

Building Opportunities in Out of School Time (BOOST) Grants Program

Grantee Townhall #2:

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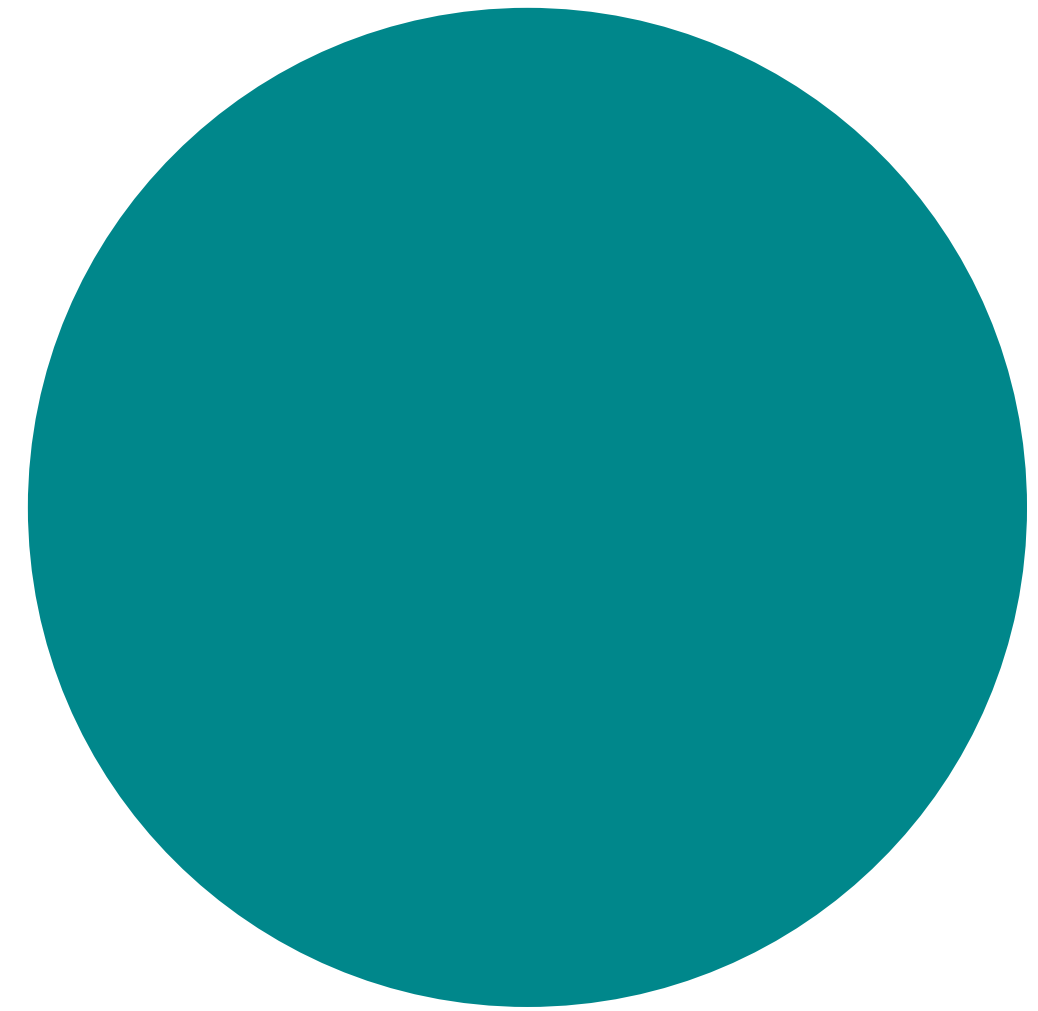


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HOUSEKEEPING FOR TODAY'S SESSION



- **Automatic Mute**--if you mistakenly come off, please re-mute yourself during presentation.
- **Session is being recorded**; will be posted to BOOST Grantee Resource Hub by end of week.
- Link will be included in the next Grantee Update Newsletter.
- We welcome direct feedback at any time at boost@georgiavoices.org!
- There will be **time reserved to ask questions**: you can use your mic or the chat!
- Acknowledgement – not all info applies to all grantees (i.e., those who don't have project modifications or those that are already a state vendor).



