

## The Latest in OST with BOOST



We are excited to start a new year and hope everyone had a great holiday season.

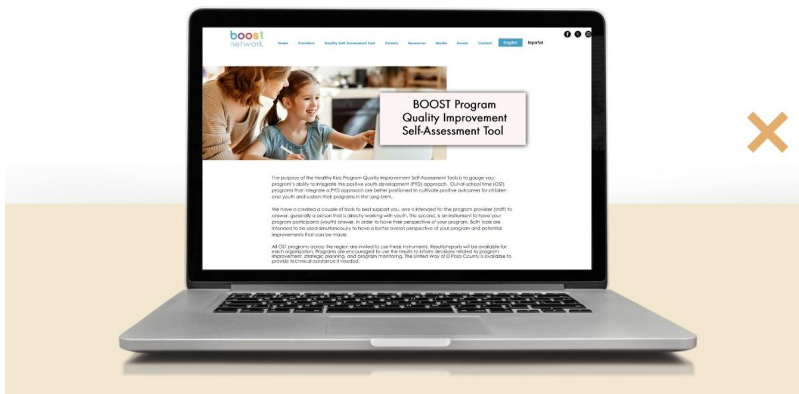
The BOOST Network is starting the new year with deep gratitude for your continued support, enthusiasm, and dedication to the youth in our region. We look forward to building on these strong connections and collaborating with you to offer even more opportunities for growth and enrichment for your programs throughout 2025.

We aspire to expand the network, reach more youth programs, and enhance our ability to serve the Paso del Norte region. Let's make this year transformative for the youth we are committed to serving.

We look forward to seeing you all again at our next BOOST Network meeting on **March 4, 2025.**



# Quality Improvement Self-Assessment Tool



## Attention Members!

### Exciting News: Quality Improvement Self-Assessment Tool Now Available!

Enhance your youth programs with our new, exclusive self-assessment tool! This innovative questionnaire helps you understand your participants' experiences through the lens of the 6Cs of Positive Youth Development and youth disconnection.

#### Key Features:

- 40 multiple-choice questions
- Measures program satisfaction and collects useful demographics
- Goal: Survey 80% of your program participants

#### BOOST Team Support:

- Personalized online survey links for participants
- Data entry link for paper surveys
- Automatic report generation

This unique tool is available exclusively to BOOST member organizations, after-school programs, and service providers until **January 31, 2025**.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and improve youth programs!

[Request your organization's exclusive youth survey links](#)

# Member Highlights & Activities

## Member Monday - Friends of Organ Mountains Desert Peaks

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[Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks](#) (FOMDP) is dedicated to serving the community by offering accessible outdoor recreation programs for local youth, particularly those lacking confidence outdoors. Through its youth program, Moving Montañas, FOMDP provides high-quality, equitable opportunities that foster a love of nature, promote healthy lifestyles, and develop outdoor skills.

To read the full story, [click here](#).

## We Hike - Community Fiesta



[We Hike](#) invites the community to its first community fiesta. It will be held on **February 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at Chuck Heinrich Memorial Park.

They will have activities for the whole family, such as Interactive Displays, Partner Showcases, Giveaways, a Scavenger Hunt for all ages, and more!

If you are interested in volunteering, [click here](#).

For more information, [click here](#).

## El Paso Public Libraries - Paddington Tea Party

[El Paso Public Libraries](#) invites the community to participate in the Sergio Troncoso branch's Paddington Tea Party on Valentine's Day, **Friday, February 14, 2025, at 2:00 pm**

Space is limited.

For more information, [click here](#) or call **(915) 212-0453**.



## The City of Socorro - Flag Football



The City of Socorro invites the community to join The Socorro Bulldogs. They will host tryouts for their 2025 Police Athletic League Spring Flag Football Season!

Tryouts are for boys and girls ages 9-10 and 11-12 at Cougar Park on **January 18th and 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

For more info, contact Sgt. Rodriguez at **915-208-2203** or email [irodriguez@costx.us](mailto:irodriguez@costx.us)

# Professional Development & Funding Opportunities

## Texas Partnership for Out of School Time (TXPOST) - OST CARES

### OST CARES

- Community Partnerships
- Awareness & Education
- Resources & Referrals
- Emotional Support
- Self-Care & Coping Strategies

Funding and support for OST providers to implement youth mental health practices.



Texas Partnership for Out of School Time (TXPOST) launched **OST CARES** to enhance mental health support and awareness in Texas out-of-school time (OST). Supported by funding authorized by the 88th Texas Legislature, **OST CARES** aims to address the increasing need for mental health support across our state by recognizing the power of OST programs to implement promotion and prevention strategies to support the well-being of kids and families better.

Direct service OST providers selected to participate in OST CARES will receive comprehensive staff training, ongoing support through a community of practice, and a participation stipend to implement mental health awareness and intervention activities with youth in their programs.

