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Conference Themes

1. Full-Service Community Schools
2. Emotional Health and Wellness
3. Equity and Inclusion
4. Environment Education
5. Innovative Programming

A Welcome Message

Welcome to Nebraska's statewide school-age afterschool and summer learning conference. The conference is designed to support you – the front-line staff, site coordinators, directors, childcare providers, community partners and advocates powering high quality afterschool and summer programs. As 2022 begins, we are all looking toward a brighter future, especially for the children and youth in our programs. Throughout the conference we will be focused on building connections, networking and learning about programs and practices that can help you enhance school-aged afterschool programs across the state. Importantly, this year we will also be brainstorming ideas that we can turn into action to make this the ***Best Summer Ever!*** for ourselves and deserving youth in Nebraska's summer programs.



Sincerely,

Jeff Cole
Beyond School Bells

Dr. Saundra Wever Frerichs
Nebraska Extension

Jan Handa
Kim Larson
21st Century Community Learning Centers

Instructions about dietary restrictions

Individuals whose registration included a request for a special meal due to a dietary restriction have a small table tent in their nametag holder. Please show this to your lunch server. No accommodations can be made if you did not pre-order a special meal. Questions, contact the registration desk.

COVID-19 protocols

All in-person conference participants are required to wear a mask throughout the day, except while eating. A face mask and hand sanitizer are provided in your conference bag, compliments of the Nebraska Healthy Schools Program. We will be following all local and national guidelines to mitigate COVID-19.



About the Nebraska Afterschool Conference

The conference organizers have collaborated to convene a statewide conference for Nebraska since May, 2005 when the first Hours of Opportunity Conference was held at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center. As the field of afterschool and summer enrichment has grown over the years, so has the scope and reach of the conference. The conference is now held annually and alternates between Omaha and Kearney thanks to the efforts of these partners:



Beyond School Bells builds partnerships that lead to policies and actions at both the state and local levels resulting in more high quality, locally sustainable afterschool and summer programs for more Nebraska youth.



The 21st CCLC is a competitive grant program to support the establishment of community learning centers offering expanded learning opportunities afterschool and in the summer. The overarching goals are: 1) improving overall student academic success, 2) increasing positive behavior and social interactions, and 3) increasing active and meaningful family and community engagement.



The Nebraska Department of Education is a constitutional agency whose mission is to lead and support the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living.



Click2SciencePD.org builds the confidence and competence of afterschool professionals in providing excellent STEM programs that support youth development and learning every day. We believe well facilitated STEM activities encourage youth to be curious, ask questions and develop skills for success now and in their future.



Nebraska Extension works across our whole state to provide expertise and support for youth, families, farms and ranches, communities, and businesses. Programs include Ag research and training, child and youth development, community vitality, nutrition, disaster recovery and more. Extension helps Nebraskans enhance their lives through research-based education.

Conference Schedule

- 7:45 Registration Opens
- 7:45 Breakfast and visit Walk N Talk displays
- 8:30 Opening session***
- 9:30 Break to visit Walk N Talk displays
- 9:55 Workshop Sessions I
- 10:55 Workshop Sessions II
- 12:00 Lunch and Awards presentation***
- 1:30 Workshop Sessions III
- 2:30 Workshop Sessions IV
- 3:20 Best Summer Ever Reception
- 4:00 Drawing for door prizes



Opening session 8:30-9:30 South Ballroom

Announcements

Welcome to Omaha

Dr. Cheryl Logan, Superintendent,
Omaha Public Schools

The Gifts of Imperfection, Brene' Brown
LaRon Henderson, Collective for Youth

Hands-On Kit Workshops

2022: The Best Summer Ever!

Lunch and Awards presentation 12:00 South Ballroom

Lunch and Awards

The Gifts of Imperfection, Brene' Brown
LaRon Henderson, Collective for Youth

Bob Whitehouse ELO Policy Champion Award
Nicole Vint accepting on behalf of the
NE Department of Health and Human Services

ELO Innovator Award
Aftershock - Norfolk Public Schools

ELO Innovator Award
The Bay, a program of Rabble Mill

2022: The Best Summer Ever!

GetConnected in Kearney: Sept. 16, 2022



Sessions: At-a-Glance

Live 
 Kit Workshop 
 Live Streamed 

Morning









Sessions I

9:55-10:45 AM

	Session Title	Presenter	Type	Room
	Meal Master	Sara Colford Stacey Whiting	live	216
	Community Café Approach: Authentic & Intentional Parent, Caretaker, Community Engagement	Kaitlin Roselius	live	215
	Taking Flight: Creating an Afterschool Bird Club	Amber Schiltz	kit workshop*	213
	Kindness Counts Curriculum	Mary Beth Budz	live streamed	214
	Not just a "Slice of the Pie": The Whole Child Approach	Claire Brown Claudia Granillo	live streamed	212
	Imagine Science Biomedical Engineering	Tiffany Sessions Mirissa Scholting	live streamed	211
	Outdoor Classroom Workshop	Jack Hilgert	live streamed	210
	Water is Wild!	Grace Gaard	live streamed	209

Sessions II

10:55-11:45 AM

	Session Title	Presenter	Type	Room
	Building a Bigger Table: Equity and Inclusivity in Community Engagement	Jodi-Renee Giron	live	216
	Community Café Approach: Authentic & Intentional Parent, Caretaker, Community Engagement (cont.)	Kaitlin Roselius	live	215
	NASA Activities in Your Classroom	Terresa Greenleaf	live	213
	Creating a CONTAGIOUS Work CULTURE That Changes Lives	LaRon Henderson	live streamed	214
	Youth Entrepreneurship Beyond Pitch Competition	Surin Kim Maria de Guzman	live streamed	212
	Emerging Models: Using High School & College Students to Support Programs	Patricia Sanchez Sandra Day	live streamed	211
	"Fall" in Love with Trees! Project Learning Tree K-2 Workshop	Jack Hilgert	kit workshop*	210
	Building Multi-media Capacity to Provide Innovative Programming in STEM	Nik Stevenson Hayley Jurek	live streamed	209

*\$25 fee and pre-registration required for kit workshops.

