

## Youth Development Learning Path

NMOST convened a second working group of OST Leadership Institute graduates to identify courses and create pathways for OST program staff. This group created two pathways: Youth Programming and Family Engagement. The Family Engagement Learning Path includes 3 required courses and a total of 6 hours of instruction.

## Courses in the Learning Path

### Course Number

### Course Title

### Summary

1

**School Age Care as a Family  
Service: Emphasis on  
Relationship Building**

Course goals include exploring the current status of U.S. children and youth related to after-school programs and services, identifying major issues which are impacting the development of after-school services for children and youth, exploring strategies for advocating for the positive development of the field of school-age care, and identifying the historical roots of after-school programs in three different fields and identify trends in after-school programming on the national level.

2

**School Age Care as a Family  
Service: Emphasis on Planning  
Opportunities for Family  
Involvement**

Course goals include: exploring ideas and tools for keeping parents and guardians informed about program activities, exploring a variety of strategies and tools for soliciting feedback from families, and exploring ideas for sustaining relationships with families and sharing important information about children with parents and guardians.

3

**Sharing Information with Parents  
and Other Professionals**

Course goals include exploring the use of individual participant portfolios as a basic tool for sharing important information and documentation about a participant with families and with other professionals, exploring strategies for involving families in portfolio development, and exploring strategies for sharing portfolios with families and other professionals.

# Learning Paths



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