AGENDA

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GRANTEE CHECK IN:

Your Experience As A BOOST Grantee To-Date

JOIN AT MENTI.COM

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1. SHARING YOUR STORIES

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME STORIES: BOOST GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS



- Produced pieces highlighting the work of afterschool and summer programs in Georgia
 - BOOST Grantee Spotlights series
- Interview with leadership and program-level staff
- 30 min - 1 hour, conducted via zoom
- Hosted on the GSAN website
 - <https://www.afterschoolga.org/resources/boostreports/>

Out-of-School Time Stories

BOOST Grantee Spotlight: **Los Niños Primero**



Growth, belonging, gratitude, and a sense of community, these are the feelings that are evoked in the staff and families alike when they think of Los Niños Primero. Since 2001, the program has provided educational support for 5,300 children, young adults and their families in Sandy Springs, Roswell and Hapeville, Georgia. **The program takes a whole child and multi-generational approach to empower underserved Latino students and their families from early childhood to college through holistic academic, leadership, and community programs.** The program has focused its Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time (BOOST) grant on expanding programming for youth and families and reducing barriers, including transportation and program costs, to ensure access for more children.

The community served by Los Niños Primero constitutes a high concentration of immigrant families primarily from South and Central America and the Caribbean Islands. The program prides itself on its multi-generational approach and being responsive to community needs. While academic services are provided to children aged 3 – 9 and extracurricular opportunities are provided to youth aged 9 – 12, children age 13 through young adulthood can volunteer and gain work experience. Parents and families can engage in a leadership program that provides them with money management skills and are connected to employment opportunities and resources in the community.

Youth Served:
484 annually



Ages Served:
K-12th grade

Counties Served:
Barrow, Cherokee,
Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb,
Douglas, Forsyth, Fulton,
Gwinnett, Walton

Programming Offered:
Afterschool and Summer

BOOST Grant Purpose:
Expand access,
Reduce barriers, and
Increase quality

OST Government Funding Sources:
BOOST grant and
Learning Loss grant

Website:
www.losninospriero.org



GRANTEE RESOURCE HUB

- Central location for all BOOST-related documents and registration pages
- Featured section with the most timely and relevant links
- Communications section with links to the most recent Grantee and BOOST Blast Training updates
 - Access to the Grantee and Training Update archives
- Access to Technical Assistance scheduling

BOOST 2025 Grantee Page

Home > BOOST 2025 Grantee Page



Building off the success of the American Rescue Plan funded Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time (BOOST) grants program, which launched in 2021 and concluded in 2024, Georgia has an opportunity to continue providing expanded and improved learning and supports for all students. With new state funding included in Georgia's FY26 state budget, the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN) is proud to work with the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) to continue the BOOST grants program. Approximately \$11.5 million will be available this year, and annually upon continued state appropriations, through competitive grants to expand access to and improve the quality of summer enrichment opportunities and comprehensive afterschool programming for K-12 youth statewide.

Featured:

[Grants Accounting Access Form](#)

[Schedule Technical Assistance](#)

[BOOST Implementation FAQ](#)

<https://www.afterschoolga.org/boostgranteeresourcehub/>



2. DATA & EVALUATION

REPORTS

Report Name	Due	Where To Submit
Quarterly Implementation Reports (implementation stats that supports renewal decisions in June)	~quarterly (see BOOST Important Dates)	BOOST Grants Portal
Grantee Survey (survey administered by Metis of pre and post BOOST program experience)	March (ASP) June (SE)	BOOST Grants Portal
Annual Report (report of year's implementation and outcomes)	August-September	BOOST Grants Portal
Quality Intake Survey	Once in grant cycle	BOOST Grants Portal
Financial Audit (submit proof of purchase for random expenses from invoices)	Once in grant cycle	BOOST Grants Portal
Completion Report (financial reconciliation to GaDOE)	August 2026	MyGaDOE Portal
OST Stories	BOOST Team will contact	Interview with BOOST Team

SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT

DUE JANUARY 30, 2026

TO COMPLETE ACCURATELY

- Only submit site data using the Excel template provided.
- **DO NOT** use prior Excel templates. They omit critical data points
- For each site, indicate if they operate during ASP, SE, or both
- We need a physical address for all sites provided
- *Timely submission is critical for this report*