Sessions: At-a-Glance

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Afternoon









Sessions III

1:30-2:20 PM

	Session Title	Presenter	Type	Room
	Tinker, Explore and Create Entrepreneurs with TEC Box	Tracy Pracheil Jacie Milius	kit workshop*	216
	Health and Wellbeing in the Afterschool Program	Jessie Coffey Erika Wibbels	kit workshop*	215
	Beyond the Box: An Interactive Exhibit Centering Black Voices & Promoting Career Exploration	Erin Ingram Peyton Bishop	live	213
	Engagement & Innovation with Youth Entrepreneurship	Scott Mann	live streamed	214
	Integrate a High Quality Reading Effort into an Afterschool Program	Abby Burke Angela Dubuc	live streamed	212
	Students leading the charge! Project Based Learning Multidisciplinary Experience for Middle School	Ron Kellogg Petra Wahlqvist	live streamed	211
	Implementing SEL Afterschool	Carrie Lienemann	live streamed	210
	Dirt Detectives and Give Me Five	Courtney Shreve Brooke Tempel	live streamed	209

Sessions IV

2:30-3:20 PM

	Session Title	Presenter	Type	Room
	10 Minute Nature Studies	Monica Macoubrie	kit workshop*	216
	Full-Service Community Schools Pilot	Mariella Resendiz Joe DiCostanzo	live	215
	Curriculum and Equity: Do our students see themselves in the curriculum materials we use?	Kristi Chambers Kate Sydik	live	213
	Running a Book Club: Can we all get on the same page?	LaRon Henderson	live streamed	214
	Nebraska Extension Marathon Kids	Mariah Newmyer Donnia Behrends	live streamed	212
	Think, Make, Create Environmental Education	Julie Boyle	live streamed	211
	Mad Science: An afterschool program for STEM career exploration	Elena Stout	live streamed	210
	Entomology in Afterschool	Michael Eskelson	live streamed	209

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Sessions: At-a-Glance

Kit Workshops

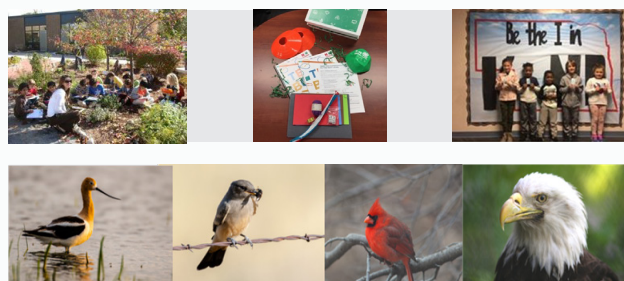
Sessions: All

These hands-on workshops require that each participant receives a kit of supplies.

Registration is required with a fee of \$25. Each workshop is limited to 25 participants.

These workshops offer innovative programming ideas and the supplies to help you implement them right away.

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	Taking Flight: Creating an Afterschool Bird Club	Amber Schiltz	I	213
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Workshop Descriptions




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Sessions I


9:55-10:45 AM

-  **Meal Master** (Room 216)
 We will demonstrate how any ASP can have an advanced cooking club regardless of the space. Focus areas include kitchen safety, using recipes, measuring ingredients, meal prep, budgets and of course, eating! Roll up your sleeves and come cook with us.


Sara Colford & Stacey Whiting
Columbus Public Schools

-  **Community Café Approach, Part 1 of 2** (Room 215)
 Come experience a Community Café teaser! We will be engaging in intentional conversations about the Café Approach, learning alongside current parent hosts about their experiences and the impact Cafés have had in their neighborhoods, and discovering together how this approach could be offered in your community.

Kaitlin Roselius
Lincoln Community Learning Centers
Lincoln Public Schools

-  **Taking Flight: Creating an Afterschool Bird Club** (Room 213)
 During this session, participants will learn about an afterschool bird curriculum. The 8-week Afterschool Bird Club curriculum was designed to encourage students to discover relevant scientific concepts such as adaptations, habitat, and life cycles all while discovering the world of birds. Towards the end of the program students will gain confidence and leadership skills by taking what they've learned and helping to facilitate a bird themed Family Nature Night for their schools. Participants will leave the session with the curriculum and materials, like a bird feeder, to help them implement Afterschool Bird Club at school.

\$25 fee and pre-registration required for this session.
Amber Schiltz
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission


-  **Kindness Counts Curriculum** (Room 214)
 An in-depth and hands on workshop demonstrating the Kindness Counts curriculum for grades K-4. Workshop participants will learn the curriculum concepts, how to use it, when to use and support programs offered to further enhance the curriculum.

Mary Beth Budz
Life Launch Academy


-  **Not just a "Slice of the Pie": The Whole Child Approach** (Room 212)

As a culture, we think that mental health is "just a slice of the pie", rather than an important part of the whole picture. In this presentation, The Wellbeing Partners will dive into how physical activity, nutrition, environment, and social emotional health interact for youth, from infancy through adolescence. We will share how we can address challenges to youth mental health and create community supports using the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model (WSCC), created by the CDC.


Claire Brown & Claudia Granillo
The Wellbeing Partners

-  **Imagine Science Biomedical Engineering** (Room 211)
 In this session, attendees learn how to engage their youth using a self-guided Biomedical Engineering camp resource. Guide your youth in using the engineering design process to create multi-stage nano-capsules that promote fighting sicknesses, perform laparoscopic surgery using a youth developed simulator, and more! Best of all, introduce them to local Biomedical Engineering careers!

Tiffany Sessions & Mirissa Scholting
Douglas-Sarpy Extension

-  **Outdoor Classroom Workshop** (Room 210)
 Outdoor Classroom Educator Workshop is for educators who work with students of any age or grade level. This new specialty workshop will help participants learn how to design and utilize an outdoor classroom. Receive native plant recommendations, learn best practices for teaching outdoors, and activity recommendations - just in time for fun in the sun!

