



## Every Hour Counts Third Annual System-Building Institute

**August 3 - 4, 2016**  
**Union League Club of Chicago**  
**Chicago, IL**

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 Third Annual System-Building Institute**

This two-day cross-city learning institute will bring together 15 communities, with a priority on communities from the Midwest, 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. This event is being hosted in collaboration with After School Matters of Chicago.

Communities 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
- Local foundation
- Mayor's office or other government agency
- Professional development partner
- Program or direct service organization

Together, we'll explore the following system-building challenges 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, informal STEM education, redesigned summer programs, and apprenticeships for high-school youth. You will also be able to see high-quality system-building in action in Chicago with visits to After School Matters program sites.

### Learn more about past Institutes

To learn more about the content, read our [summary](#) of our 2015 System-Building Institute in Oakland. Past participants have lauded the Institute for the practical expertise and actionable advice, with feedback such as:

- "I liked hearing the varying styles of larger cities vs. smaller cities. It makes me wonder more about Oakland's current system and how we could adapt it.
- "Sessions were organized to be interactive and to draw on the expertise of the room, which was much appreciated!"
- "All the sessions were well done. We got great ideas and a better understanding of the whole system."
- "I really liked hearing from intermediaries who gave us models of effective systems."

### Interested? Contact us

This institute can only accommodate approximately 15 city teams to support in-depth discussions. **Since space is limited, please [email Tasha Kellett, Communications and Policy Manager, to let us know of your interest to attend by June 22](#).** Preference will be given to communities in the Midwest, if more than 15 communities express interest.

### Details

The Institute will begin on Wednesday, August 3, at 8:30 a.m. and conclude on Thursday, August 4, at 4:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Union League Club of Chicago.

*Note: Teams will be asked to pay a registration fee to support the cost of the Institute.*

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***Every Hour Counts*** 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, ExpandedED Schools (New York City), Family League of Baltimore, Nashville After Zone Alliance, Partnership for Children and Youth (Bay Area, CA), Prime Time Palm Beach County, Providence After School Alliance, and Youthprise (Twin Cities, MN).*

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