



Summer Professional Development Series: Foundational Blocks of Math, Reading, and Family Engagement

Virtual • July 27-29 and August 3-5, 2021

About VPOST and the Summer Training Series

At the Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time (VPOST), our vision is that of a Virginia where all children and youth have access to high-quality out-of-school-time (OST) programming that prepares them to be successful in school, work, and life. As the state out-of-school-time network for Virginia, we pursue this vision through professional development and policy initiatives.

For our summer professional development series, VPOST will host three consecutive, two-hour sessions, which will be held on July 27-29 and August 3-5, 2021. This year's theme is the *Foundational Blocks of Math, Reading, and Family Engagement*. After an entire year of learning loss due to the pandemic, afterschool programs serve as a critical role in academic recovery. Math and Reading are the most foundational blocks of learning and student achievement is never truly successful without taking a whole-child approach. That's why working closely with families as partners is crucial. However, after a year of disconnection, family engagement is more challenging than ever. VPOST seeks to provide out-of-school time programs with the skills they need to get our children back to a firm foundation for success.

Audience

The target audience consists of OST educators, with a primary focus on Virginia Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Grantees. Each date will have approximately 50-100 attendees. Presentations will repeat rounds.

Presentation Details

VPOST seeks high-quality proposals that highlight the latest research, pedagogies, and practices for one of the focus areas of math, reading, or family engagement. Presentations have the option of selecting a 45- or 90-minute length (90 min presentations will be required to have a brief intermission) and should have an effective mix of information and group interaction. The content must fulfill a professional development need for attendees and may not be profit promoting. Candidates may select one or more dates to present, with preference being for candidates that can do all dates. Presentations should select one focus area: Math, Reading, or Family Engagement and speak to the unique nature of the return to in-person learning. Presentations should reflect a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) lens and must link to the VPOST Best Practices (<http://bit.ly/VPOSTBestPractices>).

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Proposals should include:

- A description of the workshop and title
- Speaker biography
- A session outline, including a timeline for the session
- Clearly stated goals
- Relevance to the chosen focus area, consideration to the context of pandemic recovery and DEI, and links to the VPOST Best Practices
- An effective mix of presentation of information and group interaction

Selection

Each proposal will be evaluated and responded to by close of business June 4, 2021.

Logistics to Note

Presentations will be delivered virtually via Zoom. A stable internet connection and ease of delivering interactive presentations virtually is required.

Dates at a Glance:

May 21, 2021: Proposal deadline

June 4, 2021: Proposal acceptance or decline notification

June 11, 2021: Deadline for acceptance

TBD: Tech check and presentation walk through

July 27-29 & Aug 3-5: Training dates

Where and When to Submit

Please direct questions to Christine Jones-Monaccio at christine.jones-monaccio@v-post.org. Proposals should be submitted here <https://forms.gle/SuJzAxDxME3D7rR6> The proposal deadline is close of business on May 21, 2021.