boost network Monthly Newsletter

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The Latest in OST with BOOST

Save the date! The third BOOST Quarterly Meeting of 2022 will be on Tuesday September 6th. Come join colleagues of the **BOOST Network**. As we host this meeting in person for the second time this 2022. At the meeting you will be discussing events and activities we are putting together with members as well as future promotion efforts for members of the network during the fall as we prepare for Lights on Afterschool. Additionally, the meeting will have a capacity building opportunity in support of youth mental health in the OST setting and an announcement section for member to share about their upcoming efforts.

Click on the button below to RSVP to the September Quarterly Meeting today.

RSVP Here

Member Highlights & Activities

ICYMI: OPI Member Profile Feature

At **Organizacion Popular Independiente A.C. (OPI)** one of their mottos is “every young person that comes to our program will develop the skills, confidence, and resilience they need to navigate for any situation life throws at them.” As one of the

founding members of the BOOST Network, we were happy to feature OPI as part of the month's **#MemberMonday** series.

Learn more on how OPI began as a group of mothers in Ciudad Juarez who came together to create free childcare for families in their neighborhood here.

If you would like for your organization to be the feature BOOST Member of the month please click here.

Live Active EP - Hike-A-Thon

Live Active El Paso in collaboration with Be Well and Shape it Up El Paso is currently hosting the Hike-A-Thon events throughout late summer and early fall on different City Trails. The next event is on August 20th at Roundhouse Trailhead, located at Loma Real Ave. El Paso, TX 79934. Attendees who hike 4 out of the 6 events will get a prize! Register now by visiting here.

Las Cruces Parks and Rec- E-Sports Room and Tournaments

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department is presenting a new E-Sports Room at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., hosting gaming tournaments.
The E-Sports Room will have drop-in play every Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Aug. 19, 2022, and tournaments will be played every second and fourth Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 26, 2022, at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center.
Open play for the E-Sports Room will be by drop-in only, on a first-come, first-served basis, free of charge. More information can be found here.

Call for Tales- Modesto and Me

La Rodadora, alongside the Parque Central Committee is encouraging children and youth of our community to create a story about the Giraffe Modesto and the impact the emblematic animal left on the

region. Children and youth between ages 6-15 can participate and has to have a minimum of 250 words but a maximum of 1,000 words. Prizes and awards will be given to the top three winners. All participating kids will receive a double pass to the Rodadora Interactive Museum. Have your children submit their stories here and find more information about the event here. The deadline to submit is August 25th.

Professional Development & Funding Opportunities

Paso del Norte Health Foundation- Healthy Kids

PASO DEL NORTE HEALTH FOUNDATION

The **Paso del Norte Health Foundation** will release an open call for Letter of Intent (LOIs) for the Healthy Kids Initiative tomorrow August 18, 2022. The goal of the Healthy Kids Initiative is to improve a range of health outcomes by engaging disconnected youth in the Paso del Norte region in high quality programs during out-of-school hours. Selected candidates will be invited to submit a full proposal by December 1, 2022 for a project to start its grant cycle on April 3, 2023. For more information, please sign up here for the Paso del Norte Health Foundation' RFP Mailing List.

NMOST- 12th Annual Fall into Place Conference

The New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network (NMOST) virtual 12th Annual Fall Into Place Conference is now open for registrations! The conference will take place virtually this fall from Tuesday, **October 18** - Thursday, **October 20,** 2022 Early bird pricing is currently available. Click **here to register**.

Getting Ready for Back-to-(After)School

In Out-of-School Time, planning for staff development is an important part of the

back-to-school season. Staff development is one aspect of job quality that prepares OST professionals to deliver the high-quality programs that ultimately lead to positive youth outcomes. **National Afterschool Association** curated some resources to support the back-to-school season and staff development.. Check the resources for staff development that includes toolkits as a Guide to Building Relationships and Routines, Trauma Sensitive Practices, Staff Team Building Activities, and more **here.**
Additionally, NAA created a resource list for planning your afterschool program during the upcoming school year. Check the different guides **here**.

National Immunization Awareness Month

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. The **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** created resources to assist you in communicating about vaccinations during August and throughout the year. You can find those here.

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