Jack Hilgert
Nebraska Forest Service

-  **Water is Wild!** (Room 209)
 What is water and how does it work? Who relies on it and where can we find it? Through a series of activities, we'll cover how to teach students in grades K-2 about water in the afterschool setting. Beginning with the water "basics", then following water in the school yard, and ending with water in a Nebraska ecosystem - you'll walk away excited to dive in!


Grace Gaard
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Morning

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Sessions II


10:55-11:45 AM

 **Building a Bigger Table: Equity and Inclusivity in Community Engagement** (Room 216)

We live and work in beautifully diverse communities but many times our programming, outreach, and leadership don't reflect all of the people we serve. While diversity has become one of the buzz words of the decade, creating true equity and inclusion is key to a welcoming and effective educational environment as well as forming committees that really make a difference at the school and local level. In this workshop, we'll dive into the ways we can turn power structures upside down and create a big "Table" with multiple, diverse voices involved in the conversation.

Jodi-Renee Giron

First Five Nebraska


 **Community Café Approach, Part 2 of 2** (Room 215)

Come experience a Community Café teaser! We will be engaging in intentional conversations about the Café Approach, learning alongside current parent hosts about their experiences and the impact Cafés have had in their neighborhoods, and discovering together how this approach could be offered in your community.

Kaitlin Roselius

Lincoln Community Learning Centers

Lincoln Public Schools

 **NASA Activities in Your Classroom** (Room 213)

NASA provides a wide range of activities for all grade levels as well as content area. My last workshop focused on hands-on, engineering -based, build something activities that teachers could incorporate into their current lessons/ curriculum. The activities presented during this workshop will still include updated and new hands-on activities where you "build" something, but we will also look at other activities using a different hands-on format.

Terresa Greenleaf

Walthill Public School

 **Creating A CONTAGIOUS Work CULTURE That Changes Lives** (Room 214)

A Contagious Work Culture is important for many reasons. A strong, welcome community can help adults feel safe, feel a sense of belonging, and build their sense of purpose. Even beyond these personal growth areas, a strong work community can create an environment where individuals want to stay instead of looking for another job.

LaRon Henderson


Collective for Youth

 **Youth Entrepreneurship Beyond Pitch Competition** (Room 212)

Youth entrepreneurship education is emerging as a new framework to provide youth with opportunities to explore entrepreneurial careers, develop 21st skills, and connect with communities. Upstarts was developed as a place-based educational program to cultivate a sense of connection to community and to help youth gain entrepreneurship skills and business acumen. This session will offer chances to learn about the program that brings in-depth engagement between youth and local businesses and the best practices of how youth as agents of changes contribute to community vitality and wellbeing.

Surin Kim & Maria de Guzman

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

 **Emerging Models: Using High School and College Students to Support Programs** (Room 211)

COVID-19 has challenged the ability of afterschool programs across Nebraska and the country to secure personnel to adequately staff their work. But what if the answer to school-based afterschool and summer school programs was hiding in plain sight, in your nearby high school? Through use of high school students as core program staff, we can both provide motivated, enthusiastic staff necessary to meet program needs at the same time we are growing the future youth development workforce. This session will profile a successful model of high school student staffing currently being used in Lexington as well as opportunities and challenges for future expansion statewide.

Patricia Sanchez & Sandra Day

Lexington Public Schools & Beyond School Bells

Morning

Sessions II

10:55-11:45 AM



"Fall" in Love with Trees!

Project Learning Tree K-2 Workshop (Room 210)

Learn new strategies for engaging students in outdoor, environmental experiences! Gain access to Project Learning Tree's Sensational Trees Guide featuring three activities for K-2 that invite young learners to investigate trees using their senses. Exploring nature is a complete sensory experience, and trees also provide a natural focal point for sensory explorations. Participants will receive a certificate for 1 hour of in-service credit for childcare licensing and leave the session ready to "Fall" in Love with Trees this autumn.

\$25 fee and pre-registration required for this session.

Jack Hilgert

Nebraska Forest Service



Building Multi-media Capacity to

Provide Innovative Programming in STEM (Room 209)

The session aims to equip attendees with new skills to engage youth in STEM programming. The session is interactive in nature, as attendees will conduct a STEM activity for use in afterschool programming that is hands on, minds on learning. Attendees will then learn about multi-media directions for the activity to provide higher levels of engagement for youth (e.g. cartoon characters, gamifications, featured lab space/career videos).

Nik Stevenson & Hayley Jurek

UNO STEM TRAIL Center



Afternoon

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Sessions III

1:30-2:20 PM



Tinker, Explore and Create Entrepreneurs with TEC Box (Room 216)

Experience the exciting world of entrepreneurship where the possibilities are endless and the only limitation is your imagination. The *TEC Box* introduces the skills of entrepreneurs, such as active listening, empathy and creative problem-solving. Try some of the activities; find your inner entrepreneur. Participants will leave the session with their own *TEC Box* and skills to use in programming for grades 1-5.

\$25 fee and pre-registration required for this session.

Tracy Pracheil & Jacie Milius
Nebraska 4-H



Health and Wellbeing in the Afterschool Program (Room 215)

Afterschool program personnel play a vital role in promoting mental health and well-being and identifying and responding to emerging social- emotional or mental health needs in children and adolescents. However, individuals in the education and out of school program sector do not receive the education, training, or ongoing support needed to respond to these needs in the afterschool setting. Learn about how the afterschool setting can assist with providing a safe and welcoming space, supportive of fostering social-emotional competencies and practices to support and nurture positive mental health practices. Participants will leave the session ready to use this kit to create a "calming corner" in their afterschool program.

\$25 fee and pre-registration required for this session.

