

GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinar
\$20B for Afterschool & Summer:
Realizing the Opportunity for Communities

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Moderator, Presenter and Commentator Bios

MODERATOR/PRESENTER

Rhonda Lauer

President & Chief Executive Officer, Foundations, Inc.



Rhonda Lauer has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer since 1997, guiding Foundations' rapid growth from a regional program provider to an organization that has earned national and international recognition for its success in transforming the world of teaching and learning by strengthening the skills of educators.

Lauer is a lifelong Philadelphian who has worn many hats for the School District of Philadelphia: teacher, principal, administrator, management negotiator, and associate superintendent. Lauer also served as Superintendent of Schools in Delaware County, Pennsylvania and currently sits on several boards of directors, including the Urban Affairs Coalition and Say Yes to Education. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Temple University and holds a Pennsylvania Principal's Certification and Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from the University of Pennsylvania.

Despite her many professional accomplishments and awards, Lauer remains proudest of the fact that every single one of her students left her classroom able to read, write, and do math. Lauer believes that all children can learn, that relationships matter, that those who choose to be educators can be great teachers and afterschool professionals, and that strong, shared and mindful leadership is essential to all organizations that serve children, families and communities. She believes in 'action' and is passionate about ensuring quality education for every child – every day!

Lauer is a proud mother to her children David, Rachel, Jessica, and Seth, and is an adoring grandmother (known as "Rah-Rah") to grandchildren Alexandra, Liam, Miles, and Daniel, and grand-dogs Kipper and Juno. In her free time, she loves to sing, dance, read, and cook – some even say she makes the best mac and cheese this side of the Mississippi!

PRESENTERS

Terry K. Peterson, Ph.D.
Senior Fellow, Riley Institute, Furman University
Education Advisor, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
Co-Chair, Afterschool Alliance
Editor, *Leveraging Afterschool and Summers for Student Success*



Dr. Terry K. Peterson is the only person in America who has served eight years as the chief education deputy for a governor and also for the United States Secretary of Education. Dr. Peterson was the architect of a statewide education improvement package that boosted reading and math performance 20 percent over seven years and had the highest teacher ratings of the reforms among all the states. In addition, he has worked in many countries from Brazil to South Korea and from Mongolia to Australia.

He currently is the Education Consultant to the CS Mott Foundation and Senior Fellow for the Riley Institute at Furman University. He co-chairs the Afterschool Alliance, and chairs the national White Riley Peterson Afterschool Leadership Fellowship.

Former US Secretary of Education Riley calls Terry “the King of Afterschool.” After four reprintings and thousands of downloads, his compendium, *Expanding Minds and Opportunities: Leveraging the Power of Afterschool and Summer Learning for Student Success* is helping improve afterschool and summer programs across America.

Kylie Wheeler
Project Manager, Children’s Funding Project



Kylie Wheeler joined Children’s Funding Project (CFP) in 2019 as a Policy Associate and expanded the organization’s research capacity with her background in geographic information systems and data analysis. In her current role as Project Manager, Kylie specializes in building child-centered comprehensive strategic financing plans at the state and local levels, facilitating the development of children’s budget analyses, and tracking the federal response to COVID-19 as it relates to new and flexible funding for children and youth. She is the author of CFP’s latest publication, “The Cradle-to-Career Guide to

Federal Relief Funding for Kids During and Beyond COVID-19.”

COMMENTATORS

Candice Buchanan
Executive Director, SummerCollab



Buchanan has always had a passion for positive youth development. As a youth program manager for YWCA Delaware, she strove to provide high quality life skills and college prep programming for middle and high school girls. At the Delaware Department of Education, she had the opportunity to work closely with Wilmington's priority schools where she developed a strong sense of responsibility for holding adults accountable to making kid centered decisions. As Executive Director, Buchanan gets to tie those things together as she focuses on developing high quality programming and strengthening partnerships to make summer smarter for our kids and communities.

Stacie Evans

President & CEO, Young Audiences of Maryland



Under Stacie's leadership since 2004, YA's outreach has expanded to every school district in Maryland. YA partners with 500 school and community-based sites and annually impacts 190,000 students, teachers and artists. YA has co-founded Maryland's only statewide artist training program, the Teaching Artist Institute; partnered with Maryland Wolf Trap, which expanded YA's reach into early childhood settings; and developed an effective model for arts integrated learning in summer settings that positively impacts students' academic and social emotional development. Stacie holds an MBA from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the College of Charleston, SC. She has twice been named one of the Top 100 Women in Maryland, is an alumna of the Greater Baltimore Committee's Leadership Program, has held multiple positions on National YA Board Committees, and has served on the Maryland State Department of Education's Fine Arts Panel. She has also served two terms on the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance Board. She currently chairs the Executive Committee of a collective effort to create a National Teaching Artist Certification Program for the field.

Lara Ohanian

Director, Differentiated Learning, Baltimore City Public Schools



Lara Ohanian is the Director of Differentiated Learning in Baltimore City Public Schools. In this role, she oversees English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Gifted and Advanced Learning (GAL), and Extended Learning. This provides her the opportunity to support the continuum of learners through the development and implementation of curricula, interventions, enrichment, and assessments to meet individual students' needs and prepare them for college and career. Dr. Ohanian has served as an educator for over 20 years, with over 10 years of experience as a district administrator. Lara lives in Baltimore with her husband, adorable toddler, and two puppies.

Chris Smith

Executive Director, Boston Afterschool and Beyond



Smith has devised and led education, youth development, and college and workforce strategies at the city, state, and national levels. At Boston Beyond, he has led the creation of Boston's data-driven network of 300 programs reaching 20,000 students and the nationally-recognized Boston Summer Learning Project, which has served 50,000 students since 2010 and improved skills and academic performance. This project is among the Top 100 worldwide solutions in the MacArthur Foundation's 100&Change initiative. Smith previously worked at the Boston Private Industry Council, and the US Department of Education. He earned an MBA from Babson College and a BA from Trinity College.

Toni Wiley

Chief Executive Officer, Sportsmen's Tennis & Enrichment Center



Toni Wiley has served as Chief Executive Officer of Sportsmen’s Tennis & Enrichment Center since 2008. During that time, she’s overseen a nearly 4-fold increase in the non-profit organization’s operating budget, which is currently just under \$3M, while building competitive, developmental and community programs for youth and adults that reach more than 5,000 players annually. Their accompanying suite of academic, health and social development programs are widely recognized at the local, regional and national levels. Prior to joining Sportsmen’s, Ms. Wiley operated a non-profit consulting firm that assisted organizations seeking to deepen their community impact while building financial stability.