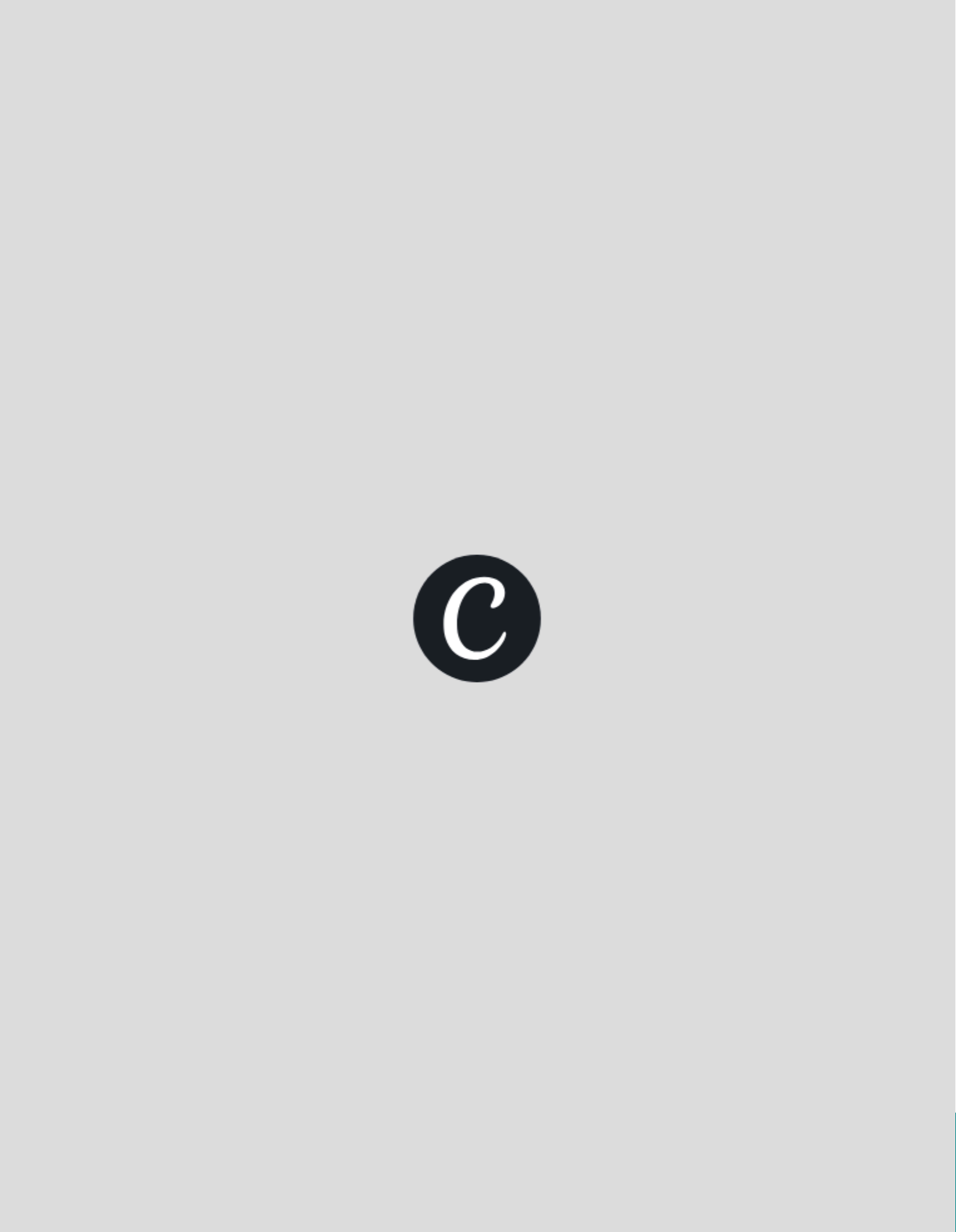
REPORTING: WHAT WILL BE REQUESTED

QUARTERLY REPORTING

- Total Number of Unduplicated Youth Served
- Ages of youth served
- Race/ethnicity of youth served
- Gender of youth served
- Dosage (Hours and Days of Programming)
- Counties of service sites
- Sites (addresses)
- New!** • Brief description of activities in 3 priority program areas (literacy based on the science of reading, numeracy, workforce development).



QUARTERLY REPORT SAMPLE



REPORTING: PROGRAM OUTCOMES REVIEW

Metis will review the 3 program outcomes outlined in your grant application to ensure that they are **measurable** and have **quantifiable targets** (October 2025).

Metis will reach out to grantees with one or more outcomes that warrant revision and will work with them individually to make needed adjustments (November-December 2025).

BOOST Grant Outcome Measures Revision

Dear BOOST Grantee,

In the original BOOST grant application, all grantees were required to develop three outcomes for youth participants: one for learning acceleration (required) and two others in any of the four BOOST service areas: learning acceleration, enrichment, healthy eating/physical activity, and well-being and connectedness. Grantees operating both academic year and summer programming were required to propose outcomes for both program periods.

