SYNERGY CONFERENCE

Igniting Bright Futures

NORTH CAROLINA NCCAP CENTER for AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS
Public School Forum of North Carolina

NOVEMBER 18-19, 2025 • MCKIMMON CONFERENCE CENTER • RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Welcome to Synergy 2025!

I am thrilled to extend to each and every one of you a warm welcome to the North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs' 21st annual Synergy Conference! As the North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs (NC CAP) works to partner with out-of-school time (OST) programs and professionals across our state, we are continually inspired by your unwavering commitment to North Carolina's children, youth, and families. Each day, you spark curiosity, nurture growth, and open doors to new possibilities. This year's conference theme, "*Igniting Bright Futures*," celebrates your essential role in lighting the path forward for young people across North Carolina. Through your work, you help students see themselves as learners, creators, innovators, and leaders. You provide safe spaces, meaningful relationships, and transformative opportunities that empower youth to thrive and to dream big about their futures.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18	
9:00am-10:00am	Registration & Exhibition Hall Open
10:00am-11:00am	Opening Plenary Session in Rm. 2C
11:15am-12:30pm	Workshop Session I
12:30pm-2:00pm	Lunch & Exhibit Hall in Rm. 2C, STEM Lab in Rm. 7
2:00pm-3:15pm	Workshop Session II
3:30pm-4:45pm	Workshop Session III
5:00pm-5:30pm	Day 1 Closing Session in Rm. 2C
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19	
8:00am-9:00am	Breakfast & Exhibition Hall in Rm. 2C
9:00am-10:15am	Workshop Session IV
10:30am-11:30am	Keynote Address in Rm. 2C
11:30am-12:00pm	Afterschool Champion Award Presentation
12:00pm-12:45pm	Lunch in Rm. 2C
1:00pm-2:00pm	Regional Collaboration Breakout Sessions
2:00pm-2:30pm	Day 2 Closing Session in Rm. 2C
2:30pm	Conference Close - See you next year!

Throughout this year's Synergy Conference, you'll have opportunities to connect with peers, share ideas, and explore strategies that strengthen both your programs and your impact. You'll also have the chance to collaborate regionally - building networks of support that will help you to advocate for your students, your work, and your afterschool programs through individual and collective storytelling, and by engaging your communities, community leaders, and elected officials. As you grow in your afterschool advocacy journey, you will be creating bright futures for all children and youth.

We hope the connections, inspiration, and tools you gain over the next few days will energize and empower you to keep igniting bright futures in your communities.

If you're on social media, share your experiences using the hashtags #Synergy2025 #SynergyCon25 #IgnitingBrightFutures #NCAfterschool and tag us @ncafterschool so we can celebrate alongside you!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Anderson
Director
North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs

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We are thrilled to have you joinus as we celebrate our theme, ***"Igniting Bright Futures,"*** spotlighting the incredible impact of afterschool professionals and programs on children, youth, families, and communities across North Carolina.

This year, we're excited to return to the **Whova App**, designed to enhance your conference experience by keeping all resources, schedules, and networking opportunities right at your fingertips. Through Whova, you can access session details, connect with fellow attendees, and stay up-to-date on event updates—all from your smartphone.

Get Started

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Search "Whova" in the App Store or Google Play store to download the free app.

Sign Up

Open the app and sign up using the email you registered with for the conference. If you have already used Whova for another event you might even already have your information saved in the app.

Explore the Conference

Once you're logged in, you'll have access to the full schedule, speaker bios, exhibitor information, and even a few exclusive resources just for attendees.

Please take a moment to explore the app and build your personalized agenda. If you have any questions or need help navigating the app, our team is here to assist.

Attendees & Volunteers

The **Whova App User Guide** provides instructions for navigating the app, including signing in, viewing the agenda, attending sessions, participating in Q&As, and using networking features and community boards. It also offers tips for maximizing networking and customizing schedules.

Scan for Whova App User Guide

Speakers and STEM Lab

The **Whova Speaker Guide** offers a comprehensive overview for speakers, covering how to join sessions, engage with audiences, upload materials, and troubleshoot. It includes a preparation checklist and testing tips. This guide helps ensure smooth presentations, with details on using tools like the Whova app itself and Zoom (which will not be necessary for our event as it is in-person only this year) for optimal session management.

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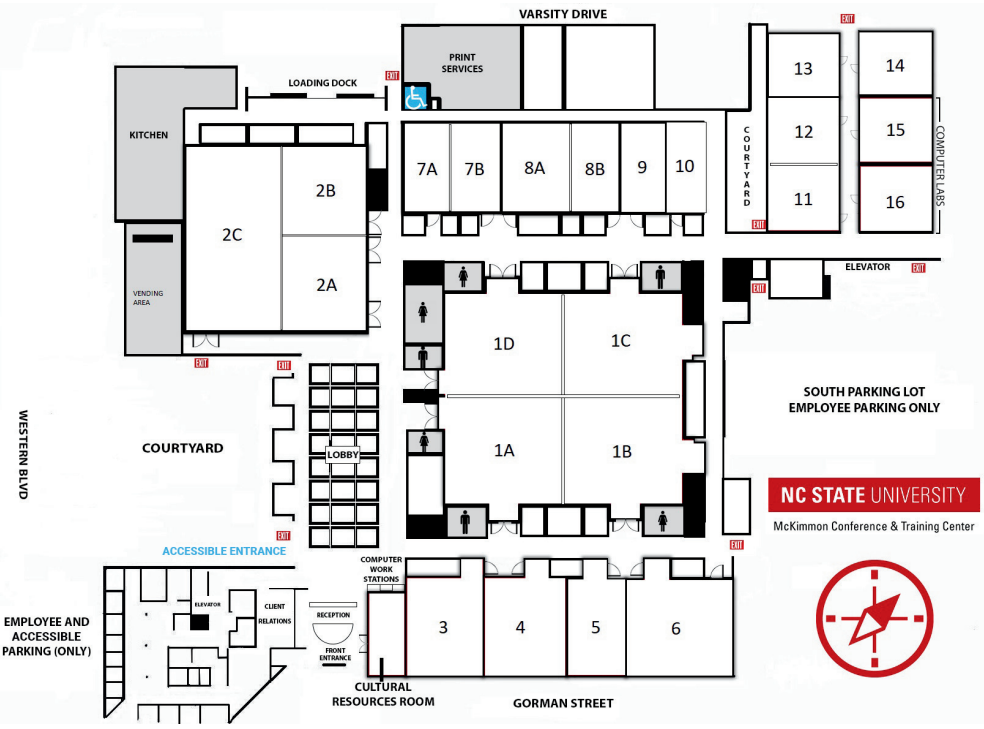

Thank you for being part of the Synergy Conference community! We look forward to learning, connecting, and celebrating with you.