Community-based, nonprofit organizations interested in participating in the third OST CARES cohort are invited to visit the [OST CARES webpage](#) to review the program guidelines and complete the interest survey by **January 31, 2025**.

Interested organizations may also attend [TXPOST's virtual office hours](#) to ask any questions about the program and receive additional guidance.

## US Soccer Foundation - Count Her In

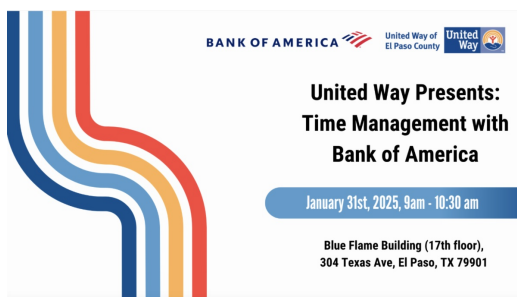


The [U.S. Soccer Foundation](#) and The BOOST Network invite you to save the date on **February 13** for a "Count Her In" training course. The course will focus on growing the game for girls and coincide with the U.S. Soccer Foundation's United for Girls initiative.

The training is designed for coaches, educators, and program directors who work with girls in co-ed or girls-specific programs.

Further information will be available soon.

## United Way of El Paso County - Time Management with Bank of America



[United Way of El Paso County](#) invites all community members to a Time Management workshop with Bank of America on **January 31 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.**

In this workshop, you will gain essential knowledge about time management and prioritizing tasks to manage life's demands and achieve your goals effectively. This opportunity is perfect for

those looking to understand time protection techniques, manage energy effectively, maintain focus, and achieve daily success. Although the workshop will be held virtually, we encourage everyone to participate and share ideas actively. Please don't forget to have your laptop available.

Parking will be available at the Kansas Parking Facility at 122 N. Kansas St, El Paso, TX 79901.

Registration closes Jan 30, 2025, 10:00 am

For more information and registration, [click here](#)

## Texas Adolescent Health Conference - Logo Design 2025



**Call for Submissions: Logo Design for the 2025 West Texas Adolescent Health Conference**

**Deadline** January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) has opened a call for entries for a creative and impactful logo to represent the West Texas Adolescent Health Conference 2025, which will use the theme "Empowering the Youth for a Healthier Future."

It is open to all youth ages 10 to 19 living in the borderland. Group submissions are allowed.

Please email your logo design, name, contact information, and a brief artist statement to [Lisette.marquez@dshs.Texas.gov](mailto:Lisette.marquez@dshs.Texas.gov) by **January 24, 2025**.

For more information Please contact: **Lisette Marquez** at [lisette.marquez@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:lisette.marquez@dshs.texas.gov)

## The New York Life Foundation - Grant for OST programs



[The New York Life Foundation's 2024](#) Aim High grant competition is now open for applications! Forty grants totaling \$1.8 million will be awarded to afterschool, summer, or expanded learning programs serving middle school youth.

Programs will be selected for grants based on their ability to help youth transition successfully to ninth grade and

how they provide academic, social, and emotional support for youth.

Eligible programs can apply to one of four grant categories with funding ranging from \$15,000 to \$100,000.

Join their [webinar](#) on [January 11 at 2 p.m. ET](#) to learn more about this opportunity.

Applications are due [February 1, 2024, at 5 p.m. ET](#).

View the full RFP and submit your application [here](#).

## Engage Every Student - Recognition Program

### 2024-2025 ENGAGE EVERY STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM



[Afterschool Alliance](#) invites the community to participate in the Engage Every Student Recognition Program to have your program recognized for its impact on youth!

In the Fall of 2023, the U.S. Department of Education and the five partnering organizations designed the Engage Every Student Recognition Program, which aims to recognize **(1) non-profit organizations** working in collaboration with school district/local education agencies (LEAs), **(2) city municipalities or local government entities**, and **(3) LEAs working in collaboration with non-profit organization or city municipalities** that engage K-12 students in high-quality afterschool or summer learning programming.

To read more about the Eligibility Criteria, [click here](#).

To apply online, [click here](#).

**Deadline for submissions: January 31, 2025.**

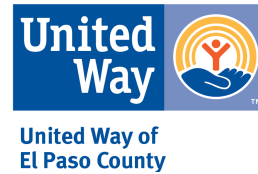


**Stay Tuned!**  
**COMING SOON**

Stay tuned for upcoming news and updates on our Spring Into Summer catalog

We will need the help of our members to prepare all the necessary information to complete our summer catalog.  
Expect to be contacted soon.

The graphic features a blue background with a grid pattern and various colorful icons representing summer activities like a rocket, pencil, star, atom, soccer ball, paint palette, and campfire. The text 'Spring Into Summer' is written in a playful font, with 'INTO' in a smaller font above 'SUMMER'. The words 'Stay Tuned!' and 'COMING SOON' are prominently displayed in large, bold letters.



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