

# Community Educator Learning Hub

## Arizona Community-Based Organization Learning Network

### What is the Community Educator Learning Hub?

The [Community Educator Learning Hub](#) is an online learning platform created by the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, with 130+ short, interactive nanocourses designed specifically to help community educators more effectively engage learners. By breaking down the competencies of teaching and learning into easy-to-understand tips and strategies, this powerful resource can complement your organization's training and support for community educators such as tutors, mentors, volunteers, docents, teaching artists, parents, classified staff, and more.

The Community-Based Organization Learning Network is an opportunity for organizations in Arizona to explore the Community Educator Learning Hub and its potential. This network will allow you to engage with the ASU Community Educator team on how to curate, sequence and integrate nanocourses into your training/learning design, and share best practices, tips, and ideas with a peer community.

### Organizations participating in the network, either the Summer or Back-to-School round, will:

- Utilize the Community Educator Learning Hub to complement training and support for their community educators.
- Attend two, 1-hour virtual sessions with other organizations to receive implementation support from the team behind the Community Educator Learning Hub and share ideas with peers.
- Complete a brief survey about your experience with the Hub.

**In exchange, organizations will receive a \$1,000 stipend for their participation and free access to the Community Educator Learning Hub for participating users through June 2025.** Participating organizations will also receive onboarding support from ASU to create accounts for their users and enroll them in relevant content, saving administrative time and labor.

### Who is it for?

Arizona community-based, non-profit, organizations (CBOs) working with young people, pre-K-12, in school and/or community settings and who have a team of community educators.

### What is the schedule?

There are two rounds CBOs can join: Summer or Back-to-School. Participating organizations will need to have active team members/community educators during the timeframe they select.

<b>Option 1: Summer Schedule</b>	
Session 1: Orientation and Overview <i>(How might you use the Hub?)</i>	Thursday, June 13, 1:00 - 2:00pm
Session 2: Peer-to-Peer Sharing <i>(What are you learning?)</i>	Wednesday, August 7, 1:00 - 2:00pm
Complete survey	by August 23

<b>Option 2: Back-to-School Schedule</b>	
Session 1: Orientation and Overview <i>(How might you use the Hub?)</i>	Wednesday, July 31, 1:00 - 2:00pm
Complete survey	by September 13
Session 2: Peer-to-Peer Sharing <i>(What are you learning?)</i>	Wednesday, October 16, 1:00 - 2:00pm

## How do I join?

All you need to do to join the learning network is complete this brief sign-up form by the date below: <https://forms.gle/kkFH6VQWZBdAJjKN7>

- For the Summer round, please sign-up by June 11, 2024.
- For the Back-to-School round, please sign-up by July 26, 2024.

## Questions?

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## FAQ

### ***What is the cost of the Community Educator Learning Hub?***

In partnership with the Arizona Department of Education, the Community Educator Learning Hub is currently free for all Arizonans through June 2025. This is a value add for organizations of \$120 per user.

### ***Who are community educators?***

Community educators are youth-serving professionals and volunteers who provide capacity and insight in service of deepening and personalizing student learning. They enrich learning environments by forging authentic relationships, sharing expertise and expanding networks.

***What are nanocourses? Why are they effective?***

The Community Educator Learning Hub is made up of over 130 nanocourses. Nanocourses are bite-sized, just-in-time, asynchronous modules with tips and strategies that community educators can immediately put into practice with students to positively impact their learning. Based on the principles of microlearning, the brevity of the nanocourses reduces cognitive overload, decreases risk of interruption, and encourages revisiting and reviewing content, which helps increase retention. Microlearning has been shown to increase interest, skill and knowledge retention, engagement, and performance.

Additionally, the Community Educator Learning Hub was designed with intentional consideration of the diversity of community educator backgrounds and the importance of making the most of community educators' time so that they can make their time with learners the most meaningful. The unique design incorporates expertly curated content with clear language that avoids educational jargon and various types of embedded media such as videos, animations, and interactive opportunities for practice and reflection that make learning engaging and memorable.

***I already do training with my community educators, how can this help my organization?***

The asynchronous bite-sized training offered in the Hub is easy to integrate into your organization's training practices. Use the Community Educator Learning Hub to boost your organization's unique professional learning, adding capacity to your team and allowing you to utilize time with your community educators for contextualized training.

***Is there a minimum number of community educators we need to work with to participate in the network?***

No, we know the number of community educators varies by type of organization and program, and all types are welcome to participate.