



## Systems-Building Institute

May 13-14, 2014  
Baltimore, MD

Are you interested in bringing high-quality expanded learning opportunities to scale in your community? Are you eager to hear first-hand from innovators about their experiences building systems? Do you want to connect with peers who are tackling similar challenges and figure out solutions together?

**Join Every Hour Counts for our first-ever national cross-city learning institute.**

This two-day institute will bring together 10-15 cities to tap the expertise of Every Hour Counts partner organizations, and to build on one another's ideas for developing and strengthening after-school, summer, and expanded learning programs that engage community partners and schools.

Cities are invited to bring teams of 3-5 public and private leaders that may include the following stakeholder groups:

- Local intermediary
- School system partner
- Statewide afterschool network
- Community foundation
- Mayor's office or other government agency
- Program or direct service organization

Together, we'll explore the following system-building blocks and hot issues:

- **Governance structures:** Discuss the variety of coordinating models to strengthen the governance structure that best meets your local needs and context.
- **Sustainability:** Discuss effective strategies to build an expanded-learning system for the long-haul through advocacy, communications, fundraising, and partnerships.
- **Scaling high-quality practices:** Discuss how to form authentic school and community partnerships that foster innovation.
- **Defining and measuring success:** Learn about strategies to develop community consensus around shared outcomes, including collecting and sharing data, measuring social and emotional skills, and designing a continuous quality improvement system to drive improvement.

Based on participants' expressed interest areas, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in in-depth discussions on specific cutting-edge models, such as an expanded school day, digital badging, informal STEM education, redesigned summer programs, and apprenticeships for high-school youth. They will also be able to see high-quality system building in action in Baltimore.

## Details

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 - Wednesday, May 14, 2014

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*Venue and final times to be determined*

**Note:** *City teams will be asked to pay a registration fee to support the costs of the institute.*

For questions, please contact Nina Agrawal, Policy and Communications Coordinator, at:

[nagrawal@everyhourcounts.org](mailto:nagrawal@everyhourcounts.org).

This institute can only accommodate 10 to 15 city teams to support in-depth discussions. Since space is limited, please [email Nina Agrawal](mailto:nagrawal@everyhourcounts.org) to let us know of your interest to attend by Friday, February 7.

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*[Every Hour Counts](#), formerly the Collaborative for Building After-School Systems, is a coalition of citywide organizations that increase access to quality learning opportunities, particularly for underserved students.*

*The organization is a leading voice promoting expanded-learning systems, which provide learning and enrichment through after-school, summer, and other initiatives. Expanded-learning systems help students be more connected to school, build self-confidence, and connect with caring adults, so every student can thrive.*

*Every Hour Counts partners include: After School Matters (Chicago), Boston After School and Beyond, Family League of Baltimore, Hartford Partnership for Student Success, Nashville After Zone Alliance, Partnership for Children and Youth (Bay Area, CA), Partnership for Youth Development (New Orleans), Providence After School Alliance, Prime Time Palm Beach County, The After-School Corporation (New York City), and Youthprise (Twin Cities, MN).*