Jessie Coffey & Erika Wibbels
Nebraska Department of Education



Beyond the Box: An Interactive Exhibit Centering Black Voices and Promoting Career Exploration and Belonging (Room 213)

In this session, we will introduce a hands-on exhibit that leverages Museum-in-a-Box technology to highlight the experiences of Black scientists in agriculture and natural resource fields and encourages career exploration and a sense of belonging. Details will be provided on how to gain access to the exhibit for your site and ideas for how to integrate the box into afterschool programming.

Erin Ingram & Peyton Bishop
UNL IANR Science Literacy



Engagement & Innovation with Youth Entrepreneurship (Room 214)

Youth Entrepreneurship is an engaging way to recruit and retain youth, provide critical workforce skills, and engage your community of families and partners. Join Scott Mann, the Director of Education of VentureLab to learn more!

Scott Mann, VentureLab



Integrate a High Quality Reading Effort into an Afterschool Program (Room 212)

This session will spotlight research informed ways afterschool and summer programs can incorporate reading into their curricula for children in kindergarten through third grade. We'll delve into a variety of structural and instructional features these programs can successfully incorporate to support the development of students' early literacy foundational skills.

Abby Burke & Angela Dubuc,
NE Department of Education



Students Leading the Charge! Project Based Learning Multidisciplinary Experience for Middle Schoolers (Room 211)

Are you interested in student led learning, but don't know where to start? Would you like to create a relaxed and welcoming environment for learners? Would you like to encourage research and critical thinking skills, while having fun?

Ron Kellogg & Petra Wahlqvist
Lincoln Public Schools



Implementing SEL Afterschool (Room 210)

Learn how North Platte Kids Klub went from no SEL at all, to having a local therapist join their team and facilitate a hands-on SEL program afterschool. See how we did it from the first step to the last, what worked and what didn't.

Carrie Lienemann
North Platte Public Schools Kids Klub



Dirt Detectives and Give Me Five (Room 209)

Explore two multi-day programs filled with hands-on fun. As *Dirt Detectives*, students investigate population growth and develop a plan to grow more food on a shrinking amount of soil. *Give Me Five* explores the five food groups and corresponding state-grown foods, making a local connection to a healthy lifestyle.


Courtney Shreve & Brooke Tempel
Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom

Afternoon

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Sessions IV


2:30-3:20 PM

 **10 Minute Nature Studies** (Room 216)
 Everyone loves science and wants to do science studies. But teachers and professionals often feel overwhelmed by the time they think it is going to take. In this session we will focus on 10 different ways to study nature when you only have 10 minutes a day. From insects to plants to rocks, we will cover it all, quickly, but efficiently!

\$25 fee and pre-registration required for this session.


Monica Macoubrie

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

 **Full-Service Community Schools Pilot** (Room 215)
 Learn more about Full-Service Community Schools and intentional partnerships and shared leadership between the school, the community, students and families.

Mariella Resendiz & Joe DiCostanzo


Nebraska Department of Education

 **Curriculum and Equity: Do our students see themselves in the curriculum materials we use?** (Room 213)
 Participants will learn the process we went through as a team to learn about best practices related to equity in our afterschool curriculum/materials. We will do some hands on practice with exploring various materials and looking for ways to improve them. Participants will also have access to the supplemental materials we created for our KidzLit curriculum.

Kristi Chambers & Kate Sydik

Community Learning Centers


Lincoln Public Schools

 **Running A Book Club: Can we all get on the same page?** (Room 214)

Discussing tough topics can be challenging in a work environment. Bringing a team together around a piece of literature may be the answer. During this workshop, participants will learn the benefits of creating a book club to help destroy ignorance and build culture.


LaRon Henderson

Collective for Youth

 **Nebraska Extension Marathon Kids** (Room 212)
 Participants will learn how to implement Marathon Kids, an evidence-based national running program designed to increase the physical activity levels and confidence of youth through running and active minutes. Marathon Kids can be implemented in afterschool programs, in the classroom, virtually, or in-person. Join us as we help youth cross the finish line with confidence, improved health and wellness, and goal-setting abilities as they complete a marathon one mile at a time.


Mariah Newmyer & Donnia Behrends

University of Nebraska Extension

 **Think, Make, Create Environmental Education** (Room 211)
 In this session participants will learn how the Think, Make, Create Lab can support Environmental Education with hands-on learning.


Julie Boyle

University of Nebraska Extension

 **Mad Science: An afterschool program for STEM career exploration** (Room 210)
 This STEM afterschool program has been getting rural Nebraska youth excited about potential careers in science. Mad Science allows youth to experiment, create, and critically think like a real scientist! Each workshop engages youth in a different field of science, encouraging them to explore their interests or discover their spark. The Mad Science program is intended for elementary aged youth but could be adapted for other grade levels.

Elena Stout

University of Nebraska Extension

 **Entomology in Afterschool** (Room 209)
 Insects are the perfect vehicle to capture the attention of youth who may be taken aback by insects or utterly fascinated by them. Insects are ubiquitous and diverse animals. Learn to pin and ID insects to their scientific order. Participants will leave the session ready with everything they need to collect and create an insect collection.

\$25 fee and pre-registration required for this session.

Michael Eskelson

Nebraska 4-H

Walk N Talk Tables



Walk N Talk tables are hosted by statewide partners interested in enhancing your afterschool or summer program with free or low-cost resources including afterschool curriculum, materials, professional development opportunities, virtual field trips and more.

Walk N Talk

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MISSION

Beyond School Bells, a program of the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, is Nebraska's statewide Expanded Learning Opportunity Network and works to build partnerships that lead to policies and actions, at the state and local levels, resulting in more high quality, locally sustainable afterschool and summer programs for more Nebraska youth.

SUPPORT

Please visit website.

