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Congratulations to

Deer Valley USD Community Education

for assessing multiple
program sites and striving
for quality!

*Need assistance with the
online Tool?*

Contact Us or read our
Step by Step Guide!

Survey about Social & Emotional Learning in OST

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March 15, 2016

Spring PD Still in Full Swing!

Our first sessions are over, but we still have plenty of opportunities for you to get high-quality professional development! Gain more hands-on activities and learn newest best practices to work with youth!

Our lineup includes training for everyone: quality assessment and program management for directors as well as trauma help, literacy, and STEM!



Arizona Quality Standards Assessment Tool by
AzCASE & Valley of the Sun United Way
1 SESSION LEFT--March 30th!
FREE SESSION

Beyond the Bell presented by Fausto Lopez,
American Institutes for Research co-facilitated by
Molly Kemp, PVUSD 21st CCLC; Travis Drake,
Flagstaff USD; Melissa Kowalski, ICAN
1 SESSION ONLY--April 2nd!

Hands-On Literacy presented by Alice Patterson,
Literacy Coach and Educator
April 6th, 20th, and 27th!

**Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) An
Introduction & Best Practices for Youth
Programs** presented by Gordon Brown
1 SESSION ONLY--April 5th!

The Wallace Foundation is seeking your perspective for a [new survey on social and emotional learning \(SEL\) in the afterschool field.](#)

Your responses will help the Foundation better understand the strengths and weaknesses of OST programs in SEL.

The survey should only take **10-15 minutes** of your time, and your **responses will be strictly confidential** and not attributed to your organization. Please **only complete the survey once.**

Youth Publishing Math Problems

The PRIME Center has an opportunity for middle school youth to become published authors of **MATHadazzles** puzzles. **They are looking for middle school youth to write math puzzles for fractions and decimals.**

Youth will meet on two Saturday mornings, April 2 and 9 to learn how to write the puzzles and then write.

Their names will be included in the book and contributing youth authors will receive 2 free copies!

[Complete the application!](#)

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STEM In Out-of-School Time: The Sky's the Limit! presented by Joëlle Clark & Sean Ryan, NAU Center for Science Teaching & Learning
April 12th, 13th, 14th

[Register now for these limited sessions!](#)

NASA, NAU, and EiE Oh My! Partners to Provide STEM OST Resources

Engineering is Elementary is collaborating with the **Northern Arizona University Center for Science Teaching and Learning** on a **NASA-supported** project to bring space-themed STEM resources to OST programs nationwide.

The \$3.4 million project, **PLANETS (Planetary Learning that Advances the Nexus of Engineering, Technology, and Science)**, aims to **create OST curriculum modules** that are grounded in best practices for STEM teaching and learning, and based on the fundamental questions posed by NASA's Planetary Science Division and to **provide high-quality PD for OST educators to improve STEM instruction**; increasing youth engagement in STEM in OST settings; and better serving students from populations historically underrepresented in STEM careers.

AzCASE is happy to be a partner to facilitate the professional development to Arizona OST providers!

[Read more about PLANETS.](#)

STEM and ART Makerspace-- STEAM Resource for Valley OST Programs


The [Arizona STEAMshop](#) in Glendale recently invited AzCASE over to show off their great resources for area youth and out-of-school time programs--and were we impressed!

The large community center was full of high- and low-tech equipment to facilitate instructor-led and youth-led STEM-art programming! And they would



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love to partner with and be a resource for OST programs in the Valley!

From music, performance, recording, rocketry, computers, microscopes, and more, **AZ STEAMshop** is open to free youth drop-ins, hosts programming, and **would like to invite YOU to use their resources at a highly affordable cost!**

For more information, contact
[Martin Weselowski](#) at 623.240.2206.

Thank you for your support of AzCASE and all you do for Arizona's youth!

Sincerely,

**Courtney, Franny, Caitlin, & Genevieve
The AzCASE Team**

★ **Arizona Center for Afterschool
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