



SYMPOSIUM BREAKOUT SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021 | 12:00-1:00 PM ET

Schools Need a Success Coach for Every Learner

PRESENTERS:

- Bennison Ntsakey, Brooklyn LAB
- Valentina Lopez Cortez, Brooklyn LAB
- Kirsten Davis, City Year
- Dr. Pamela Cantor, Turnaround for Children
- Ron Berger, EL Education
- Tasha Booker, City Year





Tasha Booker has been with City Year since 2014 and led the CY Columbus site for seven years, positioning the organization as a key strategic partner to supporting the holistic success of Columbus' students. She has since taken on a national role leading City Year's communications and marketing efforts. Prior to joining City Year, Tasha has held a number of impactful roles focused on positively impacting education and communities across Ohio.

Tasha Booker
SVP of External Engagement,
City Year



Dr. Pamela Cantor
Founder and Senior Science
Advisor, Turnaround for Children

Dr. Pamela Cantor practiced child and adolescent psychiatry for two decades. In 2002, Dr. Cantor founded Turnaround For Children, a nonprofit that translates the science of learning and development into tools and services for educators. She now serves as Turnaround's senior science advisor and is also a governing partner of the Science of Learning and Development Alliance, or SoLD, a collaborative effort designed to advance educational equity.











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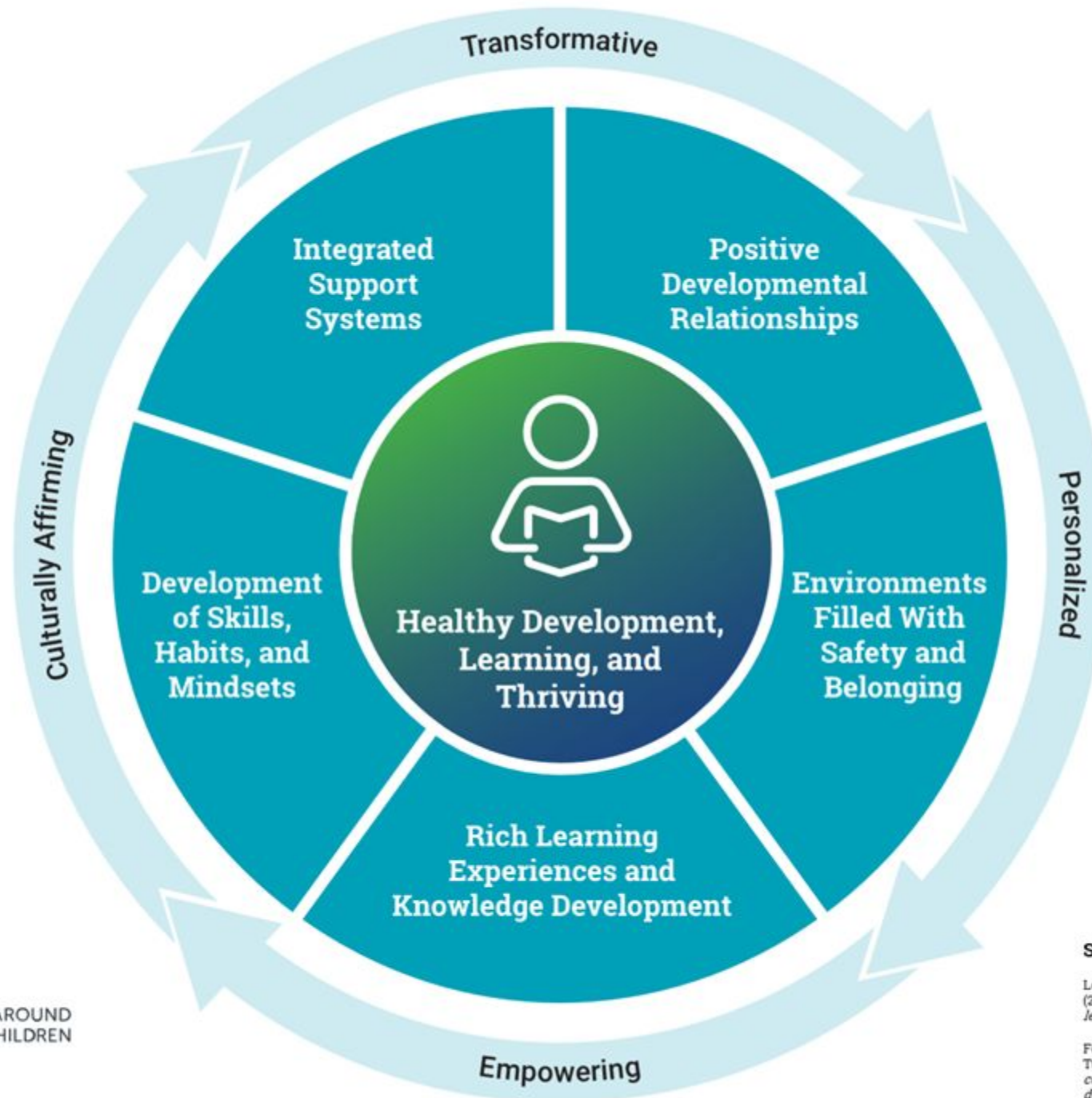