1. BSB provides resources to support the launch of new and enhance the quality of existing afterschool and summer programs across Nebraska.
2. BSB participates in systems-level work to build partnerships to improve and access to and quality of NE afterschool programs, especially for youth in historically underserved communities
3. Through our partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education to facilitate the Nebraska ELO Innovation Network, BSB supports innovations in afterschool and summer programs designed to grow excited, engaged, inspired learners in informal education settings across the state.

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Click2SciencePD.org is an interactive, professional development site for trainers, coaches, site directors, and frontline staff and volunteers working in OST programs serving children and youth.

SUPPORT

Click2SciencePD provides professional development and support for STEM programming.

1. Research shows that skilled staff are key to the afterschool program quality and positive youth outcomes. Click2SciencePD is committed to providing resources that support STEM professional development.
2. Click2SciencePD offers customized services for afterschool programs. Expert staff developers consult with your program to create, implement and evaluate a training plan that develops skills – leading to program improvement.
3. Our new site, Click2computerscience.org will help your staff build their confidence and competence in leading CS activities. Click2Engineering.org will be launching in 2022.

Walk N Talk

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MISSION

To lead and support academic language learning so that English Learners have meaningful access to high-quality instruction that will prepare them for learning, earning, and living.

SUPPORT

Support for afterschool personnel and parents in effective ways to support English Learners.

1. We support the educators (both K-12 & afterschool) who work with English Learners in developing strategies for English Language acquisition as well as content knowledge acquisition.
2. We support school districts with creating and maintaining effective community and family partnerships.
3. We advocate for excellent educational opportunities for English Learners and work with educators to remove barriers.

Future Kids
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Graeme Eaglesham
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MISSION

Empowering youth to create a better future through affordable afterschool programs.

SUPPORT

We provide high quality soccer, tennis and fitness programs to afterschool programs across Nebraska:

1. We will provide high quality sports coaching at little to no cost, to combat the rising costs of pay to play sports.
2. Future Kids serves 1000 kids every week across the state of Nebraska, patterning with over 70 schools.
3. Future Kids is always looking to partner with other afterschool programs and community organizations to better serve the youth of Nebraska.

Walk N Talk

NASA Nebraska Space Grant
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nespacegrant.org



**NASA Nebraska
Space Grant**

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MISSION

The Nebraska Space Grant Consortium is awarded funds to develop research infrastructure and enhance the quality of aerospace research and education throughout the state.

SUPPORT

Potential funding opportunities, professional development/workshops, networking with Nebraska Space Ambassadors:

1. Depending on funding availability, Informal Education mini-grants may be available for informal educators to use in their settings.
2. Members of the Nebraska Space Ambassadors periodically hold trainings over NASA content across the state that afterschool providers could attend.
3. Our Educator listserv is a great resource to afterschool educators as current NASA webinars, activities, resources are shared and can be used with students.

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Jessie Coffey
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MISSION

Professional development, tools, resources and supports for student and staff health and wellbeing programs (nutrition, PA, SEL and chronic disease management).

SUPPORT

1. We have a variety of no cost nutrition, physical activity and wellness resources available for you!
2. We provide mini-grants that schools, afterschool programs and summer programs can apply for.
3. We can provide professional development around nutrition programs, physical activity tools and health services for you and your afterschool program staff.

Walk N Talk

**NDE Office of Early Childhood
Training Center**
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Jene' Chapman
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MISSION

The Office of Early Childhood provides leadership, guidance and support to develop high quality environments for young children; promote equitable access to inclusive programs and services for all children from birth through age eight; facilitate state and community partnerships that address the needs of young children and their families; and, provide professional development, technical assistance and resources for personnel in early childhood care and education settings.

[Visit our website to learn more.](#)

SUPPORT

We provide training that can be found on the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Records System.

1. We provide FREE training materials and assistance with earning annual in-service hours from our media center.
2. We approve Pre-Service, Post-Secondary for teachers and directors of Before and Afterschool if they do not meet the requirements, as well as, approve training's that were created for in-service hours.
3. We provide resource tools such as online professional portfolios on our Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System, Annual In-Service Training information on our Training Calendar, and technical assistance.

NDE Whole Child Program
5211 W Chadderton Circle
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[www.education.ne.gov/csss/
whole-school-whole-community-whole-child/](http://www.education.ne.gov/csss/whole-school-whole-community-whole-child/)

Jessie Coffey
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MISSION

To provide collaborative leadership, coordinated services, support and assistance to ensure all Nebraskans, regardless of background or circumstances, have equitable opportunity for success in learning, earning and living.

SUPPORT

1. Support for integrating or expanding nutrition education efforts
2. Support for integrating or expanding social-emotional learning efforts
3. Support for integrating or expanding physical activity programs

Walk N Talk

**Nebraska 21st Century
Community Learning Centers**
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MISSION

21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool and summer programs offer a broad array of services and activities to meet students' developmental and academic needs including academic support, physical activity, the arts, community service, positive youth development, hands-on learning activities including STEM, and leadership development.

SUPPORT

Support provided to Nebraska's 21st CCLC programs is focused on the quality expanded learning principles identified in the Nebraska State Board of Education's Position Statement for Expanded Learning Opportunities adopted October 2017. Information is available at:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/21stcclc/quality-framework/>

1. 21st CCLC afterschool environments focus on improving overall student academic success.
2. 21st CCLC afterschool environments focus on increasing positive behavior and social interactions.
3. 21st CCLC afterschool environments focus on increasing active and meaningful family and community engagement.

**Nebraska Agriculture
in the Classroom**
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**NEBRASKA
AGRICULTURE
IN THE CLASSROOM**
NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION

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MISSION

The mission of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation is to engage youth, educators, and the general public to promote an understanding of the vital importance of agriculture in the lives of all Nebraskans.

SUPPORT

Kits, presentations, and lesson ideas

1. Offers materials to encourage active learning with hands-on activities for youth.
2. Develops instructional materials aligned to Nebraska State Standards.
3. Equips programs with free programs and resources to bring agriculture alive in a program!

