

ION ANNUAL REPORT 2019

CONNECTED WITH PROGRAMS AND PARTNERS

Connected educators with multiple resources and presenters through **our web workshop series**.

Held 5 roundtables throughout the state seeking input on the Quality Standards.

Trained 72 educators at **Recharge Workshops, a one-day professional development event** held in 6 locations throughout Idaho.

Worked with Craters of the Moon National Monument to bring nearly 50 students to **celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing** on the moon.

Created the **Idaho Dimensions of Success (DoS) Certified Observation Team** of 11 professionals. The team members are available to observe out-of-school program STEM activities, track the quality of STEM learning opportunities, and pinpoint strengths and weaknesses.

Connected over 200 out-of-school professionals at **ION's 6th Annual Power Up Summit**.

PUBLISHED IDAHO BUILDING BLOCKS FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME QUALITY

Published the **Idaho Building Blocks for Out-of-School Time Quality**- with several years of input from community stakeholders and programs, the building blocks have been published and are available online and in print along with extensive resources for each of the 8 building blocks as well as a **Continuous Quality Improvement guide**.

The Building Blocks serve to:

- Define what quality out-of-school time programming looks like;
- Serve as a foundation for decisions and practices in all settings and programs;
- Establish a set of standards that support the professionalization of the youth development field;
- Provide an on-going framework to advance the field and increase the quality of programs offered.



Mission

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

Resources Available On Our Website

- **519** Programs Listed in the **Program Directory**
- **95** 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**
- **Penn State E-Learning Modules**
- **Idaho Building Blocks for Quality** Booklet and Resources





ENGAGED POLICYMAKERS

Delivered **Regional Factsheets** on out-of-school programs to all Idaho legislators.

Policymakers participated in a panel discussion as well as the Breakfast of Champions at ION's 6th Annual Summit.

Honored 7 Lights On Afterschool Champions with an award and \$300 to give to an out-of-school program of their choosing.

Participated in **STEM Matters Advocacy Day** at the Capitol.

Presented to the **Governor's Education Taskforce**.

EXPANDED OUTREACH AND NETWORK CAPACITY

Published **report on a Middle School Survey** of parents, students, and program providers.

5 people, including both staff members at ION, were **trained to teach Botvin Life Skills**.

Launched the **Communication Toolkit**- a tool designed to help out-of-school programs advocate for the work they do within their community and with policymakers.

ION'S FUNDING SOURCES

- Boise Parks and Recreation
- Cap Ed
- 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 Space Grant Consortium
- Idaho STEM Action Center
- National Conference of State Legislatures
- Optum
- Overdeck Family Foundation

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2019 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- CHAIR, Andrew Fletcher, Treasure Valley Family YMCA
- VICE CHAIR, Megan Gambs, BSU's Institute for STEM & Diversity Initiatives
- Lauren Necochea, Jannus Inc./ Idaho Voices for Children
- Sheena Strickler, 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
- Rachel Lane, City of Post Falls Parks and Recreation
- Felice Otero, United Way of Southeastern Idaho