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EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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SOWA is a statewide organization that supports high-quality expanded learning opportunities afterschool and in the summer through:

- Engaging, convening, and supporting critical constituencies
- Promoting quality standards and accountability
- Brokering and leveraging resources
- Promoting effective policies
• Young people’s education doesn’t stop when the school day (or year) ends

• Only 20% of a child’s waking hours is spent in school

• What we do with the rest of that time matters
WHY EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES?

• Link to learning
  – ELO programs can bring to life what children and youth are learning in the classroom

• Working with different types of adults and professionals
  – Community-based organizations are the perfect partners

• Fun. Engaging. No, seriously.
  – Linked to learning BUT focus on youth voice and choice
BUT DON’T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT…

LISTEN TO KIDS!
PROGRAM QUALITY MATTERS
• High-quality expanded learning opportunities produce positive social, emotional, academic gains

PROGRAM QUALITY IS MEASURABLE
• Research and practice agreement about the features of a quality learning environment

PROGRAM QUALITY IS MALLEABLE
• When programs focus on strengthening instructional practices aligned with quality, they can influence outcomes
OUT OF SCHOOL (OST) QUALITY INITIATIVE PILOT

Partners
- Department of Early Learning (DEL)
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
- School’s Out Washington (SOWA)
- Child Care Aware (CCA)
- Raikes Foundation
- University of Washington (UW)

Number of Sites - 50
4 Regions
- Licensed Family Home
- Licensed Childcare Centers (0-12)
- Licensed School-Age Only Centers
- 21st Century CLC
- Non-licensed OST Programs

Tools
- SAPQA and YPQA
- Quality Seal Measure (to be developed by UW)
WAYS TO PLUG IN

• Expanded Learning Opportunities Council

• Washington Afterschool Network (WAN)

• Expanded Learning Opportunities Coalition
WASHINGTON STATE EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES COUNCIL – PUBLIC FORUM ON EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 6PM – 8:00PM (DINNER PROVIDED)

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QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU!

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