

SPRING 2025 TRAINING CALENDAR



Harris County
Department of
Education

ABOUT US

CASE FOR KIDS

CASE for Kids, a division of Harris County Department of Education, services improve program quality and equalize access to afterschool, summer and enrichment opportunities – because what happens between school and home matters. To learn more about CASE for Kids services, visit www.hcde-texas.org/after-school

HCDE

HCDE is a unique, educational hybrid serving school districts, governmental agencies, nonprofits and the public in the third-largest county in the U.S. HCDE annually serves a quarter-million students and educators through schools for students with profound special needs; the largest adult education program in Texas; Head Start early childhood education; school-based therapy services; and afterschool programs. Educator professional development and certification, school safety, records management, and a purchasing cooperative are also provided. #SeeTheImpact at www.hcde-texas.org

PD OFFERINGS

CASE for Kids strives to offer multiple professional development options to meet the needs of Out-of-School Time (OST) field. These are our current offerings:

- In-person workshop opportunities
- Live webinars
- Deeper dive workshops
- Virtual library of recorded webinars (completion of exit ticket for certificate)
- CPR/First Aid certification workshops
- Symposiums
- Professional learning communities

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

HCDE has recently moved all professional development sign-ups to a new platform, Professional Learning. While this new platform has some fantastic new features, the route to sign-up and navigate through the platform can be cumbersome. Never fear! We are here to help!

Every training described in this calendar can be found on the new platform. If you do not currently have an account for the platform, please review [this file](#) - it will give you directions regarding account creation and how to access the sign-up page for the workshops.

Still need help? Please contact our Quality Navigator, Austen Yorko, via email for help at austen.yorko@hcde-texas.org.

JANUARY 2025

Got Consent? Cultivating a Consent Culture in Your Program

Date & Time: Friday, January 24, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: 6005 Westview Dr, Houston, TX 77055

The language and skills for a functioning culture of consent can be tough to build. In this workshop, participants will learn about the factors that affect our ideas of consent - socialization, poor modeling, communication, trauma, and systemic inequity - to better understand how consent is an ongoing, adaptable agreement, not just an act of giving permission. Participants will leave with a toolkit to help build a more welcoming and understanding culture in their afterschool programs.

Structure & Clear Limits: Building a Safety Net for Your Program

Date & Time: Friday, January 31, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: 6005 Westview Dr, Houston, TX 77055

Join us for the Youth Methods Structure & Clear Limits workshop, designed to help establish a safe environment in your program that promotes youth engagement and productive skill-building. Participants will leave with a functional toolkit on a variety of program structures including check-ins, expectations, and more.

FEBRUARY 2025

Be the Hype! Building Positive Relationships

Date & Time: Friday, February 7, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: 6005 Westview Dr, Houston, TX 77055

Research says cultivating positive relationships can have a significant impact on students' experiences while engaged in your out-of-school time program. During this workshop, participants will discuss the influential power that a positive attitude and atmosphere can have in creating an environment that bolsters students engagement while maintaining a productive structure in your program.

The Path to Peace: Conflict Resolution & Bullying Prevention

Date & Time: Friday, February 21, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: 6005 Westview Dr, Houston, TX 77055

Preventing and resolving conflict in any space is difficult, but a toolkit can be built. Join us for a workshop that will equip you with an understanding of how to predict points of conflict and strategies to reframe youths' understanding of issues to reach a resolution.

FEBRUARY 2025

Summer Bootcamp Blitz: Mastering Summer Planning and Instruction

Date & Time: Friday, February 28, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Location: 6005 Westview Dr, Houston, TX 77055

It is never too early to start planning for a successful and engaging summer! Join CASE for Kids for a special summer learning bootcamp. During this 4-hour session, participants will walk away with a host of tools and skills necessary to plan out and deliver high quality activities for post-school year fun. Topics will include building a trusted community with the staff and students, effective curriculum planning, lifting up student voice, and structuring a physically and emotionally safe environment.

MARCH 2025

Spring Symposium

Date & Time: Friday, March 21, 8:30 am-2:30 pm

Location: HCDE Conference Center, 6300 Irvington Blvd. Houston, 77022

Make professional development part of your Spring! Join us for the Spring Symposium with a focus on building leadership skills and habits! The Spring Symposium offers a fun and engaging opportunity for 3.5 credit hours.

The cost is **\$50 for in-county attendees** and **\$55 for out-of-county attendees**.

Add this date to your calendar and be on the lookout for the registration information that will be sent out in a separate email!

APRIL 2025

Level Up! Taking Family Engagement to the Next Level

Date & Time: Friday, April 4, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: 6005 Westview Dr, Houston, TX 77055

Join us for a special workshop on how to take family engagement to the next level! In this workshop, you will learn strategies to master communication, event planning, and educational collaboration - building a foundation for family involvement that benefits not only the students, but the entire community.

How to Produce a Podcast

Date & Time: Friday, April 25, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: 6005 Westview Dr, Houston, TX 77055

Do you or your students want to record, edit, and mix your own podcast? Learn all the basics of podcasting, including episode outline techniques and tips for recording. Podcast equipment available free to borrow in CASE SMART Zone.

MAY 2025

CPR/First-Aid Training

Date & Time: Friday, May 9, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Location: 6005 Westview Dr, Houston, TX 77055

During this training, you will learn how to provide immediate care in cardiac, breathing and first aid emergencies until advanced medical personnel arrive. With a certified American Red Cross Instructor, the training is appropriate for job mandated requirements, or if you just want to know how to keep your loved ones or students safe. There will be hands on simulation learning along with a link to digital refresher courses within 2 years of your certification. Join millions who are trained every year and learn the skills that can save a life. Dress comfortably for hands on simulations on the floor. **\$45 fee for in-county attendees, \$50 for out of county - please bring a check or money order payable to CASE for Kids. This fee covers the required cost for the Red Cross certification.**

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