

CONFERENCE GUIDE

EDUCATION EVOLVED:

FUTURE READY





Welcome to Beyond School Hours

Welcome to Beyond School Hours—our 29th national gathering of educators, leaders, and changemakers.

For nearly three decades, this conference has been a space where ideas are tested, voices are elevated, and the future of learning is shaped. This year, we gather with clarity and conviction.

Education Evolved: Future Ready is more than a theme—it is a challenge to lead boldly in a moment that demands innovation, courage, and determination.

Education is evolving—as it must. The world is changing rapidly. Future-ready education requires us to move beyond what is familiar, to embrace new tools and technologies with purpose, and to design learning experiences that are equitable, relevant, and deeply human. It calls us to prepare our children not just for the next test or transition—but for a lifetime of learning, leadership, and possibility.

Over the next few days, you will engage in forward-thinking conversations, explore emerging research and practices, and connect with colleagues from across the country who are shaping what comes next. We'll examine what it truly means to be future-ready—always centering the needs of children, families, and communities.

At Beyond School Hours, collaboration fuels progress. I encourage you to engage fully, ask hard questions, challenge assumptions, share your experience, and take risks in your thinking. The future of education depends on leaders willing to learn and evolve. My hope is that you leave Orlando energized, connected, and ready to lead with renewed purpose.

Thank you for your leadership, your commitment, and your belief in what education can and must become. The future is calling—and together, we will be ready!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda".

With gratitude,
Rhonda H. Lauer
President and CEO, Foundations, Inc.



On behalf of the City of Orlando, I am happy to welcome you to our community for the Foundations' Beyond School Hours National Conference. I hope that you have a wonderful time learning, sharing and making connections with other educators and leaders.

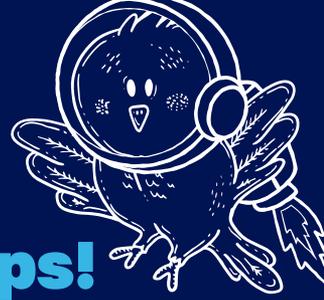
Please know that as Mayor, I am incredibly grateful for your dedication to ensuring that children have access to opportunities throughout the day that help them learn, grow and thrive. I hope that you find the conference rewarding and can also create opportunities to enjoy some of the many unique experiences that play a part in making Orlando unbelievably real.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buddy Dyer".

Buddy Dyer
Mayor, City of Orlando

Looking for something to do on Sunday afternoon? Jumpstart your conference experience with one of these

Early Bird Workshops!



SUNDAY | MARCH 1 | 2:45-4PM

Grounded & Future Ready: Spark Energy with Movement, Creativity, and Connection

Presenter: Sharon Marino

This interactive kickoff uses movement, creativity, and connection to help participants reset and arrive fully present. Designed to build community and spark energy, it sets a grounded, human-centered foundation for a future-ready conference experience.

**Wellness Lounge
Salon 1**

Strength for the Journey Parent Café: Conversations for Parents of Children with Disabilities

Presenter: Sarita Sashington

Grounded in the Parent Café model, this workshop centers the voices and experiences of parents, recognizing them as experts in their own lives. Participants will engage in meaningful dialogue, share strategies, and gain access to resources that support resilience, well-being, and community connection. The workshop emphasizes mutual support, practical knowledge, and the power of a strong village in sustaining families over time.

Salon 5/6

Finding Your Purpose & Reigniting Your Passion

Presenter: Dr. Gale Gorke

Finding meaning beyond ourselves keeps us healthier, happier and we live longer. We can learn to embrace change, manage our stress, re-invent and re-imagine ourselves. It allows us a sense of belonging, helps shape our lives, and influence the world around us. It is a journey that lasts a lifetime.

Salon 7/8

Clear Mind, Steady Heart: Mindfulness for the Frontlines of Youth Work

Presenter: Kirk Lowis

This reflective, restorative session offers a steady place to land. You'll be introduced to simple mindfulness-awareness practices — including sitting and walking meditation — designed to support nervous system regulation, personal resilience, and emotional clarity. Grounded in both practice and science, this session centers your wellbeing as essential to the work you do with young people. No meditation experience required — just come as you are, and bring the work you carry.

