



Annual Report

2023

Our Impact

Supporting Youth Programs:

- The Idaho Out-of-School Network (ION) served more than **600** afterschool and summer youth programs in Idaho.
- Idaho youth programs helped more than **48,000** youth (ages 5-18) explore the world beyond the classroom with academic support, enrichment activities, food, and transportation.
- ION awarded **\$2.7 million** to expand programs and increase affordability for families.
- Evaluators found more than **3,400** youth benefited socially and academically from ION funded programs.

Supporting Educators:

- ION served **1,917** professionals dedicated to enriching the lives of children through training, coaching, and sharing tools for success.
- Organized a professional development conference for **250** afterschool educators at the Power-Up Summit
- Expanded STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) via an expanding network of educators and reached more than **30,000** youth.

Supporting Families:

- Improved long-term quality of youth programs through coaching and technical assistance around ION's Building Blocks for OST quality.
- Increased community support for partnerships for afterschool and summer programs.
- Advocated for more resources to help families access youth 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.

About

Parents and families can find youth program 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.

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 **1,000** educators attended an ION event or training, for one or more of ION's **28** in person professional events
- **250** educators attended Power-Up Summit
- **115** educators attended the Behavior Management Institute
- Convened **6** Regional Roundtables
- **90** programs received coaching focuses on behavior management and the Idaho Building Blocks for Out-of-School Time Quality
- **60,000** people engaged with Think Make Create Mobile Makerspace Labs
- Coordinated **1,581** hours of STEM educational sessions for youth afterschool

LEARNING ACADEMY

- ION launched the Learning Academy in September 2022; **300** learners registered by the year's end
- ION hosted **10** webinars

HIGHLIGHTS

- Utah Education Policy Center (UEPC) found that **94%** of educators reported that youth who attended afterschool programs, had greater success throughout the school year
- ION Awarded **\$2.7 million** for operating youth OST programs across the state!

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- CHAIR, Jennifer Redford- Idaho Commission for Libraries
- Trisha Mick- Idaho STEM Ecosystem
- Diane Demarest- Jannus, Inc.
- Andrew Fletcher- Treasure Valley Family YMCA
- Megan Gambs- Associate Director of Student Success Initiatives
- Sheena Strickler- Idaho State Department of Education
- Johanna Jones- Idaho State Department of Education
- Randy Jensen- American Falls School District
- Erica Compton- Idaho STEM Action Center
- Aubrie Hunt- Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Natasha Tienhaara- University of Idaho Extension, 4-H
- Dr. Joy Hansen- Lake Pend Oreille School District
- Marie Hattaway- City of Boise Parks and Recreation
- Sunshine Shepherd- Idaho National Laboratory
- Bri Owens- Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley

