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Spotlight

Adam Lenter, Founder/Executive Director, Nonprofit Data Solutions



This week we are spotlighting Founder/Executive Director of [Nonprofit Data Solutions](#), Adam Lenter. Adam launched Nonprofit Data Solutions with the hopes of creating powerful, yet easy-to-use data management systems for nonprofit organizations.

We asked Adam when he began working in the nonprofit field, and he replied, "My whole life." He began working as a babysitter and camp counselor while in high school. After college he managed a for-profit tutoring center near Boston. From there, he went to graduate school for three years, earning an MBA and an MA in Education Leadership. During that time, he said he "Became passionate about the issues of inequity in education," so he taught for two years in New York City public schools. After that, he worked for a series of three nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the educational opportunities for students in underserved communities.

Adam believes that the work Nonprofit Data Solutions does is crucial to the success and efficiency of any nonprofit program. For one, he believes "They enable organization staff to operate more efficiently. Not only does this save time and money, but it also boosts morale by expediting tasks." In addition, NDS's models operate strategically, where organization leaders are constantly assessing their performance, setting manageable but achievable goals, designing a plan to achieve those goals, and executing that plan. They then assess their performance against those goals and the cycle repeats itself. Adam stressed that although this may seem obvious, in reality very few organization leaders do it.

Lastly, we asked Adam, as we always ask our spotlight candidates, what his favorite part of his job is, to which he replied, that despite missing direct service, he takes "incredible pride in knowing that the tools he develops are having a positive impact on more students than he could ever serve directly."

For more information on Nonprofit Data Solutions click on the link above.

STEM Corner

Exploration of Other Worlds

The National Girls Collaborative Project is offering a webinar on October 8, 2019 at 2:00 PM (EST). This hour long webinar will introduce NASA's Solar System Treks (SST), which is a free resource that contributes to STEM learning. The SST portals enable students to study the surfaces of the Moon, Mars, Vesta, Ceres, Titan, and Icy Moons. The portals aim to provide interactive and innovative ways to inspire, inform, and educate a worldwide audience. Participants will hear directly from outreach specialists from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Ames Research Center, and have the opportunity to ask questions about the visualization tools.



For those interested click the button below for more information or to register.

[Register](#)

OCFS Policy Update

New Background Checks to be Put in Effect 9/16/19

As you may be aware, with the passage of the New York State (NYS) budget on April 1, 2019, legislation was enacted that grants the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) the authority to implement comprehensive background checks as federally mandated in the Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014 (CCDBG). In the near future, OCFS will be moving to implement these new, federally-required, background checks.

For more information on the subject, [click here](#)

SEL Resource

Three Steps for Supporting International SEL in Out-of-School Time



There is a lot of attention to SEL, both in and out of school. In June, Jessica Newman and Deborah Moroney wrote a blog discussing SEL in out-of-school time (OST) on Measuring SEL's website. The blog includes before and after school programs, community-based programs, summer programs, and informal learning settings like museums, libraries, and recess. This blog from Measuring SEL highlights NAA's work and *SEL to the Core*, providing resources to afterschool and summer professionals.

If you're interested in reading more, [click here](#) for the full blog.

Register for the Rochester Regional Training Institute

Early Bird Rate Ends October 1st

Register today for the Rochester Regional Training Institute on Saturday, November 9, 2019!

This event will be held at a new location: the Holiday Inn - Downtown Rochester and will still provide all of the high-quality professional development opportunities.

The event includes:

- Six OCFS training hours
- Variety of topics
- Appropriate for supervisors, teachers, and frontline staff working with school-age children
- Networking opportunities
- Buffet lunch

Don't miss out! The early bird rate will only be available until October 1st!

Visit our website [here](#) for more information and registration.



Network for Youth Success Events

9/17: Distance Learning SAC Credential Course, Statewide

Looking to advance in the school-age child care field? Register for the Distance Learning SAC Credential Course this September and you could be qualified to be a Site Director by the end of the school year! [Click here](#) for more information and how to register.

9/18: Capital Region SAC Credential Course, Albany, NY

The New York State School-Age Care Credential promotes quality services to children and families by providing specific standards, training, and evaluation of school-age staff members and providers. It is an opportunity for adults working with school-age children to gain professional recognition for demonstrating competence in their on-the-job skills. The first semester of the course begins September 18 and goes until December 18. The second semester will begin January 8, 2020 and go to April 8, 2020. These classes will be held from 6:30pm-9:30pm and the cost of attendance is \$1,250 per semester. [Click here](#) for more information and how to register.

10/5: North Country Training Institute, Plattsburgh, NY

Join Erin Broderick and Timothy Fowler for a day of school-age training! The North Country Training Institute will cover topics relevant to school-age providers in afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs. This day-long event features four 90-minute sessions (a total of 6 hours of training): guiding positive behaviors, managing transitions, engineering design, and bookmaking. For more information and how to register, [click here](#).

