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Raising the Bar on SEL and Cultural Relevance in Summer Programs
ABOUT NSLA

NSLA is a national, non-profit organization focused on the powerful impact of one achievable goal: investing in summer learning to help close the achievement gap. NSLA uses the power of research, advocacy, training, and policy to transform America’s neighborhoods and communities, one child at a time.

Our work is based on the simple idea that summer—a time that is easily overlooked yet critical to educational development—is bursting with possibility, and instrumental in closing the achievement gap between privileged children and our most vulnerable children.
NSLA's Mission and Vision

Ensure every child, regardless of background and zip code, learns and thrives every summer.

Our Work Aims To:

• Improve the lives of America’s most vulnerable students

• Combat summer learning loss

• Close the achievement and opportunity gaps which grow over the summer months
Time for Improvement
Provide students and staff opportunity to catch up, keep up and develop new skills.

Time for Innovation
Empower staff to test and try out and measure new ideas, solutions, strategies before scaling

Time for Integration
Break down silos in education and partner leaders and organizations in rare, new ways

Time for Impact
Learning from hands-on summer programs is immediate, measurable and lasting
NSLA Signature Events

National Summer Learning Week
July 12-16, 2021

Summer Changes Everything National Conference
November 7-10, 2021
A Summer Like No Other: Lessons from the Field During COVID-19

Yale Child Study Center + Scholastic Collaborative for Child & Family Resilience

Summer Learning: A Bridge to Student Success and America’s Recovery, a COVID-19 PLAYBOOK

Summer Starts in September Planning Guide

Wallace Summer Planning Toolkit
RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT – DAY 2

NCASE: Listening Session: The State of School-Age Child Care – Summer 2020

Wallace Foundation: Every Summer Counts

COVID-19 Resources

Georgia State Afterschool Network & 50 State Afterschool Network: Summer Activity Guide

Field Guide for Camps
RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT – DAY 3

2021 Summer Learning Guide: Investing in Resilience and Relationships

Site Leader’s Guide to Summer Program Planning

Getting Support for Summer Learning: How Federal, State, City, and District Policies Affect Summer Learning Programs

Shaping Summertime Experiences

Family-Educator Resource Accelerator
RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT – DAY 4

SEL+OST=Perfect Together: A Conference Report

The Education Trust: Social, Emotional, and Academic Development Through an Equity Lens

Fortt Media: The Black Experience in America

The Partnerships for Social and Emotional Learning Podcast

Social and Emotional Development in Early Adolescence: Tapping into the Power of Relationships and Mentoring

SEL in Action
Professional Learning Communities

- Regularly convene and train youth development staff from like-minded groups across the U.S.
- Planned, led and facilitated by NSLA program staff and a skilled NSLA expert Field Consultant.
- Quarterly training meetings and one in-person, all day retreat at NSLA’s Annual Conference.

**Topic Areas**

- STEM & Health Careers
- Sports & Health
- Public Housing-Based
- New Vision for Summer School
- Literacy & Libraries
- Arts Education
- College Access & Summer Melt
- Youth Employment & Internships
- Special Populations
- Environmental & Nature

https://www.summerlearning.org/professional-learning-communities-plc/
Program Planning

- Data-driven Planning
- Leading from the Point of Service
- Summer Starts in September (SSiS)
- Results-based Accountability (RBA)

Positive Youth Development

- Advancing Youth Development One-day Overview
- AYD 30-hour Training
- Combating Adultism

Program Management

- Advancing Youth Development (AYD) for Supervisors
- Leading for Quality
- The Role of the Coach in the Quality Movement
- Making Meaning with Multiple Data Sets (M3)

Systems Building

- Summer Landscape Assessment
- Community Indicators of Effective Summer Learning Systems (CIESLS) Self-Assessment
- Community Report
- Strategic Planning
SUMMER BOOTCAMP: GET READY FOR SUMMER SERIES

Day 5, Thursday, March 5

Open Group Office Hours
Thank you!

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