Exporing STEM: What it Means to our Community
Washington County Breakfast
Wednesday, August 24th

Agenda

8:30 AM  Breakfast Buffet Open

9:00 AM  Welcome
          Beth Unverzagt, OregonASK Executive Director

Student Panel
          Jason De Leon, Business Education Compact
          Leslie Urbano Campos, Adelante Mujeres
          Jendric Josafat, Centro Cultural de Washington County

9:25 AM  Oregon’s STEM Strategic Plan
          Mark Lewis, Chief Education Office

9:45 AM  Importance & Benefit of STEM/STEAM
          US Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

10:00 AM Business & Industry Connections
          Lisa Klingsporn, Director of School to Work, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce
          Table Discussion

10:20 AM Utilizing Informal STEM
          Amy Powers, SHINE Program Manager, Impact NW
          Hillsboro School District
          Table Discussion

10:45 AM Connecting Locally
          Katie Riley, Chair, Washington County Kids

11:00 AM Closing
Exploring STEM Washington County Breakfast Partners

The National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education, and Families has over a decade of experience and knowledge working with cities and municipal leaders to help strengthen local efforts to create, expand and improve afterschool opportunities and build coordinated citywide afterschool systems. As part of this work, the Institute for Youth, Education and Families produces an online resource for Small Cities Afterschool, as well as offering a broad range of action kits, toolkits, strategy guides, webinar archives, and other resources that provide municipal leaders with practical ideas for supporting children and youth in the afterschool hours.

As part of the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families initiative to support Afterschool and Summer Learning, Oregon Afterschool for Kids (OregonASK) was awarded a small grant to work on informing and engaging more municipal leaders in the issues surrounding afterschool. Thanks to this grant, OregonASK is working with regional STEM Hubs and partners to host discussions about the importance and impact of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) on our communities.

OregonASK previously partnered with National League of Cities in 2012 to host a Mayoral Summit, bringing together mayors from around Oregon to discuss the importance of Afterschool. In 2014, OregonASK received funding from Noyce Foundation to focus work on building and implementing STEM Systems. Over the last three years, we have been participating with the network of budding STEM Hubs to connect local STEM partners and informal educators. As the convening organization for the Oregon Girls Collaborative, we hosted a Collaboration Conference, distributed minigrants to girlserving STEM programs and facilitated regional forums around the state focused on Exemplary Practices for Engaging Underserved Youth in STEM. We also provide 19 differentiated STEM trainings to educators around the state, including specific content training and general STEM approaches for informal educators.

Washington County Kids is a coalition of community organizations, local government, and faith communities working to support out-of-school-time programs that promote student success. Barriers of poverty, poor academic skills, and food insecurity facing youth today make it difficult to compete in school and society. Washington County Kids is working to establish a sustainable source of funding to increase early childhood care, after school, and summer programs, and fight hunger. These proven approaches can lead to higher graduation rates and community success.

We thank you for being a part of the conversation as we bring together community programs, K12 educators and administrators, workforce representatives, and municipal leaders to work towards an aligned system of support that will help meet the needs of stakeholders in each community.