

OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH WEBINAR



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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PST

Join us for a compelling virtual event that seeks to amplify the voices and experiences of former Out-of-School Youths (OSYs) from California. OSYs are often overlooked in service delivery planning due to misconceptions about their level of interest, which stem from their work and family commitments. Facilitated by WestEd, this panel of former OSYs will share their personal narratives about the challenges faced during their participation in the Migrant Education Program (MEP). Their stories offer valuable insights into the unique needs of migratory OSYs, especially those concerning academic and linguistic barriers.

This session is specifically designed for recruiters, OSY liaisons/ advocates, service providers, and program administrators committed to mastering best practices for identifying, recruiting, and delivering effective services to this unique population. By attending, you will gain a deeper understanding and practical strategies to better support OSYs in your work. Don't miss the chance to connect with former Out-of-School Youths who have overcome the challenges of being migratory youths and are now sharing their inspiring stories of resilience, empowerment, and success.

THE SPEAKER LINEUP



FACILITATOR 1 Lorena Rodriguez I & R Specialist WestEd



FACILITATOR 2 Zujaila Ornelas Program Manager WestEd



PANELIST 1 **Biviana Ruiz** Out-of-School Youth Central California



PANELIST 2 Jesslin Banegas Out-of-School Youth Central California



PANELIST 3 **Raul Diaz** Out-of-School Youth Southern California



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