



2017 Out-of-School Time Conference

Plenary Sessions

(subject to change)

Friday, November 10, 2017

Deeper Dive into Quality: Did you know that Houston has an out-of-school time (OST) quality improvement system? Out2Learn, a network led by United Way of Greater Houston, CASE for Kids, Houston Endowment and the City of Houston has launched a program to expand access to high-quality, OST services to all families in our region. This coordinated, youth-centered approach targets professional development, community investment, community awareness of the importance of quality services, and youth voice. In this panel presentation and working session, participants will learn about the network and how they can become a part of the system.

Deeper Dive into SEL: As Houston begins recovery from Hurricane Harvey, it is an opportune time to examine our out-of-school time (OST) practices on social and emotional learning (SEL). As a professional community, are we providing what youth need to succeed? What should our SEL priorities be in the coming years? A panel discussion will highlight methods and frameworks currently in use, and participants will be challenged to explore system building in the SEL arena.

Saturday, November 11, 2017

What can you expect from out-of-school time (OST) students in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey?

Local trauma experts and youth development expert Karen Pittman will facilitate the discussion. The panel will share the mental health and behavioral challenges that may occur and provide best practices and strategies for positive youth development.