

ION ANNUAL REPORT 2020

CONNECTED WITH PROGRAMS AND PARTNERS

Presented **ION's Building Blocks for Quality** in a series of eight web workshops. Started the process of Impact Mapping

Connected educators with multiple resources and presenters through **our web workshop series** including topics such as Adolescent Brain Science, Girls Who Code, Behavior Tips & Tricks, Preparing for Reopening, and Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Kids.

Continued to build the **Idaho Dimensions of Success (DoS) Certified Observation Team**. ION also served as a remote DoS Observation pilot for the PEAR Institute.

Created **three Program Profiles** showcasing excellence in out-of-school time programming throughout the state.

Piloted a **Middle School Pilot Program** with the City of Boise Parks and Rec, a high-quality program designed using The Building Blocks for Quality and the 12 course "BOTVIN: Lifeskills Training" as curriculum. Held staff nights and parent nights to teach **Adolescent Brain Science**.

Partnered with The Idaho Positive Behavior Network to hold the first annual **Behavior Management Institute (BMI)**. Designed for out-of-school teams, BMI provides research-based strategies to providers serving all ages of youth in an out-of-school time settings. 95 people in 20 teams attended.

Connected with 125 out-of-school professionals at **ION's 7th Annual Power Up Summit** held virtually and in conjunction with the **Open Minds Open Spaces Western States Conference**, a regional conference with participants from nine states.

Brought **Think Make Create (TMC) Labs™** to Idaho in partnership with University of Idaho 4-H, Idaho STEM Action Center, Idaho Career & Technical Education, and Gizmo. TMC Labs™ **will serve K-8, rural, and under-resourced youth across the state** providing quality STEM programming through these outdoor mobile maker spaces.



Mission

Ensure Idaho's youth have access to high quality out-of-school programs.

Resources Available On Our Website

- **407** programs Listed in the **Program Directory**
- **96** Partners Listed in **Partnership Directory**
- **Communication Toolkit**- Resources for Advocating for Your Program
- **100+ Curriculum Resources** on a Variety of Topics
- **20+ Academic Articles** About Various Aspects of Out-of-School Time
- **30+ Funding and Grants** Opportunities
- **Professional Development Calendar**
- **Think Make Create** Information
- **Guide to Reopening**
- **Penn State E-Learning Modules**
- **Idaho Building Blocks for Quality** Booklet and Resources





Virtual Conference
OCTOBER 14-16, 2020



ENGAGED POLICY MAKERS

Hosted the **Open Minds Open Space Town Hall meeting as part of Lights On Afterschool** to recognize and honor those that champion afterschool and **honored seven Lights On Afterschool Champions**. Proclamations designating Lights on Afterschool Day were made by Governor Brad Little and Mayor Lauren McLean.

Together with the National League of Cities, held a series of three **Town Hall Meetings** throughout the summer with policy makers to discuss the critical role that OST plays during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Participated in the first ever **STEM Ecosystem Initiative**- co-purchasing the Think Make Create Labs and building a statewide leadership team to implement **the project statewide** in 2021.

ION Director completed the **White Riley Peterson Policy Fellowship**.

ION'S FUNDING SOURCES

- Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation
- Boise Parks and Recreation
- City of Boise
- C.S. Stewart Mott Foundation
- Central District Health
- Idaho Commission for Libraries
- Idaho Department of Education
- Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Idaho STEM Action Center
- National Conference of State Legislatures
- National League of Cities
- Optum
- Overdeck Family Foundation
- STEMfinity
- STEM Next
- St. Luke's

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Surveyed OST programs in Idaho to determine their needs.

Created a **dedicated section on ION's website** for information regarding the pandemic and **provided technical assistance to programs**, helping them access ION's resources and other professional development opportunities.

Published **Guidance for the Establishment of Child Care and School Age Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic**, a handbook for programs looking to reopen their doors for youth in a safe manner. **Hosted a Preparing for Reopening webinar**.

2020 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- CHAIR, Andrew Fletcher, Treasure Valley Family YMCA
- VICE CHAIR, Megan Gambs, BSU's Institute for STEM & Diversity Initiatives
- Karan Tucker and Stephanie Bender-Kitz, Jannus Inc.
- Sheena Strickler, Idaho State Department of Education
- Johanna Jones, Idaho State Department of Education
- Erica Compton, Idaho STEM Action Center
- Ericka Rupp, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Jennifer Redford, Idaho Commission for Libraries
- Juan Saldaña, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs
- Allen Taggart, University of Idaho Extension, 4-H
- Marie Hattaway, City of Boise Parks and Recreation
- Lindsey Westburg, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Magic Valley
- Felice Otero, United Way of Southeastern Idaho