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PROPOSAL SELECTION CRITERIA
Each proposal will be carefully reviewed based on the following criteria:

• Material aligned with student centered outcomes.
• Practical application of materials for afterschool and expanded learning programs.
• Priority will be given to vendors who are aligned to conference strands.

REGISTRATION & FEES
The conference vendor fee is $300. As a vendor, the registration cost will provide you:

• One booth (table with linen and chair) during the conference.
• Registration to the full conference for one person (all meals, access to speakers, workshops & networking).

If you would like an additional person to accompany you at your booth, he or she will need to register for the conference separately at the discounted rate of $150.
• Advertisement in the conference program.

Please DO NOT send a payment until you have received a confirmation email from NC CAP. Vendors will be notified by February 21, 2020 and will be provided payment information at that time.

ADDITIONAL VENDOR INFORMATION

• Vendors are asked to donate an item to be given as a raffle during the conference as a means of advertising your company. Please bring your item when you check in for the conference.
• If you would like to present a workshop at Synergy, please fill out a separate workshop proposal here: https://publicschoolforumofnc.wufoo.com/forms/m1kjgk9k1l3w8th/.
• Hotel accommodations will be available at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons at the rate of $147/night.
• NC CAP will make all space assignments. Vendors may not request a specific location.
• Vendors can check in and set up between 8:30am and 11:30am on April 30th. All vendors must be set up by 1pm on April 30th. The exhibit hall closes at 10:15am on May 1st.

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**ARTS & LITERACY**

Workshops on creating opportunities for self-expression through the arts in a creative and constructive manner, leveraging the creative, academic and developmental benefits of arts education; supporting grade-level reading in expanded learning programs, infusing literacy into all areas of programs, and literacy-specific activities to support English-language learners.

**CLOSING GAPS**

Workshops on effective practices associated with improving academic performance, school attendance, and decreasing misconduct and limiting behaviors among minority youth and students with a low socioeconomic status in after-school and extended learning programs.

**COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS**

Workshops on affording youth with early exposure to college standards and employable skills, identifying connections between current interests and future aspirations for youth, leveraging partnerships with local colleges, universities, businesses and military branches for college and career exposure, and involving families in post-secondary planning.

**MENTORING**

Workshops on research-intomred and practitioner-approved best practices for creating and sustaining impactful mentoring relationships, strong program services, and responsiveness to the racial and cultural dynamics of its clients, stakeholders, and the community at large.

**ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY**

Workshops on fundraising, grant writing and stewardship of donors and funds, social media outreach, recruitment, retention, supervision, evaluation, development and coaching of staff and volunteers; afterschool advocacy through engagement of elected officials and policymakers, and leveraging parent and family engagement.

**PUBLIC & PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

Workshops on developing and sustaining school-community partnerships; cultivating cross-sector collaboration with the health, education, and juvenile justice sectors; recruiting local businesses and corporate partners; rural and urban program models; engaging the faith-based community; higher education organizations or clubs; and working with local foundations and organizations.

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH**

Workshops on aligning with the school day and incorporating standards into program activities, engaging youth in real world application of STEM concepts and processes; successful local, state, and national models; strategies for implementing inquiry-based learning and project-based learning, and leveraging partnerships to expand content.

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Workshops on healthy out-of-school time programming; nurturing youth social, emotional and cognitive development; implementing inclusive programs that welcome all youth; civic engagement; trauma-informed practices for working with youth and adults; and equipping youth with tools for advocacy and social change.