

## September BOOST Quarterly Meeting Recap



We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend last week's Quarterly Meeting! During the virtual meeting, we were able to hear from two great speakers about recruitment and how to run successful online out-of-school time programs. We also participated in an icebreaker where we expressed how much we love our programs and what we do everyday for our community, which we shared a screenshot of below.



If you weren't able to attend the meeting, you can download the presentations [here](#).

As we continue to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines and regulations, we know that as OST Providers, you have had to be creative and reimagine how you serve youth in the Paso del Norte community.

To understand how we can better support your efforts, we have created a quick survey to learn about your programming plans for the remainder of the year, challenges that you might still be facing, and innovative solutions that are working for you. We invite you to fill out this survey, as this will help us plan the type of resources and training that would be most helpful to BOOST Network members.

We also want to showcase and help promote all the innovative solutions you have been implementing.

Questions? Please contact Enrique Garcia at (915) 533-2434 Ext. 226 or via email at [egarcia@unitedwayelpaso.org](mailto:egarcia@unitedwayelpaso.org).

[Click Here to Take the Survey](#)

## Member Highlights and Activities

### Lights on AfterSchool Virtual Kit



The **BOOST Network** is joining the nationwide celebration by providing fun and engaging activity kits to youth enrolled in your OST programs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's celebration will not be held in person,

### Grab & Go Meals provided by Children's Kingdom Café



**Children's Kingdom Café** will be providing free afterschool meals to children ages 1-18 between 2:00-4:30

but rather from the safety of the youths' homes. Contact the BOOST Network [here](#) to see if there are any available kits left for your organizations.

## Adolescent Mental Health First Aid



**Mental Health First Aid** is a free 6-hour course offered by certified MHFA trainers in the El Paso area. The course is designed to help BOOST members identify, understand, and respond to an individual who is experiencing a mental health crisis. Register for the course [here](#).

## Creative Kids Resiliency Art Program

p.m. everyday at their various locations throughout El Paso. Visit their [Facebook page](#) for more information.

## El Paso Public Library Starts Curbside Pickup



**El Paso Public Libraries (EPPL)** has begun curbside services at seven library branch locations. Contactless service will allow customers to pick up reserved materials, which must be reserved ahead of time by visiting the library's online catalog on the [EPPL website](#). For more information, read the EPPL's FAQ [here](#).

## El Paso Giving Day Anniversary



Paso del norte community



**Creative Kids** is proud to join forces with **El Paso United Family Resiliency Center** and **United way of El Paso** to offer The Resiliency Art Program (RAP). The program will provide free art programming to youth in the community for the next year who were affected by the August 3rd shooting. Register [here](#).

**foundation** is celebrating their 5th Annual Giving Day, an online charitable giving campaign designed to shine a light on the essential services of nonprofit organizations and ignite the spirit of giving in our community. This year's Giving Day will be held on October 15, 2020. For more information on how to donate and participate contact **Casie Pedregon**.

## Professional Development & Funding Opportunities

### Free Flu Vaccines at Walgreens



FamilyWize and Walgreens have teamed up to provide **free flu vaccines** in your community. It's more important than ever to ensure flu vaccines are available to everyone.

Flu season is almost here. Every year, up to 20% of people in the US will get the flu, and roughly 200,000 are hospitalized each year because of flu complications. With COVID-19 still in our midst, it is even more critical that people get immunized. To meet this challenge, **Walgreens** and **familywize** will be changing the way they administer the vaccine to insure it is done with social distancing in mind.

### United we Count: Census Challenge

# United States Census 2020

Join the **United way** in their Census 2020 Challenge. The Challenge will be held on Thursday, September 10th from 9am to 5pm. The three organizations that answered the most calls will win a Walmart gift card. For further details on how to participate contact, **Margaux Dalbin**.



Learn more about it [here](#).

## NSLA releases the Summer Learning Playbook



**The National Summer Learning Association** (NSLA) has released “Summer Learning; A Bridge to Student Success and America's Recovery, a COVID-19 Playbook” whitepaper. The playbook is available on our [OST Library](#), or [here to download](#). Be sure to check out some other new resources now available at the [OST Library](#).

## Experimental Learning in AfterSchool Programming



**The Mizzen Minute** is a blog created for afterschool, summer, and out-of-school time professionals that provides tools, tips, resources and stories to support your work. Read about Experimental Learning in Afterschool Programming in its latest article [here](#).

Factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic made many OST Providers rethink, retool and refocus summer programming. Available NOW; you can now take a confidential short survey to assess the quality of your 2020 summer programming. This is the first time we are offering this to all BOOST Member OST Providers.

The results will provide OST Providers with insights to better understand if your programs are on track to cultivate long-term positive outcomes for children and youth. The deadline to use the tool is Wednesday, September 30th.

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[Click here to take the Quality Self-Assessment](#)

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