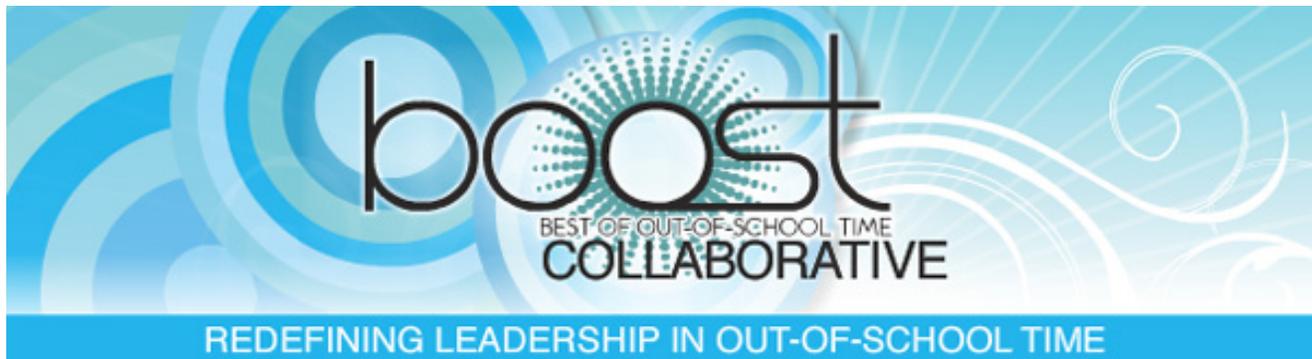


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"My after school program is important to me because it takes care of us and teaches us."

Nancy, Age 8

Central Elementary, San Diego, CA

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Letter From BOOST

Dear BOOSTers,

Summer is now upon us. School is winding down and the beautiful weather makes it a struggle just to stay inside. Fortunately, for some, summer means vacation! We at BOOST just want to thank all of you for the hard work you put in over the school year and hope you get to enjoy a little well earned rest.

Should you need anything, BOOST is here for you all summer long. We have just hired our new summer interns and have big plans for the upcoming school year. We'll stay in touch and keep you up to date with all of the exciting new projects to help serve you better. Be sure to check us out on Facebook and Twitter for easy access to daily updates on BOOST activities, funding opportunities, resources, and news from around the country! And, as always, if there is something you need to enhance the quality of your program and don't see it here, please email us and let us know!

Happy Summer,

Kate Nadeau
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Father's Day is right around the corner!

Go to the BOOST Marketplace page and click on either logo. BOOST Scholarship Fund will receive 4% of the profits of anything purchased through those links!

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BOOST Collaborative Career Corner



Need to fill a position? Looking for a job?

We are pleased to announce the newest addition to the BOOST resources: The Career Corner.

Come here to post your job listings for free and reach an audience you know is committed to youth.

Afterschoolproducts.com

The afterschoolproducts.com team had so much fun at this year's BOOST Conference, we wanted to keep the momentum going! We are all about making the fun last longer and have great products to prove it. Check out our new website featuring products to help boost your attendance and keeps youth engaged such as the The Cube, the Double-Up, Mobile Kitchen, the Tie-Dye Shirt Shop, RC Car Kits, Go Green Tote Kit, Ultimate Bead Kit and more.



Enter to win a free Wii game console, a Wii Fit, or a Guitar Hero by visiting afterschoolproducts.com and joining our mailing list! We will draw the winners on June 18...Good Luck!

BOOST Buzz

BOOST Endless Summer Training

Team BOOST wanted to end the school year on a high note and get into summer mode so on June 8th the we hosted our first ever Endless Summer- Camp Activities for Kids training at the Epicenter in San Diego. We had a great group of out-of-school time professionals who really dove in to learn new, high energy team building games, experimenting with art projects, and even putting on fantastic skits! All attendees took home a packet of hands-on, interactive games and activities to implement in their programs.



[Click here to see more.](#)

Planet BOOST



Did you buy a BOOST T-Shirt at the Conference? Take a picture of yourself and enter into the Planet BOOST Contest!!

[Click here for more details.](#)

Resource Center



BOOST is proud to bring you free resources to enhance the quality of your out-of-school time program and professional development needs. We will be adding resources to this section on a quarterly basis.

Here is a sampling of what is offered. Please click on the subjects below.

