

# Core } Trainings }

Online, in person and in print, the Center's tools and trainings transform programs into active learning environments—and build staff skills to keep the quality growing all year. Our coordinated suites of trainings and tools are designed for the diverse world of out-of-school programs serving children K-12, and to meet the needs of time-challenged directors, leaders, and administrators.

## Afterschool Education in Practice

Afterschool Education:  
Essentials of Practice

**Grades  
K–12**

Training Time: 3 – 6 hours

Fundamentals and how-to of afterschool education, with techniques and tools for linking with school day content while keeping that engaging afterschool style.

Recommended Guidebook: *Academic Content, Afterschool Style: A Notebook and Guide*

Engaging Older Youth

**Grades  
8–12**

Training time: 1.5 – 2 hours

Fresh ideas to tackle the diverse interests and needs of high school youth through homework support, 21st century skill building and more.

Recommended Guidebook: *Learning in Action Project Pack*

English Language Learning in Afterschool:  
It's More Than Just Talk

**Grades  
K–12**

Training Time: 1.5 hours – 6 hours

Core principles of language learning, activities and techniques every staff member can use to boost English language learning—at all levels—in afterschool programs.

GraffitiWall®: Fast Activities for Learning

**Grades  
3–10**

Training time: 1 – 1.5 hours

The Center's signature approach of fast, easy-to-make guessing games, puzzles, and activities posted on the wall to quickly engage kids of all ages.

Recommended Guidebook: *GraffitiWall Style Guide*

Global Learning with GraffitiWalls

Training time: 1.5 – 2 hours

**Grades  
4–11**

Adaptable quick, easy games and activities that any staff member can do on poster paper to get kids thinking about, connecting to, and learning from the world around them.

Recommended Guidebook: *Global GraffitiWall Style Guide*

Involving Families in Your Program

Training time: 1.5 hours

**Grades  
K–12**

Strategies to engage families, the community, and children of diverse backgrounds to increase awareness and understanding of different languages, cultures, and ways of life.

Recommended Guidebooks: *Global GraffitiWall Style Guide*



Linking with the School Day

Training Time: 1.5 – 3 hours

**Grades  
3–12**

High-quality programs collaborate with schools and their staff. Gain tools and strategies to develop stronger partnerships with schools and better support students' academic development.

Recommended Guidebook: *Academic Content, Afterschool Style: A Notebook and Guide*

Maximizing Youth Voice and Choice

Training time: 1.5 – 2 hours

**Grades  
K–12**

Take-home-and-use strategies to involve children in meaningful ways to develop and conduct programming that also builds confidence, leadership, independence, and skills.

Recommended Guidebook: *Academic Content, Afterschool Style: A Notebook and Guide*

### Remake Homework Time

Training Time: 1.5 – 2 hours

Grades  
K–12

Strategies and techniques for an engaging homework time that builds study skills, work habits, teamwork, creativity, independent learning—and gets schoolwork done!

Recommended Guidebooks: *Homework Zone Program Pack*, *Homework Time Afterschool Style*, and/or *Academic Content, Afterschool Style: A Notebook and Guide*

NEW!

### Supporting Literacy in Out-of-School Time

Training Time: 1.5 – 3 hours

Grades  
K–12

Read-alouds, book clubs, and journaling are just the beginning! Hands-on activities and strategies that support reading comprehension, vocabulary-building, and critical thinking.

NEW!

### Supporting Positive Youth Development

Training Time: 1.5 – 3 hours

Grades  
K–12

Learn strategies to build more enduring relationships that strengthen skills, redirect difficult behavior and help create a dynamic environment that fits children and young people's developmental needs.

### STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) for All

Training time: 3 – 4 hours

Grades  
4–12

Practical techniques to get kids computing, engineering, and experimenting that don't require a math whiz to do.

NEW!

### Supporting Youth Living in Poverty

Training Time: 1.5 – 3 hours

Grades  
K–12

Growing up is hard for all youth, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Gain useful resources to help youth living in poverty succeed in school and strategies to connect them to their communities.



The Center gets to the point of what to do rather than spending a lot of time discussing what needs to be done. We're all aware of what needs to be done; we need to know how to do it.

—Afterschool educator, Washington State

## Staff Development and Quality Improvement

### Do-It-Yourself Staff Development

Training time: 1.5 – 3 hours

Grades  
K–12

Step-by-step techniques for designing and delivering your own in-house trainings, even with limited time and resources.

Recommended Guidebook: *Afterschool Style in Practice: 25 Skill-Building Meetings for Staff*

### Promoting Cultural Competence in Your Program

Training time: 1.5 – 3 hours

Grades  
K–12

Strategies to increase awareness and promote cross-cultural communication and understanding amongst staff, students, and families.

Recommended Guidebook: *Afterschool Style in Practice: 25 Skill-Building Meetings for Staff*

### Evaluation: From Obligation to Opportunity

Training time: 1.5 – 2 hours

Grades  
K–12

Practical approaches to tailoring program evaluations to program goals, and translating data into realistic improvement plans.

Recommended Resource: *Quality Assurance System*®

### Quality: Know It, Show It, Grow It

Training time: 1.5 – 2 hours

Grades  
K–12

Personalized guidance for how to create systems and practices to build program quality and better support program youth.

Recommended Resource: *Quality Assurance System*®



## Tailor a training program to fit your needs and resources.

Plan sessions within your state or regional conferences, or even online. Extend or combine any of our sessions and topics for day-long or multi-day institutes. Build your on-site capacity for sustained quality-building or, pair in-person training with online follow-up or coaching for maximum accessibility and impact. Custom fees are based on time, materials, travel, and number of participants.