



# 2023 PROFESSIONAL SUMMER LEARNING COMMUNITIES SPECIAL POPULATIONS

National Summer Learning Association's (NSLA) Special Populations professional summer learning community (PLC) is comprised of leadership professionals who work with youth who identify as a special population. This includes youth with medical needs such as physical, cognitive, learning disabilities, or illness; unique needs such as foster care, LGBTQ+; adverse childhood experiences like domestic violence, homelessness, refugees and more.

One of the main objectives of this PLC is to empower youth-serving leaders who often feel isolated due to the independent nature of serving in leadership roles.

Working collaboratively, we are addressing key issues such as:




- Full-time, year-round leadership staff self care
- Staff and volunteer support
- Recruitment
- Vicarious trauma
- Trauma informed care
- Social emotional learning and skills

**PLUS ACCESS TO OTHER  
FREE NSLA TRAININGS  
AND RESOURCES**

**Who Should Join the Special Populations PLC?**

- Professionals in leadership positions within their youth-serving organization, including Director of Operations, Camp Directors, Program Directors, among other positions.
- Professionals who lead sessions at conferences, are looked to for leadership, and are looking for support and fellowship through a peer group.

## PLEASE SAVE THE DATES!

	<b>Thursday, March 9</b> 11-12:30 CT	<b>Beyond Surveys: Tips and Tricks for Child Centered (and Equitable) Evaluation Practices</b> with guest speaker Dr. Ann Gillard.
	<b>Wednesday April 5</b> 11-12:30 CT	<b>Resources Round Robin: Tap into top rated resources to support your summer prep!</b>
	<b>Thursday, May 4</b> 11-12:30 CT	<b>Open Discussion: Bring your training schedule - where are your holes, what are you proud of? Share and swap ideas and training plans.</b>



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