Salon 21

Featured Voices



Monday, March 2

8-9am

OPENING KEYNOTE

Dr. Adolph Brown

Professor, Clinical Psychologist, and Host of ABC's "The Parent Test"

Join Dr. Adolph Brown in the Exhibit Hall after his keynote for a special meet & greet. Stop by his merch table next to the Foundations booth to say hello and check out exclusive goodies!



Tuesday, March 3

8-9am

CHAMPION OF CHILDREN

Hill Harper

Humanitarian, Award-Winning Actor, Best-Selling Author, And Entrepreneur

After the keynote, 10 lucky attendees will be randomly selected to WIN an exclusive meet & greet with Hill Harper and receive a signed copy of his book!



Wednesday, March 4

9:30-10:45am

GRAND FINALE

Eric Rowles

CEO & President, Leading to Change

The *Leading To Change* training team will celebrate their 20th birthday by closing out BSH 2026 in epic fashion!

Get ready for the music, energy, laughter, and take-back-immediately tools that they have become known for.

HIGHLIGHTS

Opening Reception + Speed Meets with WRITE BRAIN WORLD

Sunday, March 1 • 6-8pm

Grand Ballroom C/D/E



Kick off Beyond School Hours in style at our high-energy Opening Reception—complete with delicious food, drinks, live music, and surprise special guests! Afterwards, stick around for Speed Meets right outside the ballroom for a fun, fast-paced way to network with some of the very best people on the planet!

STEAM FAIR featuring Mizzen + Nickelodeon

Monday, March 2 • 3:30-4:30pm

Grand Ballroom A

Get ready for a STEAM extravaganza featuring bite-sized lessons from experts across the country.

PLUS! Join Mizzen Education and Nickelodeon to take part in a hands-on Nickelodeon Our World: Play Lab, designed to let you experience the power of play firsthand and reflect on how playful, youth-driven approaches can be woven into STEAM-rich learning environments in your local context.

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Back by Popular Demand

Wellness Lounge



Get ready to recharge and refocus with an incredible lineup of mindful sessions from kid-grit's Julia Gabor and wellness leader Sharon Marino! Between sessions, enjoy a curated selection of wellness essentials, energizing snacks, and simple practices designed to help you reset, relax, and breathe a little deeper. The massage chairs are back too (first come, first served). Sign up in person at the Exhibit Hall on Sunday or reserve your spot for Monday and Tuesday in advance.

LOUNGE HOURS*

Sunday | 1-4pm

Monday | 9am-5pm

Tuesday | 9am-4:30pm

*closed during lunch 12-1pm



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 1

2:45-4pm

Early Bird Workshop
Grounded & Future Ready
with Sharon Marino

4-6pm

Massages in the
Exhibit Hall
(Sign-up Required)

Monday, March 2

11:15-11:45am

Workshop 2 Laugh Lab
with kid-grit in Lounge

11:15-11:45am

Workshop 2 Chair Yoga
with Sharon Marino in
Salon 13

2:15-3:30pm

Workshop 3 Letting Go:
Making Space to Grow with
kid-grit in Wellness Lounge

3:30-5pm

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Use code to schedule
your Chair Massage!



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Exhibit Hall Giveaways!

Join us during each exhibit hall break for chances to win amazing prizes like gift cards, tech gadgets, autographed books, exhibitor goodies, and more! Be sure to fill out the entry slip at registration. **Must be present to win!**

And did someone say complimentary massages to kick things off on Sunday?



Find Sunny Scavenger Hunt

Keep your eyes peeled—our new Foundations mascot will be popping up in surprise locations throughout the conference! Spot him and score an exclusive pocket-size Sunny stress reliever (while supplies last).

Check out the BSH app (opt in for notifications!) for clues!



BSH Exhibitor Bingo

Play to Win!



Grand Prize Karaoke Machine IT'S AS EASY AS...

1

Visit all of our exhibitors and have them stamp your game card (next page).

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Turn your completed card into the BSH registration desk by Tuesday, March 3 at 12:40 PM.

3

Winner will be announced at the Exhibit Hall Break from 1-2pm on Tuesday, March 3!

