

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Missouri Alternative Education Network

The 2025 conference will be held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons on July 20-22



Keynote Speakers: Willie Spears and Lamar Thomas

Meet Willie:

Willie Spears, M. Ed., is a highly sought-after speaker, critically acclaimed author, educator, and coach who has taken the country by storm with his passionate, energetic, and hilarious approach to teaching life management skills. Through a significant social media presence and an average of 20 presentations per month across multiple states, The Willie Spears Experience has become a trusted source of inspiration.

As the lead servant of The Willie Spears Experience LLC, Coach Spears and his dedicated team have added substantial value to hundreds of organizations, schools, colleges, universities, and teams. Additionally, he has shared his expertise with several Fortune 500 companies, including State Farm, McDonald's, and the Southern Company. Mr. Spears is captivating audiences globally through powerful and interactive presentations that are focused on motivation, leadership, and professional development.

Meet Lamar:

Lamar Thomas is the Principal of Delta Innovative School in Brooks County, Georgia. Under his leadership, Delta has thrived, earning multiple awards and maintaining a graduation rate of 75% or higher for six consecutive years, reaching 88.7% in 2023. With 22 years of experience in education, Lamar has served in various roles, including teacher, coach, and school counselor. He has also coached multiple sports, contributing to the 2021 State Champion Brooks County Trojan Football team.

As Vice-President of the Georgia Association of Alternative Education and a certified member of the John Maxwell Leadership Team, Lamar advocates for structures that foster an environment of hope and success. Delta Innovative School, a Leader in Me school, provides non-traditional students with opportunities to excel. Lamar's vision is to make the school a model institution that develops leaders both in the classroom and the community. He remains committed to positively impacting his students' lives every day and is also a dedicated life coach.

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Share with other educators your **best practices** that you use to strengthen your school/classroom and help students become successful. We will be giving precedence to presentations that fit within our strands which are: MO Options, Advocacy/Leadership, SEL, Curriculum, and Equity in Education.

Proposals for the 2025 MAEN conference will be accepted through March 31.

You will be notified by April 18 whether or not your proposal is approved. More than one person may present, but only one presenter from your school will receive the 50% conference discount.

[Presentation Proposal Form](#)

If you have any questions, email us at maen4kids@gmail.com.

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