

Afterschool for All Technical Assistance Collaborative

LEADERSHIP TRACK 2008

Learning Circle Dates & Topics

AFA TAC is pleased to offer the opportunity for youth workers in San Francisco to participate in learning circles on a drop-in basis.

Time and Locations

Learning circles for drop-in participants run from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, with an optional networking lunch from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Learning circles will take place at multiple locations across San Francisco still TBD. Check on-line for learning circle locations at www.calsac.org.

RSVP Information

For each learning circle you choose to participate in, please RSVP to Annie Nogg at anogg@calsac.org by the RSVP deadline and specify whether you plan to attend the networking lunch from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Building Cultural Fluency

Event date: January 17 • RSVP by: January 10

Getting to know the children, youth and families we work with starts with knowing ourselves. This learning circle will focus on challenging youth workers to examine the “frame” we bring to our work, shaped by our own cultural background, ethnicity, social class, sexuality and life experiences.

Promoting Resiliency

Event date: February 7 • RSVP by: January 31

Only when we have learned how to relate to ourselves and others from a place of openness and understanding, can we truly promote resiliency in young people, supporting them to thrive within the context of their own lives. This circle will share research and best practices in a strengths-based approach to our own learning and growth, and how to apply that approach to the children and youth in our programs.

Staff Recruitment, Support and Supervision

Event date: February 21 • RSVP by: February 14

One of the greatest challenges facing new leaders in the afterschool field is finding, preparing, and supporting high quality staff. This learning circle will provide the opportunity for us to share with one another best practices in recruiting for talent and applying a strengths-based approach to supporting those we supervise.

Designing Engaging Programs

Event date: March 6 • RSVP by: February 28

Children and youth in afterschool programs often “vote with their feet,” simply choosing not to participate if they do not feel engaged and challenged. During this session, we will explore research and best practices in designing and implementing high quality programs that engage youth at each stage in the program development process and challenge them to take the lead in their own growth and development.

Effective Program Marketing and Networking

Event date: March 20 • RSVP by: March 13

Without an effective outreach and marketing plan, many high-quality programs struggle just to get young people in the door. Additionally, without a comprehensive and dynamic network of neighborhood and community relationships, program staff are unable to connect the young people we work with to needed resources and services. This session provides tips for outreaching for your program and simple and easy ways to create and maintain a thriving network as a resource for yourself, your program, and your participants.

Accessing and Incorporating Family and Community Resources

Event date: April 3 • RSVP by: March 27

Families can often provide a wealth of knowledge and resources for afterschool programs, both about their individual child or youth, and about the communities in which we work. This session will focus on how to access the resources available to us through the families of program participants and the communities to which they are inextricably linked. We will also explore strategies to incorporate these resources into our programs, in order to better serve the children and youth who participate.

Tools for Self-Rejuvenation and Professional Success

Event date: April 17 • RSVP by: April 10

Often in the service of children and youth, we forget to take care of ourselves, or take the time to improve our professional skills, such as organization and time management. Come to this session ready to take a deep breath, tune into yourself, and relax. We will share simple stress management techniques, assess our own “triggers:” the things that bring on and intensify our stress, and learn simple things we can do to better organize our work and manage our most valuable resource; our time.

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