# Becoming an After-School and Play Advocate

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An Educator's Humanly Prophetic Journey



Think of a time when you felt philosophically lost or confused. What did you do? How did it change you?

#### Life as a Teacher



### Life as an After-School Teacher



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# How After-School Programming Led Me to LTET



### A Change of Course\*

\* And the markers along the way

### Seeing My Studies from a New Light

How OST Programs
Can/Do Offer Holistic
Learning Experiences

Helping the child develop and form their personal identity

Helping the child build positive and meaningful relationships with attention to social skills

Helping the child connect to their community



# Why Unstructured Play?

What Has Research Shown?



# A Program Proposal

The Logical Culminating Project

### **Developing a Vision**



- Finding inspiration from Reggio-Emilia, Montessori, and Denmark's adventure playgrounds
- Defining the play experience
- Establishing the role of staff

Transforming a Vision into a Measurable, Fundable Reality

# WHEN WE DENY THE STORY, IT DEFINES US.

WHEN WE OWN THE STORY, WE CAN WRITE A BRAVE NEW ENDING.

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# What's Next?