Essential Guiding Principles for Equitable Whole-Child Design



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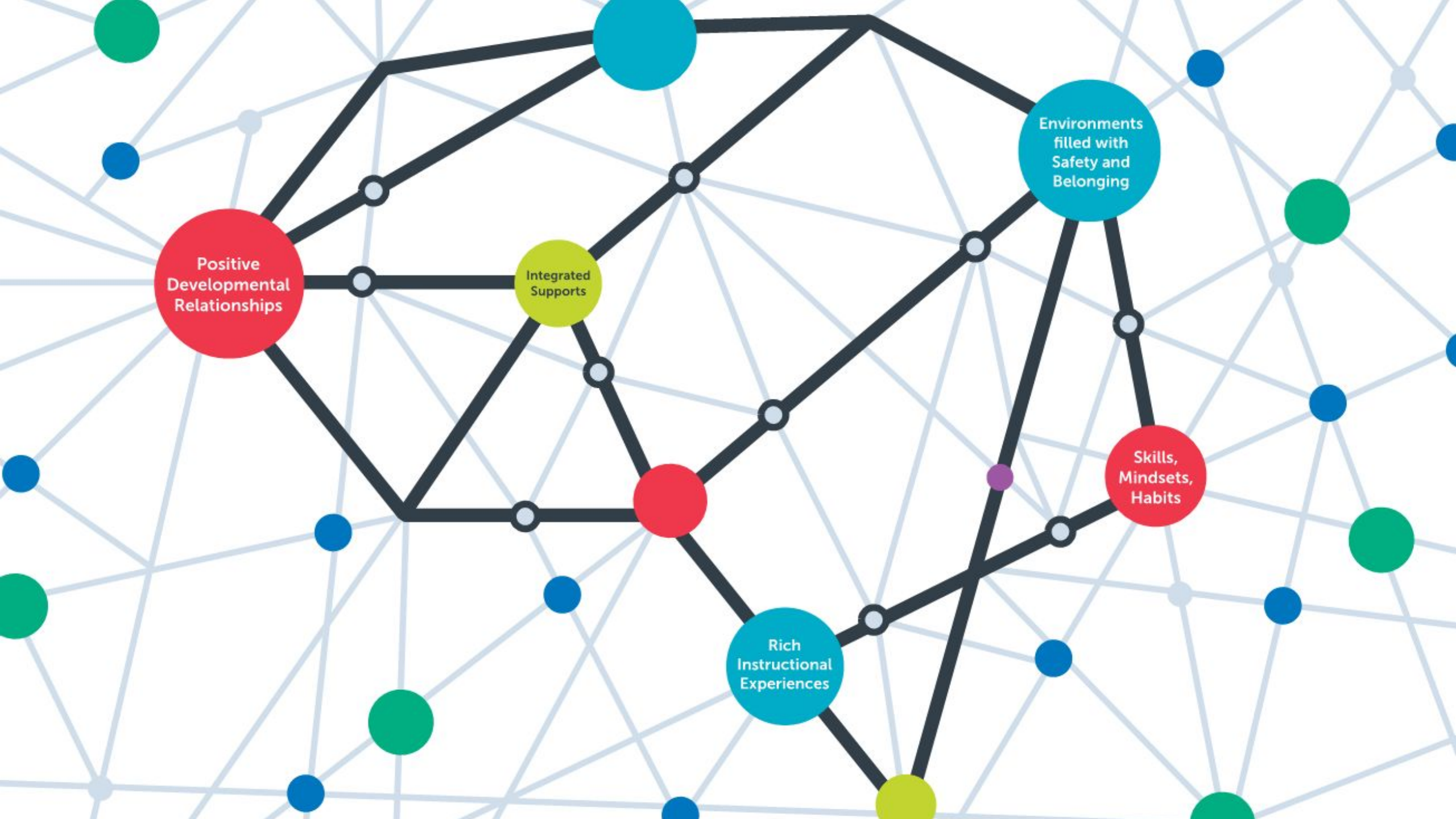
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The background is a dark blue field filled with a complex network of glowing blue lines and small orange dots. The lines are thin and wavy, creating a sense of movement and connectivity. The orange dots are scattered throughout, some appearing as bright points of light and others as softer glows. The overall effect is reminiscent of a neural network or a cosmic web.

