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## **Announcing the 2018 School's Out, Make it Count Keynote Speaker**



***Adam L. Brooks***

Adam Brooks is a first-generation college student who grew up in the West Valley of Phoenix. Both his parents worked full time, so Adam and his sibling attended after school and summer school programs.

Adam has a bachelor's degree in Speech Communications, a graduate diploma in Leadership Development and a master's degree in Education. As a former high school teacher Adam is currently an adjunct professor at Phoenix College and Rio Salado College as well as owning an Educational Consulting firm called, Youth Awareness and Safety.

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Register for the conference to hear Adam's dynamic keynote, attend workshops, and network with over 800 of your Out-of-School time peers. Lunch is included!

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Plus, we've extended the Early Bird Special -  
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**Please complete a survey to help provide summer programs for all Maricopa County youth.**

**Did You Provide Programming to Maricopa County Youth this Summer?**

*Valley of the Sun United Way* is partnering with the *Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence* and the *National Summer Learning Association* on a technical assistance grant to build a stronger system for summer learning in our region, starting with a self-assessment of our current system and a survey of summer learning programs.

We know there are dozens of summer school programs administered by public schools, summer camps, academic and enrichment programs, sports and arts camps, as well as many summer programs and child care centers and faith-based organizations. However, there is not a comprehensive understanding of the quality, scope, access, affordability, or outcomes of these programs, and in particular, their impact on summer learning loss. To improve the summer learning system in Maricopa County, we first must know more about the landscape of summer learning. Where do programs exist? Who do they serve? Which programs are designed to promote summer learning and how? Where are the gaps, for low-income families?

Through this project we hope to develop a shared vision for summer learning and a plan for aligning contributions to ensure summer learning opportunities are available to all children, not just some.

The final product will be a Community Report, with recommendations on how to build/strengthen a summer learning system.

We are inviting you to join this project, by completing a survey on your summer program.

Your program information will allow us to capture a snapshot of the state of summer programs for children and youth, and will allow you, your colleagues and community members to understand the need for programming and the opportunities for collaboration.

**[Click to Complete the Self Assessment Survey](#)**

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