All outcomes need to have **quantifiable targets**. This is so that grantees can report progress toward meeting their unique program outcomes while also enabling outcome results to be aggregated across grantees to assess statewide progress.

Target Setting Tips

A target number is a clear indicator of how the program defines success and what is intended to be accomplished with BOOST funds. Establishing quantifiable targets is part of the process of ensuring that your outcomes are SMART: **s**pecific, **m**easurable, **a**ttainable, **r**ealistic and **t**ime bound. Below is an example of a SMART outcome:

At least 75% of participating students will improve their performance in English Language Arts, as measured by an increase of one letter grade on year-end report cards.

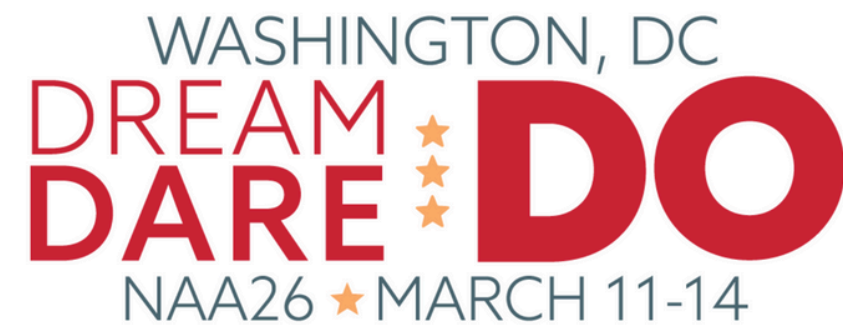
We encourage you to set realistic, yet impactful/meaningful targets for your program. Some suggested steps for developing targets include working with your local evaluator (if applicable) and stakeholders to:

- Review any past results, current context, and known trends to establish targets that are attainable and realistic.
- Consider known or anticipated changes that might affect 2022-2023 outcomes differently from previous years.



3. QUALITY & TRAINING UPDATE

NAA SCHOLARSHIPS REMINDER



23 BOOST-funded organizations were awarded a BOOST Grant Scholarship, which supports registration for the 2026 NAA Convention. Scholarship amount: \$615 (reimbursable)