Walk N Talk

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MISSION

The Nebraska Alliance for Conservation and Environment Education is an organization dedicated to promoting and advancing environmental education in the state of Nebraska. Through coordination, promotion, and education we strive to meet the needs of conservation and environment education providers. We seek a rich community which fosters environmental awareness and action.

SUPPORT

Professional Development for Environmental Education

1. We provide a network of informal educators across Nebraska
2. We provide professional development for environmental education
3. We provide resources for environmental education

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MISSION

Protecting Lives, Protecting Property, Protecting the Future

SUPPORT

Nebraska's NRDs (23 across the state) can provide outdoor and natural resources education presentations, materials and in some cases field trips. Education curriculum may include water, trees, soils, pollinator habitats, wildlife, etc.

1. NRDs have staff across the state that can provide education on various natural resources topics.
2. NRDs often offer free educational materials including nature kits, tree seedlings, watershed kits, etc.
3. NRD presentations are free and if staff is available will travel to provide hands-on presentations with students.

Walk N Talk

Nebraska Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO)

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MISSION

The mission of the Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning is to provide opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate leadership skills to become college and career ready. This is accomplished through engagement in Career Student Organizations; leadership and personal responsibility; classroom learning combined with real-world relevance; teamwork and collaboration; and community service and citizenship.

SUPPORT

CTSO chapters across the state assist Afterschool Programs by offering activities, events, or clubs for students. Middle and High School youth are also engaged in CTSOs through their Afterschool Programs in some communities.

1. Nebraska CTSO chapters have the opportunity to be recognized for partnering with an Afterschool Program through the Prepare Nebraska Award, which is awarded annually in partnership with Beyond School Bells.
2. Nebraska CTSOs help students develop Career Readiness skills, which could be a great program opportunity for Afterschool Programs.
3. CTSO members from across the state would be excellent partners for providing programming support to Afterschool Programs through the implementation of clubs, regular programs specific to student needs, or just as a staffing resource.

Nebraska Commission for the Deaf

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MISSION

We advocate to create opportunities by raising awareness through collaboration.

SUPPORT

Training on Deaf and Hard of hearing unique needs, equipment loans (FM system etc.):

1. Equipment Loan program
2. Free training about Deaf and hard of Hearing needs including and where to find resources
3. Help parents advocate for inclusion into afterschool programs

Walk N Talk

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MISSION

It is our mission to be the trusted educational resource for every Nebraskan, inspiring fulfilled, prosperous and healthy lives.

SUPPORT

Nebraska Extension serves all Nebraskans and we are where you are:

1. You can count on Nebraska Extension for support in Food, Nutrition and Health; Early Childhood: Rural Prosperity: Community Environments; Agricultural Economics; Water and Integrated Cropping Systems; Beef Systems and Youth Development. Visit Extension.unl.edu
2. Nebraska Extension has free resources, programs, and professional development on a wide variety of topics for families and afterschool programs.
3. We bring the resources of the University of Nebraska to all 93 counties, serving the distinct needs of Nebraskans from all walks of life and every corner of the state. Use the Extension Directory to find the expertise you are looking for at <https://epd.unl.edu>

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NEBRASKA
FOREST
SERVICE

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MISSION

The mission of the Nebraska Forest Service Conservation Education Department is to connect Nebraskans, especially youth, with our state's trees and forest resources in order to inspire the next generation of tree planters and conservation stewards.

SUPPORT

Professional development, outdoor learning supports, class visits, field trips

1. We offer monthly professional development opportunities on how to integrate environmental education into the afterschool and other educational settings.
2. We offer forest immersion field trips in Lincoln and Plattsmouth that can connect students with forests in their communities.
3. We provide other supports to help support outdoor and hands-on nature-based learning.

Walk N Talk

Nebraska Game and
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MISSION

The mission of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is stewardship of the state's fish, wildlife, park, and outdoor recreation resources in the best long-term interests of the people and those resources. This is accomplished through research, sound land management, education and outdoor recreation opportunities.

SUPPORT

We offer educator workshops, curriculum and lesson plans, resources and equipment:

1. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has dedicated educators eager to help your afterschool program with both science lessons, outdoor recreation opportunities and resources.
2. With sites, staff and educational resources located across the state, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is ready to help you incorporate natural resource science and outdoor recreation into your afterschool or summer program.
3. Free resources available for check-out include wildlife education trunks, fishing equipment, event trailers and more. Additionally, online resources including videos, lesson plans and natural resource information are designed specifically for educational use.

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Nebraska
Library Commission

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MISSION

The Nebraska Library Commission is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services—"bringing together people and information."

SUPPORT

We encourage public librarians to work with and provide support to afterschool programs. We do not provide funding at this time. Public librarians can borrow books containing ideas for activities from the Library Commission.

1. We encourage public librarians to work with and provide support to afterschool programs.
2. We have a collection of materials, some of which have ideas for crafts and/or activities. The public librarian can borrow these materials from us for the afterschool providers to look through.
3. We provide NebraskaAccess (<http://nebraskaccess.nebraska.gov/>) to all residents of Nebraska. This can be used for homework or to satisfy curiosity about a topic.



Walk N Talk

Nebraska Student Nutrition Action Committee (SNAC)

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MISSION

Our mission is to ensure every child in Nebraska has access to the food they need to learn and grow.

SUPPORT

Technical support, peer to peer contacts, and limited grant opportunities to launch or expand afterschool snacks and suppers for students in your programs.

1. Nebraska SNAC is a coalition of advocates, educators, administrators, school nutrition professionals, and state agency leaders who have joined forces to help Nebraska improve child nutrition program participation.
2. We can offer technical assistance, peer to peer contacts, and limited grant opportunities to support the launch or expansion of afterschool meals programs across the state.
3. Visit us to get some amazing nutrition swag and to learn more about supporting kids and families with the snacks and suppers they need, and get reimbursed for your efforts!

