Welcome back from a great holiday season! With the start of a new year, it’s an ideal time to reflect on where we have been and where we are looking to go in the future. CASE for Kids is beginning our new year by announcing that we will be proudly celebrating 20 years of amazing service. This year we plan to reflect with the intention of using the lessons of the past to propel us into our future. Many challenges presented themselves along the journey to twenty, but through the dedication and perseverance of our staff, we’ve managed to overcome each one. Now, as we move forward in the new year, aware that there will be new challenges that ahead of us; we remain confident in the knowledge that our community is willing to face those challenges united in the pursuit of out-of-school time excellence.

Dr. Lisa Thompson-Caruthers
Director of CASE for Kids

On Jan. 18, CASE for Kids will host Finding Common Ground: Empathy and Emotion Management in OST. Research shows that teaching youth skills such as empathy, self-awareness and emotion management can equip them to succeed socially and academically. Learn strategies and techniques to assist your OST students to better relate to others and manage their emotions. Come ready to explore this important SEL topic!

Join CASE for Kids and colleagues from all areas of the out-of-school time (OST) world to learn, problem solve and collaborate! Each Learning Community provides a place where OST professionals can exchange knowledge, acquire skills and explore best practices for OST. Enjoy networking with peers as well as the opportunity to check out materials at the Sharing Multiple Afterschool Resources and Technology (SMART) Zone. Breakfast and snacks will be provided.

Time: Thursday, Jan .17, 2019 from 10 AM to Noon
Location: (HCDE) North Post Oak Building
6005 Westview Dr. , Houston, TX 77022
Workshop Fee: None
Register here: http://bit.ly/Learning-Community

CASE Staff Highlight

CASE for Kids joyfully welcomes its newest VISTA, Lanise Harris. As Volunteer Outreach VISTA she will be responsible for developing, maintaining and implementing an exemplary volunteer program. With her help CASE for Kids will expand its reach out into the community; Thanks to a collaboration with the Onestar Foundation, Lanise Harris will serve a full year with our division.
## January 2019 Calendar

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For information visit: [http://www.afterschoolzone.org/](http://www.afterschoolzone.org/)

To register for any of these training series: [https://bit.ly/1F067Xt](https://bit.ly/1F067Xt)

### 01/11 Structure and Clear Limits

- This interactive workshop helps participants analyze the level of structure in their programs and practice identifying and maintaining clear limits.

### 01/17 Learning Community

- Join CASE for Kids and colleagues from all areas of the out-of-school time (OST) world to learn, problem solve and collaborate!

### 01/18 Finding Common Ground Empathy and Emotion Management in OST

- Learn strategies and techniques to assist your OST students to better relate to others and manage their emotions- both positive and negative.

### 01/25 Get Dramatic—Incorporating Reader Theater in your Afterschool Program

- See how this activity can enhance student reading fluency and reading comprehension as well as build vocabulary.

### CASE Challenges

**Case Challenges**

**CASE Debates Tournament #3**

**CPR, First Aid and AED Certification Training**

Through CPR/first aid training, you will learn how to provide immediate care in cardiac, breathing and first aid emergencies until advanced medical personnel arrive.

Register for Workshop: [https://bit.ly/2Q8jFRg](https://bit.ly/2Q8jFRg)

**CASE Challenges**

**National Hobby Month**

**#CASECHALLENGE**

Follow us on social media to stay updated for each month’s challenges and a chance for your kids to win PRIZES!