Important Registration Reminder

Current NAA registration fee: \$640
BOOST scholarship covers \$615

The remaining balance is the responsibility of the organization

Action Required

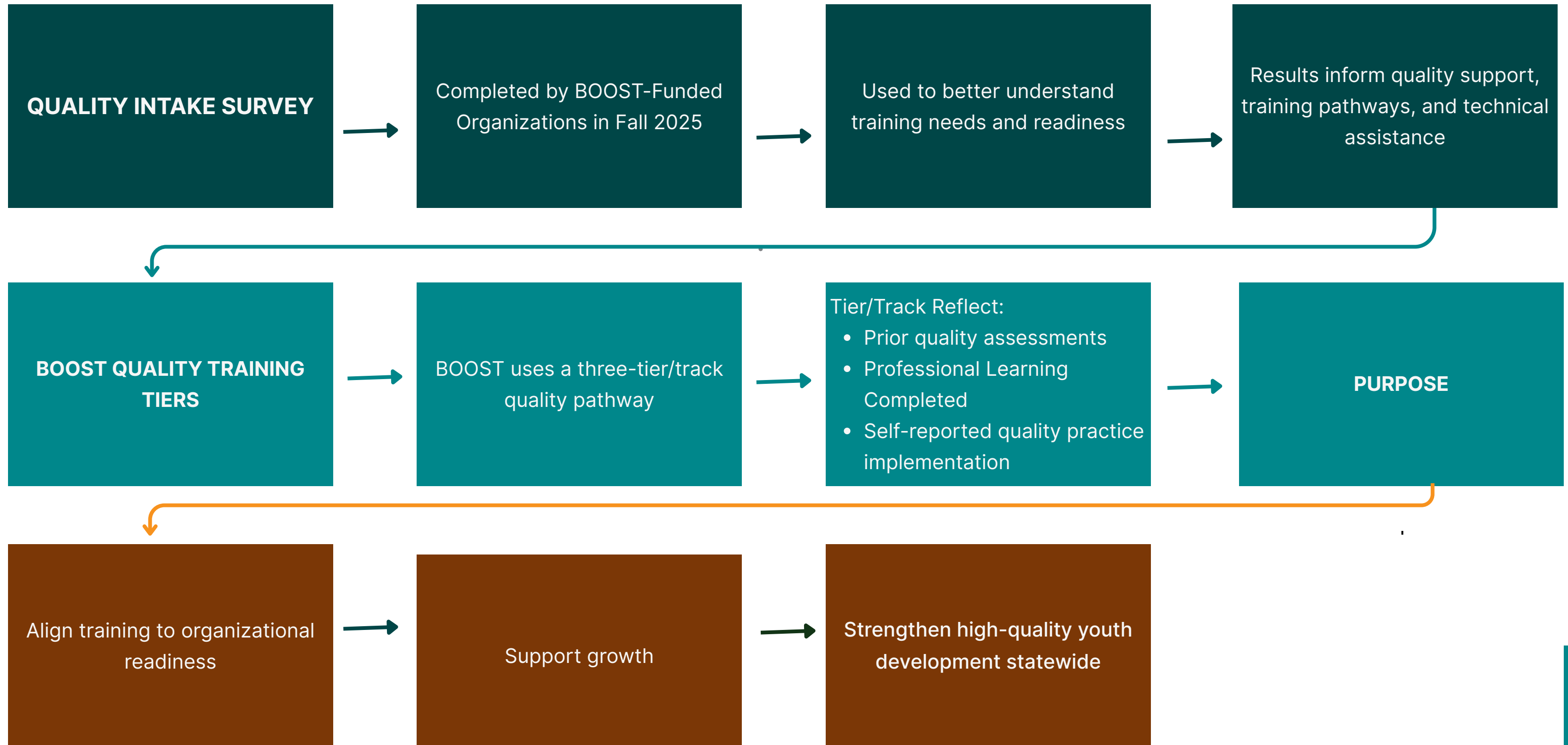
Register for the conference

- Upload proof of registration to the Submittable Portal

Deadline: January 23

After January 23, registrations will no longer be reimbursed

QUALITY INTAKE SURVEY & TIER INTRODUCTION



BOOST QUALITY TRAINING PATHWAY OVERVIEW

QUALITY INTAKE SURVEY RESULTS

Based on the Quality Intake Survey Results

TIER/TRACK 1

Foundational Track:

47 organizations are tracking in tier 1

- New to quality standards
- **Focus:** Understanding High Quality Youth Development
- **Training:** ASYD Foundation and youth development basics

TIER/TRACK 2

Developing Track:

9 organizations are tracking in tier 2

- Some assessments and training completed
- **Focus:** Consistency and implementation
- **Training:** Youth Work Methods and Applied Practice

TIER/TRACK 3

Sustaining/Advanced:

3 organizations are tracking in tier 3

- Strong, consistent quality
- **Focus:** Leadership and sustainability
- **Support:** Peer coaching and external assessment readiness

What This Means

Tier/Track placement is based on what organizations reported
Data reflects assessment history, training participation, and quality ratings
Pathways help guide next steps for professional learning
Statewide Data Review is underway



4. COMPLIANCE MONITORING UPDATE

COMPLIANCE & ASSURANCE MONITORING POLICY

BOOST's compliance monitoring ensures grant funds are used appropriately and programs operate effectively. Our goal is to proactively identify trends and support needs that strengthen grantee success. While focused on improvement, the process also includes proportionate corrective actions when compliance issues arise.



FINANCIAL AUDIT

- There will be no financial intake survey.
- Will use key financial data points we already have to place each organization into a financial readiness category
- Based on readiness category, will be scheduled for audit
- Full instructions will be provided prior to audit
- Compliance will be assessed according to the Compliance & Monitoring Policy
- Anticipate beginning in April



SITE VISITS

- BOOST Team will contact you with the dates available for your organization
- Will complete a pre-site visit form
- Take place in either two time blocks 11AM - 2Pm or 3PM - 5Pm
- Based on Quality Path assigned may have a YPQA take place the same day of the site visit
- Not intended to be punitive; It's a time for BOOST team to engage with program leaders, staff, and youth
- Can have a technical assistance meeting with staff while we are with you
- After site visit, will provide one attendance roster and share some media with us

