



# Requests for Proposals

The Village We Build: Strengthening Youth and Communities. November 2, 2026. Williamsburg, VA

## About VPOST and Our Conference

At the Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time (VPOST), our vision is a future where all Virginia families have the out-of-school-time support they need to thrive. As the state-wide out-of-school time (OST) network, we pursue this vision through professional development, quality, and policy initiatives. Our annual conference provides professional learning and networking for hundreds of practitioners and champions across the Commonwealth.

This year's theme is **The Village We Build: Strengthening Youth and Communities**. As a committee, we quickly decided on *the village* as our key focus. Inspired by the African proverb "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child", we recognize that as out-of-school time educators and champions, we are a vital part of the collective who are responsible for the most vulnerable among us - children. The Maasai people of Kenya and East Africa have a traditional greeting, "Kasserian Ingera," which translates to "And how are the children?" Asked of parents and non-parents alike, this greeting acknowledges that the health of a community and society is reflective of how children are treated. Youth must be centered and protected. Our conference imagery depicts adults connected shoulder to shoulder, forming a protective circle that symbolizes an anchored shield.

It takes a village to raise a child, but adults need a village too. We all want to authentically belong and be cherished for who we are. We want to know that, amid our daily demands and in times of intense stress, we don't have to go it alone. We have solidarity in the face of external challenges. We have our village to back us up.

## Our Audience

Approximately 225 active leaders in education and out-of-school time, representing thousands of youth from across the Commonwealth. Our conference is designed for Afterschool/Summer Learning Programs, Schools, Community Centers, Mentoring Leaders, Libraries, Parks & Recreation Departments, Government Agencies, Faith-Based Programs, Early Childhood/Childcare Leaders, Nonprofit Organizations, and Business Partners.

## Presentation Details

All workshop presentations are 55 minutes long and should include an effective mix of information and interactivity. Presentations should reflect the conference theme and align with [VPOST's Quality Standards](#). **To be considered a potential workshop presenter, content must address a professional development need for attendees and may NOT be profit-driven.** VPOST encourages individuals or businesses seeking to promote products or services to [join us as a sponsor or vendor in our exhibit hall](#). VPOST will accept only one proposal per individual or organizational department.

## Workshop Connection to Quality

All of VPOST's professional development is rooted in the [Quality Standards for Virginia's Out-of-School Time Programs](#). These Standards outline the components of a high-quality out-of-school time program. The framework details the Standard's relevance and what it may look like in practice. Potential presenters are encouraged to review the full Quality Standards. The domains of the Standards are as follows:

- Active & Engaged Learning
- Partnerships & Networking
- Inclusion & Belonging
- Supporting Student Success
- Leadership & Staff Development
- Relationships
- Continuous Improvement
- Health & Wellness
- Safe Environments
- Child & Youth Voice

When submitting your proposal, please share which Quality Standard(s) your workshop will be in alignment with and why. Presenters should share this alignment while facilitating their workshop. This relevance will be indicated in the conference program.

## Submitting your Proposal

Please submit your application by August 3, 2026, by completing [the application here](#).

## Proposals should include:

- Information for all speakers
- A session outline, including a timeline for the 55-minute session
- Clearly stated learning goals
- Relevance to Quality Standards and the conference theme

## Selection

Every workshop proposal will be evaluated and scored by the Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time (VPOST) Conference Committee. Priority points will be given to those who have not presented at VPOST's conference in the year prior, in order to provide new content to attendees. If selected, you will be notified by the close of business on August 14, 2026.

## Logistics to Note

**Conference Admission:** Each accepted workshop will receive **one** complimentary conference registration. The presenter(s) will have access to the conference events.

### Dates at a Glance:

**Monday, August 3:** Workshop Proposal Deadline

**Friday, August 14:** Workshop Proposal Notification

**Friday, September 4:** Confirm Conference program Content (Workshop Description, Bio, Headshot)

**Thursday, October 15:** Last day to secure lodging at the conference venue

**Friday, October 16:** Final Workshop Content Due

**Sunday, November 1:** Pre-Conference Networking Social

**Monday, November 2:** Conference

## When and Where to Submit

Please complete the RFP form [here](#).

Questions may be directed to Christine Jones Monaccio, Professional Development and Quality Coordinator at [christine@v-post.org](mailto:christine@v-post.org). The proposal deadline is the close of business on **Monday, August 3, 2026**.