

EVENT

The Future of Youth Development: Building Systems and Strengthening Programs

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025 2:30PM TO
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Webinar Panelists

Dr. Tom Akiva, University of Pittsburgh; Dr. Sandra Simpkins, University of California, Irvine; Dr. Emilie Smith, Michigan State University | Moderator: Dr. Suzanne Le Menestrel, Executive Director, SRCD

Cost?

\$15 nonmembers, \$5 professional members; free for students, emeriti, and LMIC members

EVENT DETAILS

This webinar will explore the new report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), offering an evidence-based roadmap for strengthening Out-of-school (OST) programs across the country.

OST programs provide safe, enriching spaces that support learning, life skills, and social-emotional growth, but access to high-quality programs remains uneven. The report calls for long-term investment, stronger infrastructure, and coordinated efforts to ensure OST programs can meet the evolving needs of all children and youth.

Read the report: <https://nap.nationalacademies.org/catalog/27833/the-future-of-youth-development-building-systems-and-strengthening-programs>

Explore the Report: <https://nap.nationalacademies.org/resource/27833/interactive/index.html>