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Hello BOOST Network members!

Keeping you connected to out of school time in the borderland.

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Join us!
BOOST Network Quarterly
Meeting
March 6, 2018
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



BOOST Network Updates

Catch up on the latest Network developments.

Mark your calendars for our 2018 quarterly meetings:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Stanton Tower Auditorium

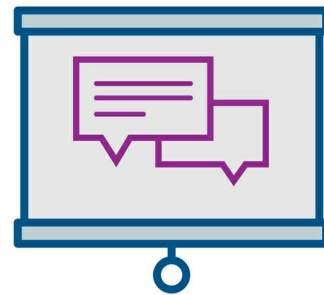
Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to boost@unitedwayelpaso.org by Friday, March 2.



Regional Discussion Groups

In January, the BOOST Network hosted two regional discussion groups in El Paso and Las Cruces. These facilitated discussions helped us define out of school time and begin to identify strategies to improve OST programming in each region. Thank you to those of you who participated in these discussions! Your support and participation is vital for moving the Network forward. Be on the lookout for an upcoming report that summarizes the findings of these discussions.



Action Team

At our December quarterly meeting, we announced the formation of the BOOST Network [Action Team](#). Seven BOOST Network members make up the Action Team and will be working with the Steering Committee to develop strategic recommendations for the future direction of the Network. Learn more about what they have been working on these past two months at our March 6 quarterly meeting.

For detailed meeting minutes from past meetings, click [here](#) and to review other meeting documents, check out our [website](#).

Network Survey

Learn about the BOOST Network survey before the March 6th quarterly meeting.

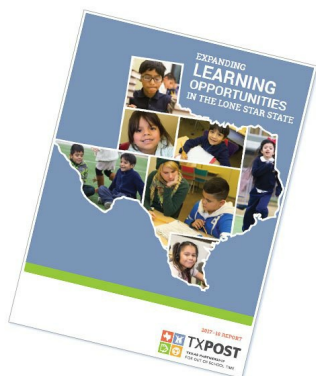


The BOOST Network supports and advocates for sustainable, high quality OST programs to improve outcomes for youth, their families, and communities. We are conducting a survey at our March 6 quarterly meeting to gain valuable insight into the out of school time strengths and needs in the Paso del Norte Region and identify potential focus areas for the future direction of the BOOST Network.

Join us on March 6 to participate and help us advance this new course of the Network. We can't do it without you! If you have any questions about this survey, please contact arangel@unitedwayelpaso.org

Stay Connected to News from the Out of School Time Field

Check out an upcoming funding opportunity from the New York Life Foundation.



Missed last month's [TXPOST](#) report on the state of expanding learning opportunities in Texas? Read it [here](#). The report includes information on summer learning, STEM and workforce development, state policy supporting afterschool and summer learning, and an overview of 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) and features a program profile on [Ysleta Independent School District's](#) 21st CCLC afterschool programs.

Looking for a Professional Development Opportunity?

Check out conferences and webinars happening soon.



RegeneraZion - Juan Pablo Perez Solorzano en Ciudad Juarez

The [Paso del Norte Cultural Center](#) in Ciudad Juarez is hosting Juan Pablo Perez Solorzano on February 21, 2018. Solorzano, a consultant and anthropologist, will be leading a workshop for professionals on how to better understand 'Generation Z.' More information can be found [here](#).



OSTex Conference Presentation Proposal Sponsored by the LATT Network and TXPOST

The [Learn All the Time Network](#) and [TXPOST](#) are currently [accepting presentation proposals](#) from OST professionals, community partners, leaders, policy makers and more for their 2018 OSTex Conference. The OSTex Conference is a learning opportunity for youth development professionals and leaders to gain new knowledge and skills, gather

fresh insights and connect to other professionals in the field of out of school time.

- Conference Details: **March 3, 2018** at the ACC Eastview Campus in Austin, TX
 - Register for the conference [here](#).
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Join the [National Summer Learning Association](#) (NSLA) at their 2018 [Summer Changes Everything™](#) conference on summer learning and afterschool in Kansas City, Missouri from November 12-14, 2018. [Proposals](#) for presentations

Upcoming Member Events

Have an upcoming event? Let us know below!

Interested in learning about the AmeriCorps VISTA program? Attend the EPISD Community Schools Partner Luncheon.

[EPISD Community Schools](#) invites you to join them at their Partner Luncheon on Feb. 28.

The luncheon will feature a presentation on the [AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America \(VISTA\)](#) program by the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) State Director for Texas, Katy Dooley Baxter and AmeriCorps VISTA Member Support Specialist, Tania Veliz. If you have ever wondered about applying for the VISTA program for your site, this is a great opportunity to learn more.



EL PASO INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools



VISTA

Volunteers In Service To America

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Location: Guillen Parent Center, 900 South Cotton

Time: 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Please RSVP to Katheryne Taylor at ktaylor@episd.org. For more information, please contact Simon Chandler at srchandl@episd.org.



EDUCATE TEXAS
at COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS

Attention Texas Stakeholders!

[Educate Texas](#) has partnered with the United Way of El Paso County to host a stakeholder meeting on March 6, 2018 directly before the BOOST Network quarterly meeting. Educate Texas will be implementing their collective impact strategy among education stakeholders in El Paso. If your organization is based in Texas, join us on March 6th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. RSVP to Paulina Almanza at palmanza@cftexas.org.

Learn how to improve your teenservices, attend the Engaging with Teens Workshop!

The [El Paso Public Library](#) is hosting a special, free workshop on engaging teens. The workshop is targeted toward library staff, but will benefit anyone that works with teens.

Schedule:

Registration: 8:30 am to 9:00 am

Workshop: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Lunch on your own, time to be announced

Location: Clardy Fox Library, 5515 Robert Alva

CE Credit: 6.5 TSLAC CE hours

Cost: FREE!

Target Audience: All librarians and library staff who work with teens or are interested in bringing teens to your library.

Participants will leave the workshop with:

- A plan for improving services to teens in their library through activities and approaches that meet their developmental needs.
- Tools for implementing recommended approaches to connect with teens.
- Strategies for developing partnerships with other community organizations that serve teens.
- A plan for evaluating impact and communicating the value of library service to teens to co-workers, supervisors, and other community stakeholders.

Register: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/2018YAworkshopseries>

For more information, please contact Lisa Martinez, Youth Services Coordinator at 915-212-3203.

Does your organization have any upcoming events in 2018? Send a short description to boost@unitedwayelpaso.org and we can feature your event in our newsletter and on our social media.

The [Borderland Out-of-School Time Network](#) supports collaboration, coordination, and communication among out-of-school time program providers, other youth service agencies and community stakeholders across the Paso del Norte region.





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