



Dear Academy Members,

We are excited to share with you the Academy for SEL in Schools' Evaluation Report: *Professional Development in SEL: Determining Best Practices for Sustainability*. With the support of the NoVo Foundation, The Academy evaluated the efficacy of the Academy professional development program by surveying and interviewing Academy members about their experience in the Academy. The report summarizes evaluation data collected through interviews, focus groups and surveys between 2018 and 2021. If you participated in an evaluation survey, interview or focus group, your data is part of the report!

We invite you to check out the [*Professional Development in SEL: Determining Best Practices for Sustainability*](#) report, as well as the Academy's other publications on the [SECD Lab's Academy for SEL in Schools](#) webpage. We appreciate all of our Academy members who participated in the evaluation process. If you have any questions or feedback regarding the report, please reach out to us at SECDLab@gmail.com.



Grow Kinder Podcast

On Committee for Children's [Grow Kinder Podcast](#), Jodi Grant, executive director of After-school Alliance, talks about affordable after school programs. Jodi reflects on the the relationship between affordability and equity during the summer, and emphasizes the importance of social-emotional learning in after school programs.

Word Clouds

In this [article on Word Clouds](#), Monica Burns provides wonderful suggestions for how to use Word Clouds in the classroom for content instruction. Best of all, almost all of her word cloud ideas are SEL-informed!



CASEL Resources

We're returning to the basics again this week to highlight CASEL's [*Fundamentals of SEL*](#) webpage. CASEL defines social-emotional learning and helps readers understand SEL's importance.

CASEL also shares how SEL can support equity and healthy school environments on their webpage, [*How Does SEL Support Educational Equity and Excellence*](#).



Upcoming Events

1. We are re-sharing a CASEL webinar that we shared in our last newsletter! What makes SEL long standing? In the Social and Emotional Learning and Sustainability webinar, CASEL will discuss the Collaborating Districts Initiative, a study that examined SEL implementation in urban school districts.

Topic: Social and Emotional Learning and Sustainability

Date and Time: Friday, November 19, 2021, 11 AM -12 PM Eastern Time// 8 - 9 AM Pacific Time

Registration Link: <https://casel.org/events/social-and-emotional-learning-and-sustainability>

2. In this timely webinar, presenters explain why social-emotional learning and character development (SECD) serves as an excellent foundation for academic learning and an important component in every schools' multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS)

Topic: Integrating SEL, Character, and Purpose Development: A Call to Action

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 1 - 2 PM Eastern Time// 10 -11 AM Pacific Time

Registration Link: https://go.cfchildren.org/WBN-2021-11-17Character_LP-Registration-Page.html



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