



**ParentCamp:
Informed Parents Thrive - Preventing the Summer Slide
Monday, April 23rd - Sessions for the Day**

Session 1

10:05 – 10:45

Opioid Prevention: Resources and Tips

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Facilitator: Angel Rush, Management Program Analyst, U.S Department of Education (@usedgov)

Room: 1W114

Your Public Library: A Great Friend for the Whole Family

Your local public library has resources for the entire family. This session will explore ways that you and your children can use the library for fun, information, and to share the joy of reading with each other.

Facilitator: Barbara Holton, Deputy Director, National Library of Education, U. S. Department of Education (@usedgov)

Room: 1W117

Early Learning Resources

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ReThink School: Empowering Parents to Start Schools

Have you ever searched for the perfect school for your child? Would you like for your child to experience school in a different way? In this session, we will explore the types of schools currently available and brainstorm new concepts for learning. From this session, parents will be encouraged and empowered to ReThink School—questioning everything to ensure nothing limits a student from pursuing his or her passion and achieving his or her potential.

Facilitator: Denisha Merriweather (@DenishaMweather), School Choice Liaison, U.S. Department of Education (@usedgov)

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Free Time in the Tech Age: Fostering Good Digital Citizenship

Parents often wonder how they can monitor their kids' use of technology, especially during long periods away from school. But tech is more than constantly watching videos and texting friends. Digital citizenship focuses on the constructive potential of technology for learning and doing good. This session provides a forum for participants to address their technology-related questions and concerns; learn about using social media for personal growth and building a professional learning network, for kids and adults alike; and being a responsible digital citizen by leaving a positive "digital tattoo."

Facilitator: Jeremy Bond (@JeremyDBond), ParentCamp (@ParentCamp)

Room:1W109

Family Engagement through the Summer

This session will include strategies to engage families to support and learn with their children through summer programs and activities.

Facilitator: Frances Frost (@FamiliesatED), Family Ambassador, U.S. Department of Education (@usedgov)

Room:1W128

The Kid Zone! from the National Center on Improving Literacy (NCIL)

Parents and caregivers play an important role in promoting and supporting children's literacy development, especially during the summer. The Kid Zone! was created with kids in mind, but it also is a place where families can connect with one another. Learn about the Kid Zone! and how you can listen, look, help, and encourage while your child plays literacy games, reads eBooks, and listens to stories read aloud. Talk about and share ways you have been a media mentor for your child.

*This session is also recommended for parents/others serving kids with learning disabilities and special needs.

Facilitator: Sarah Sayko, Deputy Director, the National Center on Improving Literacy (NCIL) (@NCILiteracy)

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Summer Slide Resources and Strategies to Increase Your Parent Toolkit

Learn to combat the loss of academic skills and knowledge with high-quality materials, activities and strategies for home-based summer learning.

Facilitator: Arin Bonner (@ArinBonnerCCPS), Coordinator of Title I Programs (@CCPSTitle1), Charles County Public Schools (@CCPS)

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Summer Fun and Learning through Games

In recent years, the U.S. Department of Education has increased its commitment to exploring the potential of learning games and researching their effectiveness. *Why learning games?* Educators are increasingly using learning games to cover course content through story-based narratives that engage students and that include rewards and competition to drive game play. Many learning games auto-adjust in difficulty to the skill level of individual students and provide cues to support student learning. The recent meteoric rise in popularity of mobile devices enables game-playing anywhere and at any time, so students can supplement classroom learning after school and during the summer months.

In this session, Dr. Edward Metz will discuss a series of new educational learning games developed through the Small Business Innovation Research Program at the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences. Dr. Metz will also share his personal list of favorite learning games he plays with his daughter during the summer.

Facilitator: Dr. Edward Metz, Institute of Education Sciences (@IESResearch), U.S. Department of Education (@usedgov)

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Session 2

10:50 - 11:30

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Family Budgeting

As we head into the summer season, it's best to include your family in developing your household budget. The more involved the family is, the better success you will have. It's particularly important to teach kids how to budget. The task of teaching budgeting habits falls on the parent. This session helps parents develop these habits in their children, setting the stage for a healthy financial future.