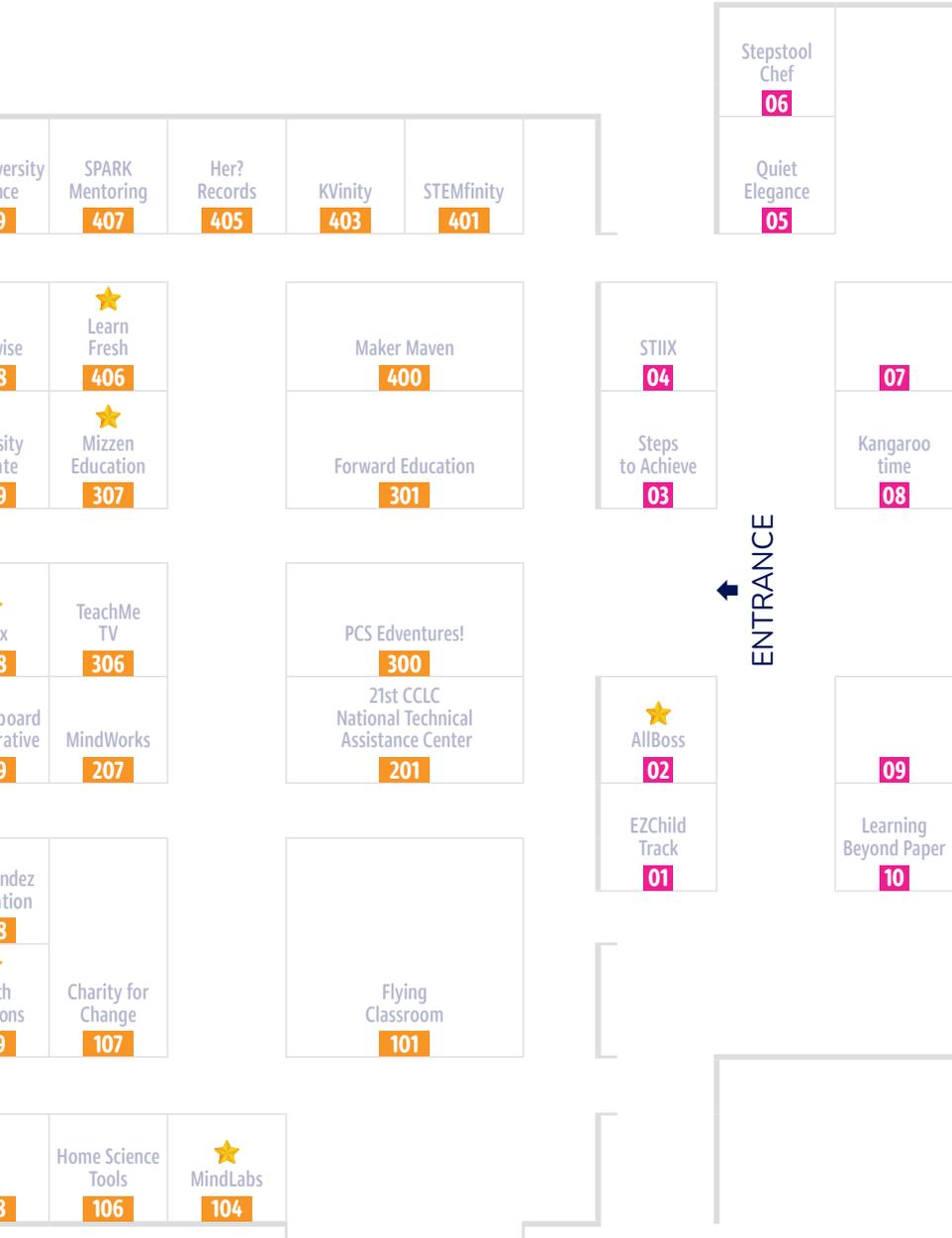
MUST BE IN THE EXHIBIT HALL TO WIN

Say hello to the best of the best! Visit all of our exhibitors and ask them to stamp your bingo card on their designated booth number.