[Academic Curriculum](#)

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BOOST Breakfast Club Featured Blog

Reach out to the Gifted in Your After School Programs - Provide the Spark for All to Learn

- *Roberta Pantle, Education Consultant, Anaheim Family YMCA: Anaheim Achieves After School Program Anaheim, CA*

"More than a majority of professional literature and conferences are geared to disadvantaged, underserved, underperforming, and English learner students. We talk about Closing the Achievement Gap. This has been the case for more than a decade. Do we often forget to look at the strengths of students and gear some of our activities to their strengths? Do we actively seek out gifted and above-average learners in our after school population and stretch their thinking? In closing the achievement gap, do we sometimes forget to push able learners to their potential?..."



[Read more by Roberta Pantle](#)

Program Highlight

THINK Together - Prom-a-licious

Attending a High School Prom can be expensive -- the costs often prohibiting students from participating in this once-in-a-lifetime experience. During May, the THINK Together staff at both Century and Valley High Schools in Santa Ana organized a formal wear drive. Students, staff, and community members reached out to colleagues, teachers, family, friends and community groups asking them to donate dresses, gowns, tuxedos, shoes, and accessories -- things high school students would need for their Prom. The response and outpouring of quality items was overwhelming.

The idea began with a conversation with a student, said Misty Omar-Mendoza, a coordinator of the project. "During a casual conversation with a student, the student mentioned that she was not going to Prom because

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she couldn't afford it. We figured there were a lot of other students in the same situation, and we knew we could help."



As



Prom season began, each school site set up "Prom-A-Licious" stores for students who were struggling with expenses generally associated with attending a Prom. THINK Together staff also partnered with their school's staff, Collene O'Hara Beauty Academy, and Mary Kay stylists to outfit students from head to toe with free dresses, tuxes, hair, make-up and manicures.

With the fashion assistance they received from THINK Together and its many friends, more than 65 fashionably attired seniors from Valley and Century High Schools attended their respective Proms with confidence, style and grace. Additionally, the response of donations was so high they have dresses and tuxes remaining that they plan to offer to students before every dance!

Now that prom season is coming to a close if you or your students are interested in donating to Prom-A-Licious you can contact either Century High School or Valley High School through in the following ways:

Century High School:
Misty Omar-Mendoza at centuryhigh@thinktogether.org or
Jamie Struthers at centuryhigh2@thinktogether.org

Valley High School:
Sergio Barragan at valleyhigh@thinktogether.org or
Gloria Alday at valleyhigh2@thinktogether.org

To see pictures of the event please [click here](#).

Research

Why They Run - National Runaway Switchboard

Why They Run: An in-depth look at America's runaway youth, presented by the National Runaway Switchboard, sheds new light on the runaway problem in America and begins to fill in the gaps of what is already known and what can be done based on new research. Why They Run does the following:

- Considers existing data about the issue through a decade's worth of expert studies;
- Weighs the trend data compiled by the National Runaway Switchboard, which handles more than 100,000 calls annually - an average of 273 calls per day with runaway and at-risk youth, family members and other individuals with questions or concerns about a youth; and



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- Examines the one-on-one interviews from America's youth, who are residing in shelters or living "on the street," about the real and perceived issues when it comes to reaching out for help.

[To read the report in full please click here.](#)

[To download their free Prevention Curriculum please click here.](#)

In The News

After School in the News

5/13/10 [Teens Open Youth Center to Curb Violence](#)

5/13/10 [Acclaimed L.A. anti-gang program lays off 300](#)

5/14/10 [A chance for state to aid teen foster dependents](#)

5/18/10 [Watch D.O.G.S. provide male mentors to students](#)

5/19/10 [To fight 'dropout factories,' school program starts young](#)

5/20/10 [A home for sisterhood](#)

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5/26/10 [CPS presents progress report on youth violence prevention effort](#)

5/26/10 [PEAK program provides kids with after school and summer activities](#)

5/26/10 [First lady: 'Better future ahead for Detroit'](#)

Funding Opportunities

Ordered by Deadline

6/16/10 [The Collaboration Prize](#)

6/30/10 [Captain Planet Foundation Grant](#)

6/30/10 [Best Buy @15 Awards](#)

7/1/10 [Clorox Company Foundation](#)

7/15/10 [Healthy Living Grant Program](#)

7/15/10 [WhyHunger: Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Awards](#)

8/1/10 [Outstanding Young Educator Award](#)

8/1/10 [Toshiba American Foundation](#)

9/1/10 [Finish Line Youth Foundation](#)

9/1/10 [NFL PLAY 60's Health and Wellness Grants](#)

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