Nebraska Wildlife Rehab

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MISSION

To rehabilitate native Nebraska wildlife and migratory birds for return to the wild; to preserve and restore native habitats; to educate youth and adults about the importance of wildlife and ecosystems by engaging them in projects and activities that contribute to the well-being of our natural environment and inspire them to take action to protect it; and to support others engaged in similar projects and activities

SUPPORT

Program Provider- Teach 8 middle schools and 2 elementary schools afterschool students in Omaha about native animals.

1. Education is the key to the preservation of native wildlife and ecosystems and to the elimination of conflict between people and wildlife.
2. We wish to create a community in which wildlife and natural habitats are valued and protected
3. We strive to ensure youth are educated and inspired to become leaders in environmental conservation and the sciences.

Omaha Zoo Education

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MISSION

Our mission is to Inspire, Educate, and Engage people to serve as life-long stewards for animals, their habitats, and their conservation.

SUPPORT

We provide afterschool care at Bancroft and Castelar.

1. Grant funded care with Collective For Youth partnership
2. High quality STEM lessons
3. Authentic learning experiences

Walk N Talk

NebraskaREADS
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MISSION

NebraskaREADS provides tools and resources to support high-quality literacy instruction for all Nebraska students. The initiative highlights policies, procedures, and practices that guide the selection and implementation of literacy practices and evidence-based interventions, and assists districts as they build family, community, and school partnerships to help students become successful readers, setting them up to learn, graduate, and succeed.

SUPPORT

NebraskaREADS provides tools and resources to support high-quality literacy instruction for all Nebraska students.

1. NebraskaREADS provides resources and guidance to support family, community, and school partnerships to help students become successful readers, setting them up to learn, graduate, and succeed.
2. NebraskaREADS provides tools and resources to support high-quality literacy instruction for all Nebraska students.
3. NebraskaREADS educates stakeholders on ways to support young readers, particularly those who would benefit from additional supports, outside the school day.

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MISSION

NCFL works to eradicate poverty through education solutions for families. Partnering with educators, literacy advocates, and policymakers, NCFL develops and provides programming, professional development, and resources for families.

SUPPORT

The National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) leads the Statewide Family Engagement Center (SFEC) grant in Nebraska. In collaboration with local school districts, NCFL is implementing our two-generation, four-component model of family literacy programming under the "Family Learning Community" program name. Currently, Family Literacy programming is taking place at: Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic Schools, Bellevue Public Schools, Crete Public Schools, Lexington Public Schools, Lincoln Public Schools, Madison Public Schools, North Platte Public Schools, Omaha Public Schools, O'Neill Public Schools, Schuyler Public Schools, and South Sioux City Public Schools

1. Free Professional Development for Educators and Families
2. Empower parents of disadvantaged students with the information and tools to make good choices for their child's education.
3. Increase the capacity of SEA, LEAs, and community organizations to provide high-quality family literacy and family engagement services.

Walk N Talk

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MISSION

Rabble Mill is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that works with Nebraska youth statewide toward achieving the belonging, purpose, and upward mobility necessary to grow and reinvest in their community. Through our innovative out-of-school-time programs in Omaha, Lincoln, and greater Nebraska, we create opportunities for youth to fall in love with skateboarding, music, and digital art, teaching transferable soft and hard skills along the way.

SUPPORT

During the 2021-2022 school year, Rabble Mill will be offering three engaging, low-cost programs to afterschool sites and partner organizations in both Omaha and Lincoln: Skate Club (skateboarding basics), Beatmaking Club (music appreciation and DJing), and Rabble Club, which encompasses both our skate and beatmaking programming. Additionally, we will be partnering with UNL 4-H on two summer camp opportunities for students statewide, hosted at the Nebraska 4-H Camp in Halsey, NE, from May 31 - June 3 and July 31 - August 4, respectively. We'll also be offering summer camp sessions at The Bay, in Lincoln, throughout June and July.

1. Rabble Club (Skate School + Beat Making)
2. Skate School (skateboarding basics)
3. Beat Making (music appreciation and DJing)

University of Nebraska
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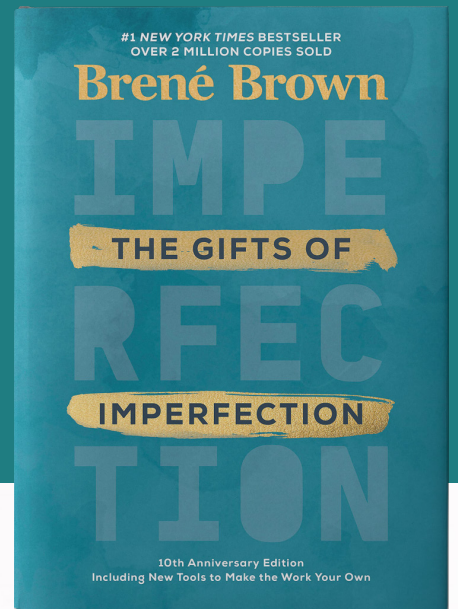
At Morrill Hall we inspire curiosity, discovery, and informed understanding of the natural world and world cultures through our innovative educational programming, research, museum collections and public exhibitions.

SUPPORT

At Morrill Hall our gallery and virtual learning programs, kits, and personal science connections support your afterschool science curriculum. Working together, we can help you introduce science concepts, reinforce your classroom teaching, and spark your students' inner curiosity as we connect them to real-world science experiences.

1. Morrill Hall connects your students with real-world science experiences.
2. We have a variety of kits you can use for hands-on science exploration.
3. Our virtual learning programs are led by science educators who are able to adapt to your groups learning needs.

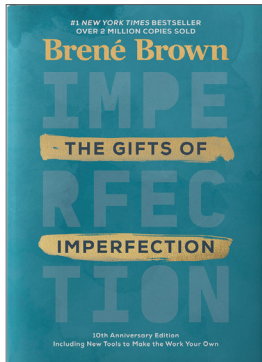
Book Club



In-person and virtual registrants will receive a complimentary link to the 10th anniversary version of *The Gifts of Imperfection: Your guide to a Wholehearted Life* audiobook by Brené Brown.

