



BECOME A **ConnectNow** FORUM MODERATOR

Help Shape the Future of
Nebraska's Afterschool Community



ConnectNow is Nebraska's online professional learning and networking platform for afterschool professionals. It's a place to ask questions, share ideas, find resources, and get support from colleagues who understand the work you do every day.

This fall, Beyond School Bells is launching a pilot **Forum Moderator Program**—and we're looking for experienced, passionate afterschool professionals to help lead the conversation.



Our goal is to **strengthen** online discussions, **support** new directors and coordinators, and **foster** meaningful connections with experienced leaders across Nebraska.

*Moderate.
Mentor. Make an Impact.*



AS A  **ConnectNow**
FORUM MODERATOR, YOU WILL:



Share your expertise
with new and emerging afterschool leaders.



Build relationships
with professionals from across Nebraska.



Exchange innovative ideas,
resources, and best practices.



Help strengthen
the quality of afterschool programs
statewide.



Be recognized
as a leader in Nebraska's
afterschool community.



Receive a \$500 stipend
upon successful completion
of the Fall 2026 pilot.



Participate in an onboarding webinar
to orient yourself with ConnectNow and
review expectations on 9/11 at 12pm



Your experience
can guide,
encourage, and
inspire the next
generation of
Nebraska afterschool
leaders.

TOGETHER,

we can build a stronger,
more connected afterschool
community across Nebraska.





FORUM MODERATOR PROGRAM

APPLICATION & ELIGIBILITY

WHAT YOU'LL DO

As a ConnectNow Forum Moderator, you'll help create an engaging, welcoming, and resource-rich online community.

-  **Start and participate** in discussion conversations.
-  **Share practical resources**, tools, and best practices.
-  **Respond** to questions and encourage peer learning.
-  **Create a** welcoming and inclusive environment.
-  **Encourage** participation and help grow forum engagement.
-  **Support promotion of the forum** and share opportunities with colleagues.



TIME COMMITMENT

Approximately 1 hour per week.



PILOT SEMESTER

September – Mid-December 2026 (approximately 15 weeks).



WHO SHOULD APPLY?



3 or more years of experience in the afterschool field.



Demonstrated increasing leadership and responsibility.



Strong communication and collaboration skills.



Enjoy mentoring and supporting fellow professionals.



Committed to advancing the afterschool profession.

FORUM TOPICS



Positive Youth Development & Youth Engagement



Programming & Club Ideas



Professional Development



Program Operations, Policies & Procedures



Community & School Partnerships



Family Engagement



Advocating for Afterschool



Your Experience Matters

Experienced leaders like you share knowledge, encourage collaboration, and help build a vibrant professional learning community for Nebraska's afterschool field.

Your leadership today will help shape the future of ConnectNow for years to come.

READY TO APPLY?

Complete the **ConnectNow Forum Moderator** Application by scanning the QR code or visiting the Google Form below.

<https://links.bringupnebraska.org/ZhBpL>

Application Deadline: Friday, August 28, 2026

Selected moderators will be notified Friday, September 4

Onboarding webinar will be held virtually on Friday, September 11 at 12:00pm



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