

# NAZA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

In the 2019-2020 school year, NAZA is celebrating 10 years of investing in high-quality OST learning experiences for Nashville youth. To date, 13,745 Nashville youth have benefitted directly from NAZA funded programs. From 2017-2019 alone, NAZA youth development trainings were attended by youth-serving professionals who worked directly with 12,164 youth across our community.



# R E S U L T S

**87%**  
have experienced caring relationships with others

**94%**  
developed positive values

**92%**  
increased their commitment to learning

**90%**  
developed social competencies

**92%**  
developed a positive identity

In addition, they were exposed to various career and post-secondary ideas, experienced hands-on learning, and met real-life professionals.

## GET INVOLVED!

-  Visit our website and donate [www.nashvillez.org](http://www.nashvillez.org)
-  Follow us on Facebook & Twitter
-  Volunteer with a NAZA funded afterschool program.
-  Share the importance of afterschool programming with local elected officials. Ask them to support investments in high-quality after school and summer learning experiences for children and youth outside of school.



METRO  
NASHVILLE  
PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS

Exceeding Great Expectations

### The Key To Our Success

*In-kind contributions and expertise from Metro Nashville Public Schools, including partnerships on operations, data, and professional development significantly enhance the impact of Metro Government's investment.*

HELP US SHARE OUR MESSAGE!



@nashvillez

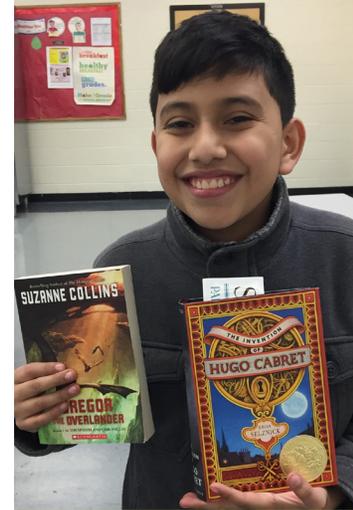


@nashville\_Z



# NAZA

NASHVILLE AFTER ZONE ALLIANCE



NAZA's mission is to increase youths' equitable access to out-of-school time learning experiences that help youth thrive and develop to their full potential.

# ABOUT US

Nashville After Zone Alliance (NAZA) is a partnership between the Nashville Public Library, Metro Nashville Public Schools, the Mayor's Office, and more than 20 nonprofit organizations across Nashville. Launched in 2010 by Mayor Karl Dean, NAZA's mission is to increase equitable access to high-quality afterschool and summer learning experiences that help Nashville youth thrive and develop to their full potential. We do this by:

- **Investing** funds in afterschool and summer programs citywide for middle school youth.
- **Strengthening** the capacity of the youth-serving community through professional development, evaluation services, and technical assistance to impact the learning experiences of youth.
- **Convening** the larger youth-serving community in Nashville to strategically mobilize and leverage resources to collectively impact youth.
- **Advocating** for increased investment in holistic youth development.
- **Empowering** youth through initiatives that cultivate their leadership and life skills, connect them to positive relationships, and inspire their love for learning.



# INVESTING IN YOUTH

According to research from the Afterschool Alliance, by 6th grade, youth from middle class families have spent 4000+ more hours in afterschool and summer learning opportunities than their economically disadvantaged peers. Costs associated with program fees and transportation, as well as language barriers and other challenges, often prevent youth and families from accessing these programs. NAZA seeks to narrow this opportunity gap by increasing our community's investment in middle school youth and their access educational, cultural and social learning experiences.

Annually, NAZA invests \$3 million in youth-serving organizations so that afterschool and summer programs can be offered at no cost to middle school youth and their families. Through a partnership with Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS), NAZA-funded partners access program space, meals and snacks, transportation, and student data to inform programming. NAZA empowers through innovative learning approaches that help inspire their interest, engagement, and motivation to learn.



# STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

NAZA helps the youth-serving community increase their capacity to design, deliver, and evaluate quality learning experiences for youth. NAZA-funded organizations adhere to common standards for program quality, data tracking, and improvement. Professional development trainings are provided in collaboration with MNPS and include positive youth development, youth engagement, and measuring program quality.

## Shaping the Future of the Youth Development Field and Our Commitment to Continuous Improvement

5,619

youth-serving professionals have participated in NAZA professional development.



From 2009-2016, attendees completed a total of

19,807

hours of training



In 2018-2019, **98.9%** of participants in trainings reported that they learned new skills, strategies, or resources from the trainer or from colleagues; or strengthened skills they already had.