Registration for Spring Training is OPEN!

$75 Leadership Series package of 3
$30 each workshop in CLASS series

1 hour of CEU's per workshop!

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Leadership Workshops
$75/package of 3
Thursday, February 16th
11 am - 12 pm
Presenter: Grant Hathaway
STEM Forged
Workshop Title: The Benefits of Esports

C.L.A.S.S. Workshops
(Cultivating Learning and Staff Success)
$30 each
Tuesday February 21st
10 am - 11 am
Presenter: Jess Amato
Platform To Play
Workshop Title: The Power of
Esports are everywhere these days, have you been wondering what all the rage is about? Join us to learn the many benefits esports has to offer the youth in your program. Gain the skills to add esports to your OST program as Grant Hathaway of STEM Forged gives the inside scoop on launching an esports team in your program.

**Wednesday, February 22nd**
10 am - 11 am  
**Presenter:** Michelle Pina  
**kid-grit**  
**Workshop Title:** The “Superteam Meeting”: 3+ Ways to Mindfulness and Staff Support  
In order for staff to feel supported, we need to spend time ensuring they are feeling safe and seen. When this happens, they carry it over to their peers and students. In the session, we will walk through simple ways to approach mindfulness in staff meetings that don’t intimidate staff. We will share methods that support you as a leader to build confidence in delivering a mindful practice, and how to incorporate it into your staff meetings in a non-threatening way. No fluff here.

**Thursday, March 2**
12 noon - 1 pm  
**Presenter:** Dawn Fitzhugh  
**AZ Dept. of Education**  
**Workshop Title:** A Recipe For The Best Summer Ever!  
In this session, participants will discuss practical implementation strategies to achieving their summer learning program goals. Participants will also receive samples of promising practices, resources, and tools that are available at no cost to make this “The Best Summer Ever!”

Inclusive Play
Join us as we connect with Platform to Play and experience the power of play firsthand. Shift perspective and learn why we should and how we can integrate inclusive play and recreation-based activities in youth programs. In this interactive session, step into the shoes of your youth to support the well-being of everyone in your program.

**Thursday, February 23rd**
12 noon – 1 pm  
**Presenter:** Elise Schuster  
**OkaySo**  
**Workshop Title:** Navigating Youth Emotions: effective listening and support strategies for any situation.  
We’ve all been there. A young person trusts us enough to open up or come to us in a moment of need and... we panic. What do we say? How should we respond? What are we going to do?? This interactive workshop will cover effective and easy-to-remember skills for responding at the moment that will help young people stay calm, help you get information, and above all, help young people feel heard and validated.

**REGISTER HERE**
AZDES and AZCASE have joined forces to enhance the quality of afterschool programs in Arizona through the Pathway to Accreditation.

The Pathway to Accreditation provides a quality framework and professional guide to support your journey toward accreditation. Accreditation is being offered at no cost to DES contracted programs for a limited time.

Learn more by watching this video and sign up for an upcoming info session.

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Each year one OST program is featured in connection with printed materials and/or presences at the annual conference. Submit your program for consideration by clicking HERE.

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School's Out, Make it Count Conference
October 28, 2023
Awards of Excellence nominations are open!

Click **HERE** to submit a nomination for Program Award of Excellence
This award spotlights an organization, department, program or program site's excellence. The award ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the Phoenix Convention Center. All award finalists are to be present.

Click **HERE** to submit a nomination for Professional Award of Excellence
This award spotlights professional excellence by a staff member in out-of-school time profession. The award ceremony will take place during the morning session of the 31st annual Schools Out, Make It Count Conference at the Phoenix Convention Center on Saturday, October 28, 2023 about 9am. All award finalists are to be present.

Nominations close April 15, 2023!