BSH BINGO MAP

Edible Education 419		Speed Stacks 411		Neurodiversity Alliance 409		
★ School of Beats 420	Florida Tobacco Prevention Program 418	BucketGolf 416		Galileo Learning 412	★ kid-grit 410	Pathways 408
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Playing is easy and fun! Turn your completed card into the BSH registration desk by Tuesday, March 3 at 12:40 PM, then head to the Exhibit Hall where we'll announce the grand prize winner!

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Win more goodies! Grab a coffee and stop by their booth during the Exhibit Hall Break on Tuesday from 1-2 pm for a chance to win some swag and up to \$100 e-gift card!

Tuesday, March 3 from 1-2pm

Solution Showcase

Solutions you need to get the results you want!

Join exhibitors **MindLabs by Explore Interactive** and **Arux Software** for a unique workshop experience to explore their solution-driven products, services, and approaches that address key challenges educators face today.

Salon 4



MindLabs

Bolder Designs. Deeper Thinking. Simpler Setup.

Presenter: *Amanda Thompson, CEO and Founder of MindLabs*

Monday, March 2 • 2:15-3:30pm
(Workshop 3)

Step into a fast-paced, hands-on workshop where educators use a pocket-sized deck of colorful design cards to spark open-ended creativity with minimal setup or cleanup. Participants will tackle quick AR-powered STEM challenges—from circuits and robots to force, motion, light, and sound—while experiencing how MindLabs keeps collaboration playful and learning deeply engaging. You'll also explore MindLabs' streamlined digital notebooking tools that capture student thinking in real time, creating shareable evidence and meaningful metrics to bring back to your school or partners.



Arux: Trends and Technology in After School

Presenter: *Rob Wiens, Director of Sales & Partnerships*

Tuesday, March 3 • 9:45-11am *(Workshop 4)*

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the latest innovations from Arux. Explore new features that strengthen community connections and simplify child tracking throughout the day. Get a first look at upcoming enhancements and tools shaping the future of after school management. Plus, gain insights into emerging trends and key learnings from programs nationwide to help you stay inspired and connected.



Special Sessions

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**From Story to Sustainability:
Crafting Impact
Stories and
Marketing Your
Program**

**Monday, March 2
9:45-11am
(Workshop 1)**

Salon 8

**Permission to
Play (Granted!):
Nickelodeon +
Mizzen Reimagine
Playful STEAM
Learning**

**Monday, March 2
2:15-3:30pm
(Workshop 3)**

Salon 11

**Designing for
Belonging**

**Tuesday, March 3
9:45-11am
(Workshop 4)**

Salon 15

Behind the Grant: A Conversation with Funders

Monday, March 2 • 9:45-11am (Workshop 1)

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Panelists:

Gigi Antoni – Vice President, Youth Development, The Wallace Foundation

Dr. Anna Hinton – Director, Charter Schools Program Division, U.S. Department of Education

Kirsten Russell – Vice President, Community Impact for the Community Foundation of Sarasota County

Deborah Marshall – CEO, American Fundraising Foundation (AmFund) and President, American Fundraising Educational Foundation

Facilitated by Diane Melley – CEO, Melley and Associates and Former VP Global Initiatives, IBM

This can't-miss session offers a rare, candid look at how funding decisions are really made. Participants will gain practical insights into mission fit, organizational readiness, leadership and systems, effective use of data and storytelling, and how trust-based relationships shape funding outcomes—sometimes even before an application opens.

Advancing Economic Mobility through a 2Gen Lens: Empowering Parents through Education and Workforce Development

Monday, March 2 • 2:15-3:30pm (Workshop 3)

Salon 6

Panelists:

Kirsten Russell (moderator) – Vice President of Community Impact, Community Foundation of Sarasota County

Ashley Brown – President and CEO, Women's Resource Center

Felicia Phillips – Parent and Nursing Leader

Amanie Tomlinson – Student

Mary Tucker – Parent Education Navigator, Women's Resource Center (formerly with Sarasota County Schools)

This conversation will highlight innovative strategies and community collaborations that support parents in pursuing post-secondary education and workforce opportunities—creating ripple effects of stability, prosperity, and upward mobility for the entire family.

