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OUR IMPACT

Supporting Youth Programs:

- The Idaho Out-of-School Network (ION) served more than
 400 afterschool and summer youth programs in Idaho.
- ION completed it's reporting cycle with the Utah Education Policy Center (UEPC) surveying the afterschool landscape in Idaho.
- ION awarded **\$1.6 million** to expand programs and increase affordability for families.
- From the UEPC Report: **98%** of staff surveyed indicated that participants in afterschool programming showed improvements in responsible decision-making.

Supporting Educators:

- ION helped thousands of professionals dedicated to enriching the lives of children through training, coaching, and sharing tools for success.
- Hosted the Power Up Summit for out-of-school time professionals, including over 20 partner exhibits.
- From the UEPC Report: "...teams used the OST grant funds to substantially expand program services by **adding additional hours, or even full days**, to their programs."

Supporting Families:

- Improved long-term quality of youth programs through coaching and technical assistance around ION's Building Blocks for Out-of-School Quality.
- Increased community support and partnerships for afterschool and summer programs.
- Advocated for more resources to help families access youth programs.
- From the UEPC Report: 80% of families surveyed agreed that their program takes their work schedules into account when determining program schedules.

About

Parents and families can find youth programs that enrich lives. Students and educators can find grants, training, and professional resources. Working together, we are creating better access to quality out-of-school programs.

Mission

The Idaho Out-of-School Network's (ION) mission is to build, advocate for, and lead a strong out-of-school community. ION provides tools and resources to increase access to quality youth programs.

Vision

Every Idaho child has an opportunity to learn and thrive through participation in a high quality out-of-school program.



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BY THE NUMBERS

- Over **700** people registered for an ION event or training.
- 220 educators attended the Power Up Summit - 15 unique sessions & 2 keynotes over 2 days in September in Boise, Idaho.
- **135** educators attended the Behavior Management Institute.
- 154 educators attended one of six Regional Recharge Workshop & Roundtable events in April and May held across the State.
- 86 programs received coaching focused on behavior management and the Building Blocks for Out-of-School Time Quality.
- **34,439** people engaged with Think Make Create Mobile Makerspace Labs.

LEARNING ACADEMY

- ION's Learning Academy reached **543** learners.
- ION hosted 6 live webinars and added 8 new offerings to the Learning Academy.
- 1,177 total training hours were taken in the Learning Academy.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ION's **Think Make Create Works project** launched creating Pre-Apprenticeships for teens to explore and connect with careers opportunities in their communities while increasing STEM education across the State.
- ION began working to strengthen afterschool programming in Full Service Community Schools statewide.

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