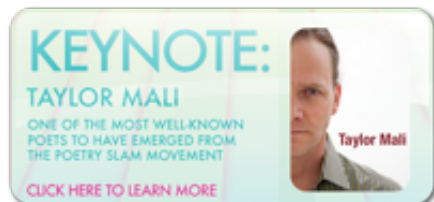




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BOOST CONFERENCE
APRIL 27 - APRIL 30, 2011
Palm Springs Convention Center
Palm Springs, California

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Dear Friends,

The 2011 BOOST Conference is less than 6 months away.

With the year quickly coming to a close, we have some very important conference information to share with you including, 2011 workshop sessions, Pre-Conference sessions, and hotel accommodations.

Thank you for the amazing work you have provided to children, families, and communities in 2010.

Sincerely,

The BOOST Collaborative Team

BOOST PRE-CONFERENCE ACADEMY SESSIONS- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011



CHALLENGE DAY- BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE

Yvonne and Rich St. John, Challenge Day and Be the Change Movement Founders, Concord, CA

Imagine a school day where enemies find their common ground and make peace; where friends heal past hurts and make amends; where young people ignite their passion for service and leadership; where every



**BOOST CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION**

Give yourself and staff the gift of professional development this holiday season.

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BOOST BUDDY OF THE WEEK

student feels safe, loved and celebrated. This is the work of the heart. This is the work of Challenge Day.

Challenge Day is a non-profit organization that provides powerful, often life-changing experiential programs to youth and their communities. All Challenge Day programs are rooted in the understanding that drugs, alcohol, eating disorders, depression, smoking, teasing, bullying and violence are actually symptoms of a greater problem. It provides young people with the opportunity to be totally real and honest, to experience what's possible, and then to rise up as leaders-all in an atmosphere of fun, love, compassion, acceptance and respect. Challenge Day inspires youth to be the change they want to see-in their lives, in their school, in their community, and in the world.

For more information, click [here](#).

For more information on Challenge Day, please click [here](#).



**AMERICAN
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**NAVIGATING THE
WATERS OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT WITH THE
BEYOND THE BELL TOOLKIT**

Tara Donahue, Senior Program Associate, American Institutes for Research; Jaime Stephanidis, Program Associate, American Institutes for Research, Chicago

To sustain the best possible afterschool program, you must have the highest quality staff. To have the highest quality staff, you must provide staff with the best possible professional development, given limited amounts of time and money. The preconference session *Navigating the Waters of Staff Development With the Beyond the Bell® Toolkit* will help you frame how to use your professional development time in an effective and efficient manner.

This interactive session will have multiple opportunities for hands-on activities and networking. Participants will be provided with a copy of the *Beyond the Bell® Toolkit* as part of their registration fee for the pre-conference workshop.

For more information, click [here](#).

For more information about the *Beyond the Bell® Toolkit* and our



Click [here](#) to Inquire

**BOOST CONFERENCE
ADVISORY BOARD
ANNOUNCED**

We are pleased to announce the 2011 Advisory Board for the BOOST (Best of Out-of-School Time) Conference members.

The Advisory Board members share a passion and commitment to meet the needs of the constituencies we serve. The goal for this meaningful and all-inclusive conference is to bring together key stakeholders in the field to share promising practices for the encouragement and development of quality programs and to create change in the communities we serve.

While our Board guides the strategic planning process, they bring their own particular skill set and expertise to provide leadership to the overall event.

2011 ADVISORY BOARD

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expanded learning services, please click [here](#).



**MAKING PROGRESS WITH
ENGLISH LEARNERS**

*Douglas Fisher, Ph.D., San
Diego State University, San Diego, CA*

What do English learners need to reach higher levels of success and what can after school programs do to contribute to that success? In this session, we focus on quality instruction for English learners, with special attention to supplemental intervention in the after school program. To increase their proficiency, English learners need more opportunities to practice language and learn the structure and function of language. Importantly, they need to do this in supportive and engaging environments with adults who care about them and their progress.

For more information, click [here](#).

For more information on Douglas Fisher and his work, please click [here](#) to visit his website.

PHASE 1 OF WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED

Phase 1 of the 2011 BOOST Conference workshop sessions has been announced. Please visit our website to see a complete list of exceptional workshop presenters joining us from across that nation.

Workshop Sessions Include:

Boozing, Doping, and Clothing

Building Intentional Communities: Strategies to Deeply Embed Social Justice Values into Your Organizational Culture and Climate

Building a Youth-Driven High School After School System

Children in Nature: Happier, Healthier, Smarter

Creating "Camp Magic" this Summer

Engaging Older Youth in After School: Successful Strategies from the Field

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Save the Children, Washington, DC

**Adora Svitak, 13-year old Author and
Teacher**
Adora Svitak, Seattle, WA

Richard Wells, Vice President
America's Promise Alliance, Washington, DC

Enhancing K-12 STEM Learning with Stop-motion Animation

Fantasy Baseball: An Integrated Math Program

How to Make After School Bully-Free

Integrating Youth Workforce Programs and Afterschool Programs

Making the Case for Children's Well-Being: Why Promoting Community & Social Change is Important

Peer to Peer Programs: Developing Tomorrows Leaders

Soft Skills for Hard Times- Tips on How to Develop a Happier Healthier Workplace

Strategies That Build Rapport, Connections, and Motivate Students

To Reflect and Serve! Experiential Activities and Reflective Practices to BOOST Learning

Why Won't They Change? How to Effectively Support Staff in a Strengths-Based Partnership

Click [here](#) to see a complete list of Phase 1 workshops.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS



Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel

888 Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262
Phone: 760-322-6000

BOOST 2011 Conference Rate- \$149

Be sure to secure your room at your earliest convenience as this hotel block will sell out!

Click [here](#) to make your reservation today.

Urgent Notice: All housing accommodations must be made through this website using the link provided. If you are being contacted by a third party, this is not related to the BOOST Conference and you should not provide any financial information.

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