motivation

belief

purpose

focus







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Ron Berger
Chief Academic Officer,
EL Education

Ron is responsible for leading EL Education's vision of teaching and learning, bringing with him 40 years of experience as a teacher and professional development designer, 28 of those years teaching public school. Ron has been part of EL Education since its founding and has authored two books: *An Ethic of Excellence* and *A Culture of Quality*, and co-authored three more. He has ensured that quality and craftsmanship are reflected not only in the work that EL encourages from students and teachers, but throughout the work of the organization as well.



BROOKLYN LAB
CHARTER SCHOOL



Bb Ntsakey
Senior Director of Academics,
Brooklyn Lab Charter Schools

Bb previously served as School Director at LAB, and the Principal of Community Charter School of Paterson. Prior to LAB, Bb was an instructional leader at Uncommon Schools in Brooklyn and the School Director and Manager of Teacher Leadership for Teach for America. He began his career in education as a Special Educator Teacher then Lead Teacher for Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

He holds a Masters in Education (Public School Building Leadership and Organization) from Columbia University Teachers College; a Masters in Education (Education and Social Change) from the University of Miami Graduate School of Education; and a BA in English, Philosophy, and African American Studies from Syracuse University.



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Valentina Lopez Cortez
Teaching Resident @ Brooklyn Lab

Valentina was born in Bogotá Colombia, raised in the DMV & Washington state and now lives in Harlem as a performing poet, creative wellness facilitator, and educator. She graduated from Whitman College in 2017 where she studied Rhetoric most recently graduated with a Masters in Art Politics from NYU Tisch. She currently teaches English at Brooklyn Laboratory Charter School.

As a former LAB Corps Urban Education Fellow, Valentina serves as Teaching-Resident, studying to complete a Masters in Education through Relay Graduate School.



Kirsten Davis
Senior Impact Manager,
City Year Cleveland

Kirsten is a Senior Impact Manager at CY Cleveland who supports teams of City Year AmeriCorps members serving as student success coaches in Cleveland schools. Prior to this, she was an AmeriCorps member and Impact Manager at CY Columbus, providing direct, integrated social, emotional and academic development supports to students and partnering with teachers to build learning environments of joy and belonging. She received her bachelor's in teaching at Ohio University.

The background of the entire image is a dense collage of various photographs from the Aurora Institute Symposium 2019. The photos show a diverse group of people in various settings: some are seated in an audience, some are standing and talking in small groups, and some are on a stage. The collage is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The Aurora Institute logo, featuring a stylized star and the word 'AURORA', is visible in the top left corner of the collage. The text 'INSTITUTE' and 'Symposium' are centered over the collage.

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Thank you for joining us!

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Participate in our one-minute poll (link in chat box).