Audio Book

In-person and virtual registrants will receive a complimentary link to the 10th anniversary version of *The Gifts of Imperfection: Your guide to a Wholehearted Life* audiobook by Brené Brown. Support for audio books provided by Nebraska 4-H Youth Development.



About the Book

Brené Brown has found a special place in our hearts as a gifted mapmaker and a fellow traveler. She is both a social scientist and a kitchen-table friend whom you can always count on to tell the truth, make you laugh, and, on occasion, cry with you. And what's now become a movement all started with *The Gifts of Imperfection*, which has sold more than two million copies in 35 different languages across the globe.

Brené writes, *"This book is an invitation to join a wholehearted revolution. A small, quiet, grassroots movement that starts with each of us saying, 'My story matters because I matter.' Revolution might sound a little dramatic, but in this world, choosing authenticity and worthiness is an absolute act of resistance."*



About the Author

Brown has spent the past two decades studying courage, vulnerability, shame and empathy. She's the author of five #1 New York Times bestsellers: *The Gifts of Imperfection*, *Daring Greatly*, *Rising Strong*, *Braving the Wilderness* and *Dare to Lead*, which is the culmination of a seven-year study on courage and leadership.

Her 2010 TED Talk, *The Power of Vulnerability* is one of the five most viewed talks in the world. Her willingness to be vulnerable changed everything.

Statewide Book Club



LaRon Henderson

Please consider joining LaRon Henderson's journey through Brene' Brown's book, *The Gifts of Imperfection*. Brene' sees Wholehearted Living as engaging with the world from a place of worthiness. She also says that "Wholehearted Living is a process and not a onetime choice." At the end of the day, we are all in the people business.

Imagine the benefits from Wholehearted Living and relating with the world from a place of full worthiness. This is an exciting time to be able to explore ways to become better leaders and individuals. It's even more exciting to do it together as a statewide book club!

How does it work?

We will begin our five-week journey on Friday, March 4th. The plan is to meet weekly from 12:00 to 1:00 CT discussing the various chapters. I will provide a few guiding questions to get our minds working each week, then let the conversation flow.

When is it?

Friday March 4th: Wholehearted Living (Pgs. ix–30)
Friday March 11th: You Are Enough (Pgs. 31–62)
Friday March 18th: Cultivating Authenticity (Pgs. 63–85)
Friday March 25th: Cultivating Gratitude, Joy, Intuition and Creativity (Pgs. 87–105)
Friday April 1st: Celebrating Play and Rest (Pgs. 105 – 124)

How may I join?

Register in advance for the March 4 at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudOCrrDwpGt3cqIbr9HoAerNo9h2mr6xY>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting. If you have additional questions, please email lhenderson@collectiveforyouth.org.

The Bob Whitehouse Award



Nicole Vint, MSW | Child Care and Development Fund Administrator, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

The Bob Whitehouse ELO Policy Champion award honors organizations or individuals who exhibit an exceptional commitment to ELO policy, reflective of the life and work of Bob Whitehouse, who passed away last month. Bob was a former University of Nebraska Regent, Omaha Public Schools educator and board member for Collective for Youth Board and Beyond School Bells.

This year's Bob Whitehouse Policy Champion award goes to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. During our ongoing COVID-19 crisis, DHHS utilized Federal CARES Act funding to provide millions of dollars of direct support to Nebraska child care providers, including school-based afterschool and summer programs. This timely support has allowed countless providers across the state to keep the lights on in these vital programs that are meeting the needs of youth, families, and communities across Nebraska.

Visit the conference website to learn more about previous Bob Whitehouse ELO Policy Champion award winners.



Award Recipient 2018: Senator Merv Rippe (left) pictured with Anna Wishart and Bob Whitehouse



Award Recipient 2019: Mayor Chris Buetler (right) pictured with Bob Whitehouse (left)

Visit the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Website

Certificate of Professional Development Hours

Click here to download the fillable form to self-report your professional development hours for the conference. Participating in sessions (in-person or streaming) and viewing videos from the on-demand library can be included. Be sure to enter your total hours of participation on the front of the certificate as well as your name.

[Click the icon to download.](#)



On-Demand Videos

The On-Demand video library gives you a chance to take the conference home with you. It includes videos on a variety of topics. Recordings of every streamed breakout workshop, including the plenary sessions, will be available on the website after the conference.

[Click the icon to access videos.](#)



Networking Tips

Be prepared:

Your nametag holder includes personalized business cards. Use your cards to make connections. Don't be shy – try to give them all away before you leave today. You can make a note on the back of the card to remind the receiver why you gave them a card and why they should call or email you after the conference. Use your notebook to collect names, emails and phone numbers of people you want to follow-up with after the conference. Hand someone your notebook and ask them to write their contact information – make a note to yourself what to do with that information after the conference. Network during virtual sessions too – you can share your contact information or ask questions in personal chat messages.



Be authentic:

Be yourself. Your self is awesome. If you don't feel very good about networking – try to step out a bit. Try an introduction like, "Hi, I think we're supposed to introduce ourselves. My name is ___, and I work in ___." After a session, you can say, "Thanks so much for what you said during this session. I'd love to talk more. My name is ___, and I work in ___." Remember you network in virtual sessions to.

Be curious:

Ask people about what they do and ask their self too. You can always start with, "Where are you from?" Wonder about everyone you meet in person or virtually, and ask questions. Listen to understand.

Keep using your GetConnected notebook:

This is a great place to keep track of who you are meeting and to write notes about the great sessions you attend and who presented. Remind yourself what you're learning and what you want to share with colleagues when you get home. Keep track of innovative ideas you hear and Get Connected during the conference.

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Floor Plan: CHI Health Center: 2nd Level

CHI Wifi Network: **GetConnected**

Password: **Omaha2022!**



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