

# BELONG Partners Programs

## Professional Development

Our Professional Development workshops are experiential training sessions designed to equip educators with mindsets and practices to create equitable communities where young people know they matter and belong. Our approach integrates trauma-responsive, culturally-relevant practices with restorative discipline and social-emotional learning.

### Trauma-Responsive Practices

**Reimagining Resilience 1: Understanding Trauma & Creating Safer Environments:** In this interactive two-session workshop, we explore how brain science and restorative practices can be used to create safe and inclusive spaces where all youth can succeed.

**Reimagining Resilience 2: Developing Firmness Tools:** Join us in a supportive community of educators, youth workers, and caretakers as we explore ideas that encourage empathy, accountability, internal agency, and problem-solving skills in the young people you serve.

### Classroom Leadership

**Rooted Relationships: Growing Equitable Classroom Communities:**

You can create a classroom and school environment where students feel connected and encouraged. Imagine a room filled with young people who are engaged in learning, contribute to problem-solving, and help build their own community.

**\*New in 2024\* - Rooted Beginnings: Cultivating Community and Fostering Independence in Early Childhood:** We explore foundational principles and practical tools informed by brain science, trauma and attachment theory, and social-emotional learning. Early childhood educators will gain skills to help early learners regulate their bodies and brains, build emotional and feelings vocabulary, and develop a sense of agency and problem-solving skills.

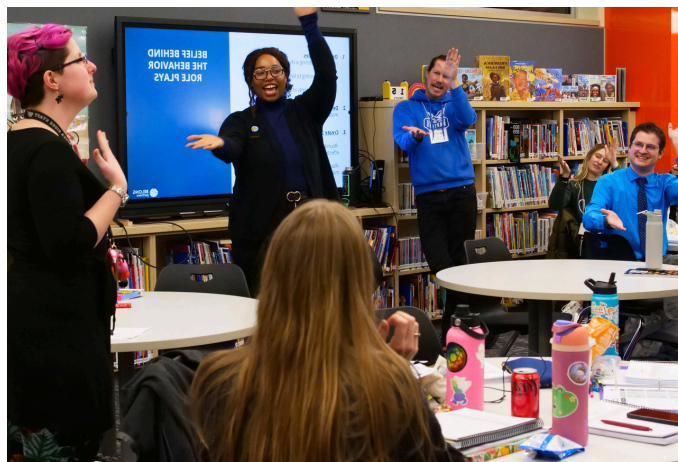
### Youth Leadership

**Designing Our Own Learning (DOOL):** A youth leadership and educator professional development program that empowers youth to drive systems change in their schools by fostering collaboration between students and educators. Together, students and educators co-create projects that make their school environments more equitable, inclusive, and supportive.

**\*New in 2024\* - Cultivating Connection: Brain Science, Youth Leadership & Belonging for a Brighter Future:** This youth-facing workshop equips secondary students with brain science insights and community-building tools to enhance their emotional regulation, leadership skills, and foster a deeper sense of connection and belonging among themselves and their peers.

### Parenting and Caregiver Sessions

**Legacies of Love:** A culturally-responsive program that helps caregivers explore the influence of family history on their parenting, fostering self-awareness and deeper connections. By building stronger ties within the community and cultivating authentic partnerships with schools, the program empowers families to engage in meaningful, collaborative relationships that support students' growth and well-being.



*Facilitator Roshae Lowe leads an experiential activity during a BELONG Partners workshop*



**Introduction to Parenting with Courage and Connection:** A two-hour introductory session offering practical tools and strategies to address common parenting challenges and build stronger family connections.

**Parenting with Courage and Connection Six-Week Series:** An in-depth, interactive course that delves into courageous and connected parenting practices, fostering a supportive community of parents and caregivers.

*Facilitator Aaron Norikane leading a discussion during a BELONG Partners workshop*

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## School Transformation

**Whole School Partner:** A comprehensive, whole-school approach that is partner driven and engages all adults—educators, staff, and administrators—in creating trauma-responsive and culturally-inclusive environments. By strengthening relationships and transforming systems, this program ensures that every student feels safe, and knows they belong and matter, empowering them to learn and thrive.

**District Model:** A comprehensive approach to school transformation that focuses on building capacity and sustainability within a school district. Through this train-the-trainer model, experienced facilitators work closely with regional coaches hired by the district to implement the BELONG Partners approach in multiple schools across the district.



*Roxana Amaral meeting with educators in a partner school*

## The BELONG Partners District Model

### *Successful Implementation and Plans for the Future*

The BELONG Partners District Model continues to shine as a transformative force in fostering equitable and sustainable learning environments. Since 2019, we have engaged in a partnership with the Southern Oregon Educational Service District, Southern Oregon Regional Educators Network (SOREN), and Brookings-Harbor School District. Our partnership has touched over 3,000 educators through eleven schools, across four counties and five districts. This year we are working alongside SOREN implementation coaches in three additional schools in the Klamath County School District while expanding their reach in the Medford Valley.

We continue to offer professional development workshops in southern Oregon, including *Rooted Beginnings* in English and Spanish for early childhood educators. We are also partnering with Southern Oregon University for a second year, providing training on our approach to future school administrators.

Looking ahead, we are planting seeds for future collaborations in Washington state, with a vision for Whole School partnerships next year in several areas.



*Educators from a partner school*

## Coaching and Consulting

**Data Team:** BELONG Partners staff and educators work together to support partner schools in using data to drive decision-making and measure impact

**MTSS for SEL:** A strength-based process to support educators implementing multi-tiered systems of support for social-emotional learning.

**Educator Coaching:** Personalized individual or small group support for educators to implement trauma-responsive practices, strengthen classroom management, and foster inclusive, equitable learning environments.

**Parent Coaching:** Guidance for caregivers to build stronger relationships, develop effective parenting strategies, and create supportive home environments that nurture children's growth and resilience.