🍀 Reflective Planning Guide: Building Collaborative Partnerships in Expanded Learning

Use these guiding questions to reflect on how you might build or strengthen partnerships between nonprofits, school districts, and intermediaries in your county/community. Feel free to jot down thoughts, ideas, or next steps as you go.

🔍 Understanding your Local Landscape

- What are the current needs of youth and families in your community that expanded learning could address?

Your thoughts:

- Who are the key players already doing expanded learning work in your county?

Your thoughts:

- Are there any forums, networks, or collaborative spaces where these stakeholders already connect?

Your thoughts:

🌼 Assessing Readiness & Opportunities

- What relationships do you or your organization already have with schools, districts, or intermediaries?

Your thoughts:

- Where is there alignment between your organization's goals and those of other stakeholders?

Your thoughts:

• What barriers might exist to partnership? How could they be addressed?

Your thoughts:

Laying the Groundwork for Partnership

- Who could be a "champion" or connector in your community?

Your thoughts:

- What data, stories, or complexities can help make the case for collaboration?

Your thoughts:

- What shared goals or outcomes could unite potential partners?

Your thoughts:

Sustaining & Deepening Collaboration

- What does a successful partnership look like in your context?

Your thoughts:

- How can you center youth, families, and frontline staff in the partnership process?

Your thoughts:

- What resources or support (funding, training, Technical Assistance) would be needed to sustain collaboration?

Your thoughts:

Action Planning

- What's one small step you can take in the next month to explore or initiate a partnership?

Your thoughts:

- Who will you reach out to next, and what's your ask?

Your thoughts:

- What support do you need to move forward?

Your thoughts:

🎯 Bonus Prompt

What's your *vision* for expanded learning in your county 3–5 years from now?