

# Join the OST STEM Family Engagement Community of Practice (CoP)

In this Community of practice you will:

- Learn research-backed best practices for STEM family engagement
- Engage in a meaningful and lively discussion with fellow OST educators
- Get resources and;
- Share experiences and practical ideas for putting it all into action

Participants that successfully complete the CoP will be rewarded with a \$75 gift card for their commitment to quality and professionalism.



# What is a Community of Practice?

- Communities of practice are groups of professionals that share best practices on a shared area of interest to create new understandings and skillsets. Discussion, inquiry, and reflection as a group are at the foundation.



## Community of Practice Schedule

Teams attend 5 sessions, plus one introductory team conference. There are readings in between sessions. (Less than one hour allocated)

**September 16: Interest form deadline**

**September 20: Teams are notified of participation**

**Sessions:**

**October 11: Connect**

**November 8: Act**

**December 6: Reflect**

**January 9: Empower**

**February 7: Moving into Action**

# Why STEM Family Engagement?

STEM competencies and skills are important to prepare young people for the future. Parents play a critical role in helping youth access STEM learning opportunities. And they help them persist on STEM pathways in the face of challenges. Yet many caregivers feel unqualified or intimidated in supporting their children.

## Are you ready to join?

- Participants join as teams of 2-3 people. The goal is for participants to collaborate within their organization and put takeaways from the Community of Practice into action.
- You do not need to be an OST provider only focused solely on STEM. This can help you incorporate STEM engagement in your larger offerings.



## Apply Today!

We are accepting up to 5-7 teams of 2-3 people (Max 15 participants) for this opportunity.

Complete the interest form at:

[https://bit.ly/STEM\\_FAm\\_Engage\\_COP](https://bit.ly/STEM_FAm_Engage_COP)