Facilitator: Randy Williams, Founder of A Debt Coach (@adebtcoach), Boone County, KY

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Popping Up in the Neighborhood to Build Relationships and Build Learners

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Facilitator: Lisa A. Halvis (@MrsHalvis), Literacy Specialist, North Frederick Elementary School

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Summer Learning for Students Who Are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and/or with Other Special Needs

Resources and tips will be offered during this session.

Facilitator: Alicia Balzer Farias

Room: 1W128

Supporting Your Child's Literacy Development During the Summer

Taking part in literacy experiences with your child can help develop his or her reading ability, comprehension, and language skills. It could also improve your child's interest in reading, attitude towards reading, and focus. This is especially important during the summer months. Learn about and share strategies and activities to stimulate young children's, older children's, and adolescents' literacy development over the summer.

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Holding a Summer Camp and Activities Expo in Your Community

In the summer, do your kids tell you, "I'm bored!" Do you need help keeping the kids busy while you are working? Many communities have places and organizations, from museums to farms to parks to libraries that have plenty of things to do for kids that are often low-cost or free but that parents don't know about. An expo is one of the best ways for parents to discover these opportunities, and it's easy to do—all you need is a space and some tables. Julia Pile, a former PTA President, has organized these events many times in her community and will hold one just days before ParentCamp. Come pick her brain while fresh from the event and learn the things she thought worked well or that she would change for the next one.

Facilitator: Julia Pile (@juliepile), ParentCamp (@ParentCamp)

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State and Local Report Cards: A Useful Tool for Parents

States and school districts are required to publish reports with information about every district and school in the state, which are referred to as state and local report cards. The reports provide an opportunity for parents to access detailed information about their child's schools and district, including everything from per-pupil spending to performance on reading and math assessments, but the reports are not always easy to find or easy to use. Please join us to share ideas about what would make these reports most useful to you.

Facilitators: Patrick Rooney and Jane Clark, Office of State Support (OSS), U.S. Department of Education (@usedgov)

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Tips and Tricks from Military Families

Learn simple, practical ways to engage your children in educational activities that may help prevent loss in learning during the summer, for military-connected and civilian families alike.

The session opens with some background on military children whose parents have served in Afghanistan or Iraq, including the average number of moves during their K-12 education and what percentage of military-connected kids are in our public schools. We will then explore the concept of "summer slide" and discuss how it can impact all children. We will offer some simple practical ways parents can engage their children in educational activities to help reduce that loss during the summer and moves (military). These strategies apply to reading, writing skills, and math skills, as well as general concepts parents can incorporate into their daily routine to foster a love of learning.

Facilitator: Cindy Risch (@JAGcupcake), Military Child Education Coalition (@MilitaryChild), Parent to Parent

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Developing a Plan to Combat Summer Reading Loss: Evidence-based Resources at Work

The National Center on Improving Literacy (NCIL) has carefully curated literacy resources for parents and families from organizations that promote evidence-based practices. Hear how to access high-quality articles, activities, tools, videos, and handbooks on a variety of literacy topics; and discuss how you might use them to develop a plan for combating summer reading loss. *This session is also recommended for parents/others serving kids with learning disabilities and special needs.

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Connecting Learning Competencies and Systems: The Game Changer to End Summer Learning Loss

Summer programming, including sports camps, must be committed to incorporating learning and literacy instruction aligned with state learning competencies. Additionally, we must ensure that all of our systems (school system, summer camps and programming, nonprofits, and city government) are working together to enrich the lives of our children during the summer months. This session covers both of these strategies, which together will ensure that our students no longer suffer from summer learning loss.

Facilitator: Ethan Ashley, School Board Member for Orleans Parish, LA

Room: 1W108

Informed Parents Thrive: Preventing Summer Slide for the Whole Child

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) believes that parents are their child's first teacher and have the capacity to support their child's learning. Further, we believe that it is important VDOE offer families access to various tools to enrich and enhance achievement. This presentation will share academic and operational resources, ideas, and activities that are available on the VDOE website. In addition, VDOE staff looks forward to learning from participants about what they are doing and what other tools are needed to support the whole child.

Facilitator: Christine Harris, Director, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood Education
Virginia Department of Education and Gloria Dalton, Virginia Department of Education

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