Special Panels

Anchors of Learning: Places and Spaces That Inspire Learning

Monday, March 2 • 2:15-3:30pm (Workshop 3)

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Facilitators:

Ron Fairchild – President and CEO, Smarter Learning Group

Dr. Munro Richardson – Executive Director, Read Charlotte

Panelists:

Sarah Cole – President and CEO, Glazer Children's Museum

Leanne White – Director of Learning and Conservation, Jacksonville Zoo

Emily Duguid – Orlando Science Center

Georgette Spratling – City of North Miami Public Library

This session highlights how learning continues long after the school day ends. Participants will gain practical ideas for strengthening partnerships between schools, youth programs, and community anchors to expand access to meaningful learning experiences.



Inspiring Communities Through Sports & Education

Tuesday, March 3 • 9:45-11am (Workshop 4)

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Panelists:

Nick Monzi – CEO and Co-Founder Learn Fresh

Kenyah Jordan-Jackson – Social Responsibility and Youth Engagement Specialist, Orlando Magic

Julia Broudy – Manager, Community Relations Los Angeles Football Club

Leagues, teams, and companies in the sports industry have a unique opportunity to leverage their brands for good. This panel will explore the importance of cross-sector collaboration in service of community impact with NBA and MLS teams, featuring a series of pro sports panelists who have collaborated on STEM and workforce development initiatives across the country.

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Enrichment City

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Flying Classroom

Forward Education

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Kid Spark Education

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(NOIST)

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kid-grit

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Time	Workshop Title	Presenter Signature	Hours
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026			
8:30am – 2:30pm	21st CCLC Pre-Conference Session		210 min
2:30 – 4pm			75 min
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026			
9:45 – 11am			75 min
11:15 – 11:45am			30 min
2:15 – 3:30pm			75 min
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026			
9:45 – 11am			75 min
11:15 – 11:45am			30 min
2:15 – 3:30pm			75 min
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026			
8 – 9:15am			75 min
			Total Hours:

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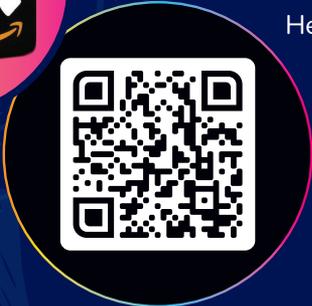
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Hotel & Theme Park Perks

Beyond School Hours attendees enjoy special theme park and dining discounts—scan the code to check out the perks!

On Monday and Tuesday, hotel guests receive free shuttle transportation to Disney Springs and Universal Studios! Pickup begins at 6:00pm outside the car rental exit next to the Beyond School Hours registration desk, and will run every 45 minutes. On-site coordinators will be available to assist with any questions. The last buses will leave Disney Springs and Universal at 11:00pm to return to the Rosen Centre.



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Notes *Feeling Inspired?*



The learning continues beyond the conference! Join our free webinar series on Wednesdays to experience high-quality professional development all year long.



Schedule of Events

SUNDAY

March 1

8:30am – 2:30pm
21st CCLC Pre-con

9am

Vendor Set Up

8:30am – 3pm
National Advisory
Committee Meeting

2:45 – 4pm

Early Bird Workshop

4pm

Welcome Presenters
Meeting

4 – 6pm

Exhibit Hall Kick Off

6 – 8pm

Opening Reception

8 – 9pm

Speed Meets with
WRITE BRAIN
WORLD

MONDAY

March 2

7 – 7:45am
Breakfast

8 – 9am

Opening Keynote

9 – 9:45am
Exhibit Hall Break

9:45 – 11am
Workshop Block 1

11:15 – 11:45am
Workshop Block 2

12 – 1pm

Lunch

1 – 2pm

Exhibit Hall Break

2:15 – 3:30pm
Workshop Block 3

3:30 – 4:30pm
STEAM Fair

TUESDAY

March 3

7 – 7:45am
Breakfast

8 – 9am

Champion of Children

9 – 9:45am
Exhibit Hall Break

9:45 – 11am
Workshop Block 4

11:15 – 11:45am
Workshop Block 5

12 – 1pm

Lunch

1 – 2pm

Exhibit Hall Break

2:15 – 3:30pm
Workshop Block 6

WEDNESDAY

March 4

7 – 7:45am
Breakfast

8 – 9:15am

Workshop Block 7

9:30 – 10:45am
Grand Finale



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