10/14: Columbus Day Training Event, Troy, NY

Join Timothy Fowler and Jay Roscup for 6 hours of training! The trainings will consist of 3 hours on group games and STEM activities and 3 hours on trauma-informed care (OCFS areas 1, 2, 3, 4). The training will be held at our offices in Troy, NY. For more information and registration, [click here!](#)

11/8: Regional Network Symposium, Rochester, NY

Our Regional Network Symposium for Network Leads will be November 8 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Rochester! Look out for more information here and on our [website](#).

11/9: Rochester Training Institute, Rochester, NY

Our Training Institute will be Saturday, November 9, at the Holiday Inn in Downtown Rochester! Participants of this event will receive six OCFS training hours, a variety of training topics appropriate for supervisors, teachers, and frontline staff working with school-age children,

networking opportunities, and a buffet lunch! [Click here](#) for more information and how to register or to access the RFP to present.

1/14-17/2020: Health and Safety Trainings, Troy, NY

Directors are responsible for hiring, training, and maintaining staff who provide a healthy and safe environment for children. This course will help directors look at policies and procedures that reinforce high-quality health and safety practices. Directors will get the most out of this training if they bring a copy of the policies and procedures from their program. To register for one of these trainings, [click here](#).

3/20 - 3/21: School's Out, Make it Count! 2020 Annual Conference, Troy, NY

Our 2020 Annual Conference will be in Troy for 2020! Our [annual conference](#) will contain two full days of frontline and directors level trainings as well as an abundance of vendors. To submit an RFP by 10/24/19, [visit our website here](#). To become a vendor, [click here](#).

8/20 & 8/24/2020: Health and Safety Training, Troy, NY

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Statewide Events

9/5: Back to School, Rochester, NY

On September 9th, at [800 North Clinton](#) from 4pm-7pm, the North Clinton Avenue Business Association is putting on an event including free hotdogs, popcorn, snow cones, bounce houses, games, music, and free school supplies to the first 200 students!

For more information call: 585-284-7609

9/21: Museum Day, Nationwide

Museum Day is an annual celebration of boundless curiosity hosted by Smithsonian magazine. Participating museums and cultural institutions across the country provide free entry to anyone presenting a Museum Day ticket. The Museum Day ticket provides free admission for two people. For more information, [click here](#).

9/25: School Breakfast Day, Statewide

New York State will declare September 25th, 2019 as the second annual School Breakfast Day. On this day, schools across the state will be celebrating and raising awareness about their school breakfast programs. Help spread the word about School Breakfast Day! For more information, [click here](#).

9/27: High Tech Citizen Science Training, Acra, NY

Teachers, community educators, youth group volunteers, and any other adults who work with kids will want to come to this two-day training. It takes place on Thursday, September 26 (10 AM to 5 PM) and Friday, September 27 (8:30 AM to 3 PM). The location is the Agroforestry Resource Center, [6055 Route 23, Acra, NY 12405](#). All participants must pre-register by September 18 as there is limited space. For more information, [click here](#).

9/27: Building Developmental Relationships, Webinar

About the webinar: "In the youth development field we know how important our relationships with young people are. Research tells us that having a stable and supportive relationship with an adult program leader over an extended period of time may be the most important factor of effective youth programs. But what does this relationship look like? Are we friends, teachers or allies? What are key features? And what skills do we need to develop?" To register, [click here](#).

10/5: NYS Community Schools Summit, Buffalo, NY

On October 5 from 9am - 2pm, NYS Community Schools is having its Central/Western Summit with Keynote Speaker José Muñoz, Director of Coalition for Community Schools. For more information or to register, [click here](#).

10/16-10/18: Community Schools Fundamentals Conference, New York, NY

The [National Center for Community Schools](#) at Children's Aid presents the Community Schools Fundamentals Conference, a seminar designed specifically for those new or relatively new to community schools. At the Fundamentals Conference, they will share their lessons learned from over 25 years of implementation in New York City and nationwide capacity building. In addition to the option of attending a study visit to a Children's Aid community school, participants will learn about the foundations and the "nuts and bolts" of the strategy. For more information, [click here](#).

10/21-10/23: NSLA National Conference, Atlanta, GA

[National Summer Learning Association's \(NSLA\) national conference, *Summer Changes Everything*](#) is the only conference exclusively focused on summer learning. The conference will provide attendees insights and solutions into the evolution of the field from closing academic achievement gaps to now addressing opportunity gaps and fostering social-emotional learning. Please visit <https://www.summerlearning.org/national-conference/> to learn more about the conference, and use the code SAN50 for a \$50 discount off the 2-day registration rate.

10/24: Lights On Afterschool, Nationwide

Since 2000, Lights On Afterschool has been celebrated nationwide to call attention to the importance of afterschool programs for America's children, families, and communities. [Click here](#) for more information.

4/28 - 5/1: 2020 BOOST Conference, Palm Springs, CA

The 2020 BOOST Conference will convene over 2,500 global educators April 28 - May 1 in sunny Palm Springs, CA. They are now in the Early-Bird registration phase with a rate of \$465. Register your team today to celebrate the best of afterschool and expanded learning fields. Early-Bird ends October 31, 2019. [Click here](#) for more information and how to apply.

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