOST grants program comes to a close, this is the final BOOST Training Update.** In order to continue to receive this training and quality supports content, grantees are encouraged to subscribe to GSAN's new Quality and Training Update. Kindly [click this link](#) to sign up for the latest information.

Training Spotlight



2025 National Afterschool Alliance Annual Conference Scholarships Now Open!

Back again this year! These mini-grants provide BOOST grantees with the opportunity to learn, collaborate and expand their professional development through attendance at the National Afterschool Association Annual Convention in Nashville, TN on March 9-12, 2025. Each selected grantee will receive a one-time mini-grant in the amount of \$1,500 to cover registration and travel related costs. Any costs above \$1,500 will be the grantees/organization's responsibility. Based on increased interest, this will be a competitive application review process. Up to two staff per org, can apply. **Deadline: October 25, 2024.** [Register Today!](#)

Register

Upcoming Events (In-Person)

Data and Outcomes Professional Learning Community starts this October. Sign-Up Today!

This professional learning community (PLC) is designed to give space for OST staff interested in collaborating, learning, and sharing information and ideas pertaining to data and evaluation. Led by the Transformative Research and Evaluation (TRE) Team, participants will co-create an agenda of topics to cover during the PLC. Potential topics include using data to raise dollars, using data to improve programs, visualizing data, identifying the right data collection instruments, collecting data, and identifying performance measures. **Deadline to register is September 20th.** [Sign-Up Today!](#)



Sign Up Here



OST CEO Reflection: Youth Program Quality Assessment

"The resources we've had access to have proven invaluable to Odyssey, significantly enhancing our strategic planning and overall impact on the scholars and families we serve. We are deeply grateful for the assessment, which not only validated much of our methodology and programming but also provided us with valuable insights for improvement. We plan to use the metrics, feedback, and insights gained to adopt a more data-informed approach as we continue to foster highly engaged classrooms that empower our scholars with voice, academic rigor, creativity, and a strong sense of community." Kisha Stanley, Executive Director

The YPQA assessment provides programs with the data needed to identify strengths & challenge areas and build safer, more supportive, interactive, & engaging environments for youth. The assessment will include a 3-hour observation, review session and supplemental resources and is available at no cost to your program. [Sign-up today.](#)

[Sign Up Here](#)

Host a Youth Works Methods trainings at your program. At no cost!

Are you ready to learn more about high quality strategies for your programs? [The Youth Work Methods](#) are powerful strategies that build on more than 50 years of research and practice in positive youth development. Through the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network, you and your staff have access to choose from 10 workshops that are modeled on the Weikart Center's pyramid of program quality and designed to give point-of-service staff practical skills that can be implemented immediately. **Organizations must enroll at least 10 participants to host a training.**

[Register](#)



Upcoming Events (Virtual)

Take advantage of "unlimited access" to Youth Work Methods online courses.

GSAN has partnered with the David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality to provide accessible, asynchronous training options. The Youth Work Methods are powerful strategies that build on more than 50 years of research and practice in positive youth development. Through GSAN, staff are eligible to receive **unlimited access for one year after sign-up** to all 10 self-paced online workshops that are modeled on the Weikart Center's pyramid of program quality and designed to give point-of-service staff practical skills that can be implemented immediately. [Register your program managers, site coordinators and site staff today!](#)

[Sign Up Here](#)



Supporting Youth Mental Health-Peer Learning Community

The emotional and mental wellbeing health and safety are a priority for all those that work with youth in the OST environment. Come gather with likeminded professionals each month to learn about supports, resources, and enhanced practice techniques and skills for serving children, youth, and teens. This community meeting monthly, from August through February on the third Tuesday of the month. [Register today!](#)



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On-Demand Resources

Free To You! GCN has updated their calendar that includes in-person and virtual training events.

Georgia Center of Nonprofit has recently updated their events calendar to include trainings such as Management Accelerator, What Now? Donor Stewardship and the Certificate of Nonprofit Social Media. Simply complete the below form indicating your interest in participating and the voucher will be provided to you. Multiple staff per BOOST grantee organization are able to take advantage of this opportunity to customize their professional development journey. This gift underscores GSAN's commitment to providing a valuable learning experience aimed to strengthen BOOST grantee organizations as we approach the BOOST funding cliff. [Sign-up today!](#)



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Calling all Young Professionals!

Are you a young professional, age 35 or younger, working in afterschool or out-of-school time? We want to hear from you! We know that you are likely seeking information, resources, and opportunities most relevant to your interests and career goals. Please consider completing this [NAA YP survey](#) to help the National AfterSchool Association best serve you and other young professionals.



[Take the Survey](#)

Available 24/7! On-Demand Training Resources and Web

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Check out the below and other valuable resources available on-demand in the [BOOST OST Resource Library](#).

Want to invite other members of your grantee organization to receive these training emails? Send them this [sign-up link](#)! Employees at all levels are invited to access BOOST resources!

Want to get updates on afterschool funding opportunities? [Sign up to receive updates from Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network](#)



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