

On Friday, April 26th, The Nevada Afterschool Network (NAN) and Learn Fresh hosted an Experiential Learning Opportunity (ELO) for Out of School Time (OST) professionals. The event aimed to provide hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) training for program staff to readily integrate into their programs.

The event began with attendees signing in and selecting various swag items, followed by breakfast. As they enjoyed their meal, attendees had the chance to network with other OST professionals. Rebecca, the Chief Program Officer from Learn Fresh, who facilitated the training, began with a few icebreaker questions to engage the group. Attendees then had the opportunity to learn about Learn Fresh and its curriculum.



Through community, play, and rigorous exploration, Learn Fresh programs leverage students' passion for sports and entertainment to inspire their STEM and social-emotional learning. Event attendees had the opportunity to experience this first hand with two interactive math curriculums, [NBA Math Hoops](#) and [MLB STEM League](#), playing each game in small teams to practice what youth in their programs would experience.



A total of 15 attendees from Southern Nevada OST programs: Battle Born Kids and Teen Scene from City of Henderson Safekey, Clark County Parks and Recreation Safekey, After School All-Stars, Leaders of the Future, Motivated Mustangs from Mater Academy Las Vegas, New Directions, and Whitney Ranch Teen Afterschool Program, attended the training. NAN's partners in the City of Henderson kindly offered to host this training at the Silver Springs Recreation Center in Henderson, Nevada.



During the NBA Math Hoops portion of the training, participants used basketball and the NBA/WNBA to learn math and social-emotional skills that can be taught to youth in their programs through a board game, curriculum, and community programs.

Participants learned through play and asked relevant questions to ensure they walk away with an understanding in anticipation of incorporating this curriculum into their programs. Attendees raved that *"This was fantastic, and our programs will definitely benefit from unique activities like this one!"* Aimed at grades 4-8, this free program prepares students for high school algebra and enhances self-regulation and executive function skills. Launched in partnership with the MLB Players Trust, STEM League is a free program for students in grades 4-8. It uses a baseball-inspired board game and curriculum to develop math and social-emotional skills as well as aiming to build new skills, confidence, and a passion for learning in a fun and engaging way.



The NAN team concluded the workshop with brief introductions to their Technical Assistance program, NV Flight Crew Program, and their free membership. Lastly, attendees were given evaluation forms, where they provided feedback on the workshop and highlighted that they'd *"love to see more trainings like this one!"* and are *"so excited to implement!"*

At the end of the event, attendees were able to take their own board game to introduce to their programs, with implementation starting as early as the following week. As the year progresses, NAN will continue to host additional ELO workshops at no cost to program staff throughout the state.