



LINKED LEARNING ALLIANCE

Draft Theme and Strand Concepts for Linked Learning Convention 2016

Overall Theme of Linked Learning Convention 2016:

Quality and Fidelity: the Keys to Unlocking the Promise of Linked Learning

Linked Learning 101: The basics to launch Linked Learning

Session idea examples:

- Where to begin when you are just getting started?
- The Linked Learning mindset - anchoring your vision of success
- Learning from the Linked Learning pioneers
- Linked Learning Support Soup: NAF, ConnectEd, CCASN, Center for Powerful Public Schools, Career Ladders Project, UCCI
- Master scheduling for Linked Learning
- Tapping into the CSU's Linked Learning educator talent pipeline—teachers, counselors, administrators

Transforming Transitions: How intersegmental collaboration can clear paths for college attainment and career achievement

Session idea examples:

- Linked Learning Pathways that lead from high school to college and beyond
- Getting a jump on the future: Linked Learning pathways where students earn a high school diploma and AA degree *at the same time*
- Expanding options with nontraditional partners providing credentialing opportunities for Linked Learning students
- Implementing the four pillars of Linked Learning in a postsecondary setting
- Coordinated K-20 intersegmental vertical counseling

Highway to Linked Learning: mapping design, connections, intersections, and implementation for quality Linked Learning

Session idea examples:

- Master classes in Linked Learning practice
- Teacher preparation with a Linked Learning lens—strategies preparing Linked Learning ready teachers
- Building district-level systems for Linked Learning success
- Master class on master scheduling for Linked Learning
- A perfect mashup: California Standards (Common Core, NGSS) and Linked Learning
- Working with Career Technical Education student organizations
- Capitalizing on Counselors: a Linked Learning asset
- Integrating student supports through all components of Linked Learning
- Infusing quality Linked Learning in your LCAP
- Learning from mentor districts
- Expanding Linked Learning to middle school institutions



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Flipping the Script on Partner Engagement: when employers take ownership of the engagement strategy

Session idea examples:

- Engaging proactively with partners – a two-way street
- Paradigm shift for working with employers: from consumers of talent to partners in systems and programs that produce talent
- The Linked Learning fit in a rising “show what you know economy”
- Building blocks for success: College degrees, certificates, apprenticeships, and more.
- Employers teach teachers through industry externships
- Employer mindset for demand planning and talent searching – value sharing between educators and employers to improve skill development recognized by badging systems
- Roadmap for a sustainable employer-educator partnership, guidelines for communications

Linking our Learning: Innovations in the Linked Learning field

Session idea examples:

- It takes a village: regional collaboration and cross systems approaches to deliver quality Linked Learning
- Serving special populations: English learners and special education students
- Implementing Linked Learning in small and rural districts
- Embedding Equity in Everything
- How do students supports fit in integration of Linked Learning core components
- Certification opportunities for pathway students (college degrees, certification, apprenticeships, etc.)
- Embracing technology and data to inform continuous improvement and tell your Linked Learning success stories
- Rapid-fire research roundtable: sharing research questions and investigations
- Linked Learning research and application to practice

Hands-on Linked Learning Lab

Session idea examples:

- Classroom encounter: try a Linked Learning lesson from the student perspective
- Learn by doing, experience Linked Learning teaching and counseling techniques
- Feedback focus: teach a hands-on project and get feedback from peers to improve technique
- Linked Learning student hack-a-thon

Spark Center

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