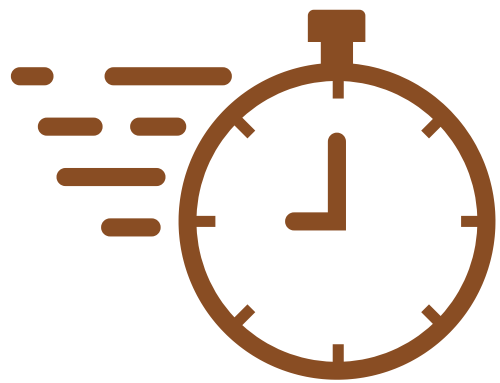




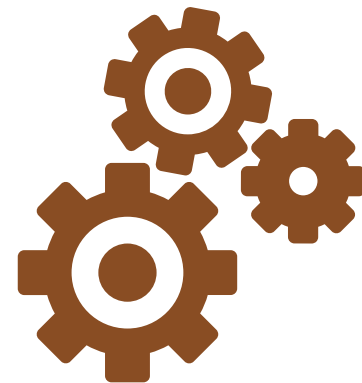
5. VENDOR ESTABLISHMENT UPDATE



VENDOR FORMS UPDATE



We remain committed to getting everyone established as quickly as possible



There are several moving parts, some in GSAN controls, some GaDOE controls, others outside of both of our controls



Expected to have 3 months of working capital in place to sustain programming until vendor processing complete



There is no penalty to organizations as we work to get everyone established to invoice

VENDOR ESTABLISHMENT



VENDOR MANAGEMENT FORMS

86%

86% of organizations in our portfolio are fully established as vendors with GaDOE.



GRANTS ACCOUNTING FORMS

92%

92% of submitted access requests have been processed by GSAN.



6. INVOICES, BOOST GRANTS PORTAL, & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

INVOICE & BUDGET REVISION DATES

Drawdown Dates	Minimum Drawdown %	Expense Months	Budget Revisions & Invoice Submission Windows
October 31, 2025	25%	October – December	October 13th -October 31st *Budget Revisions Accepted
December 31, 2025	50%	November – February	December 8th - December 19th *Budget Revisions Accepted
Feb 27, 2026	75% Summer-Only 50%	January – April	February 16th -February 27th *Budget Revisions Accepted
May 29, 2026	100% (Final Invoice-ALL)	March – July	April 27th - May 8th *Summer Only Programs Budget Revisions Accepted

Grantees must submit drawdown requests for incurred and anticipated expenses included in the approved budget according to the above schedule, which is subject to change

INVOICE APPROVAL STEPS

1. Invoices must be uploaded to the [BOOST Grants Portal](#) for review
 - a. If **approved** by GSAN, you will receive communication via the portal. The status within the grants portal will be updated to **“completed.”**
 - b. If **revisions** are required, grantees will receive communication via the portal about specific revisions.
2. Once you receive approval notification, you will then upload the invoices **exactly as it's been approved** into the [MyGaDOE Portal](#)-Invoice Application
3. Attach your signed expenditure report & narrative document to the first line of invoice.
4. Follow **all** steps in the invoice submission guide.
5. After uploading and submitting the information into the [MyGaDOE portal](#), the GaDOE Program Manager will review for accuracy and complete the final approval

Needed to
submit all forms
& reports to
GSAN

BOOST GRANTS PORTAL

~POWERED BY SUBMITTABLE~

- Submit all state vendor forms if revisions are needed
- Contact updates
- Budget revisions
- Quarterly and annual reports
- Quality Assessment Intake Survey

<https://voicesforgeorgiaschildren.submittable.com/submit>

Voices for Georgia's Children

There are presently no open calls for submissions.

Welcome to the GSAN Grants Portal!

The Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN) is a public-private collaborative that envisions a day when all communities in Georgia have the resources to provide high quality afterschool and summer programming.

[BOOST Grantee Resource Hub](#)

[MyGaDOE Portal](#)

[BOOST Grant TA Support](#)

Technical Questions?

Check out the [Submitter Resource Center](#) or contact [Submittable Customer Support](#).

[Return to our website](#) [View your submissions](#)

TIPS FOR NAVIGATION

1. Go to the [BOOST Grants Portal](#) Main Page
2. Click on the “**View Your Submissions**” button at the bottom right of the page
3. On your submissions page, click on the number link for your BOOST submission
4. On the following page, you will select the Forms tab
5. Then select and open the request form needed



Needed to manage budget and to drawdown funds

MYGADOE PORTAL

- Consolidated Application (ConApp) (budget/documents)
- Invoice Application (invoices/expense reimbursement)
- Completion Reports

MyGaDOE

Please Log In

Username:

Password:

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Helpful links

- ◆ [MyGaDOE Online Guide](#)
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QUESTIONS?



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