



After School Announcements

Bringing together those who serve Maine's youth

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Workshops, Conferences & Events

August 2-3: Service-Learning in After-school Programs. This interactive institute will include presentations about successful programs in urban and other environments, as well as emerging research about the impact of service-learning in after school settings. Location: Preservation Park, Oakland, CA. For further information, contact Lisa Whitmer at lisa@yscal.org.

August 2-3: Fourth Annual Urban Service-Learning Institute. Join community voices to discuss service-learning techniques that help urban students achieve success in academics and community leadership. Location: Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. For more information, visit: http://www.nvlc.org/happening_event.cfm?oid=5584.

August 20-21: 2nd Annual Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable. Come learn about the changing landscape of College Access, High School Reform, and city-wide programs available before the academic year begins. Location: TBA, Philadelphia, PA. For more details, visit: www.collegepreproundtable.org.

August 22-24: Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop. The Grant Institute's Grants 101 course is an intensive and detailed introduction to the process, structure, and skill of professional proposal writing. Location: University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. For more information, call 888-824-4424 or visit: www.thegrantinstitute.com.

September 10, 17, 24: Teaching and Learning in Out-of-School Time. This course provides a complete look at afterschool education, including the history and changing needs of afterschool programs; materials, methodology, and infrastructure; school and community connections; and program evaluation and quality assurance. Location: Leeds Middle School, Philadelphia, PA. For details, contact Wendy Frawley at 856-533-2720, or visit: http://www.caceafterschool.org/events/upcoming_training.php.

September 10; December 10: Family Child Care Business Forum. Women's Business Development Center offers a forum for family child care entrepreneurs to strengthen their business and professional development skills. Location: 1315 Walnut Street, Suite 1124, Philadelphia, PA. For details, contact WBDC at 215-790-9232.

September 29; October 13, 27; November 10, 17; December 1: Family Child Care Entrepreneur Program. Women's Business Development Center offers an eight-module learning program on how to open and run a family child care business and incorporate best practices of child care. Location: 1315 Walnut Street, Suite 1124, Philadelphia, PA. For details, contact WBDC at 215-790-9232.

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Special Opportunities

2007 Keep Kids Safe Summer Camp. This *free* camp experience is for youth, ages 9-13, who have been impacted or affected by violence in their communities. Camp dates: July 29 – Aug 3; Aug 5 – Aug 10; Aug 12 – 17. Location: Fellowship Farm, Pottstown, PA. Contact: Brandon Brown, Nu Sigma Youth Services, (215) 851-1848 or bbrown@gpuac.org.

Teamchildren P4 Desktop & Laptops. [Teamchildren](http://www.teamchildren.org) helps economically challenged families, schools and organizations receive low-cost refurbished computers. Over 200 P4 Desktops and 50 P4 Laptops are being offered to OST programs for a cost of \$225. Interested Individuals should contact Robert Toporek at 484-744-1868 or Teamchildren@aol.com.

Call for Articles: Journal of Youth Development: Bridging Research and Practice. The multidisciplinary *Journal* focuses on the development of school-aged youth through the transition to adulthood (ages 6-22). Articles sought include: *Research and Evaluation Strategy Articles* and *Resource Reviews*. Manuscripts are accepted at anytime. For details contact Patricia Dawson, Editor, at Patricia.dawson@oregonstate.edu, or visit: www.nae4ha.org/profdev/joyd.

Peace Not Guns, Inc. provides alternatives to violence through anti-gun and violence prevention education, mentoring, and community outreach initiatives. PNG offers topical presentations, such as: *Street Life: The Consequences of Keeping It Real!* and *Attitude and Swagger: A Blueprint for Success or Failure!*. For more information, contact Kenyatta Johnson, Founder, at 267-978-0173 or peacenotguns@yahoo.com, or visit: www.peacenotguns.org.

Intensive Professional Program Options. The Center for Afterschool Education at Foundations offers new in-depth training and support for directors, trainers and coordinators. Each program includes two in-person trainings, online coaching, and hard materials and publications. Offerings include: *Quality Afterschool: Know It, Show It, Grow It*; *Building Staff Skills for Effective Afterschool*; and *More Than Just Talk: English Language Learning Afterschool Style*. For details, contact Sarah Mello at (856) 533-2713, or visit: <http://www.caceafterschool.org/upcomingtrainings/ipp.php>.

GlaxoSmithKline's Science in the Summer. Every Philadelphia Free Library branch will have a series of *free* science workshops for children grades 2-6, investigating genetics: building a cell to learn more about chromosomes and genes, extracting DNA from a strawberry, examining their fingerprints, and constructing a DNA molecule. For details, contact FLP at 215-686-5372 or visit: www.library.phila.gov/libserv/scisummer.htm.

City of Philadelphia Family Child Care Licensing Program. The Philadelphia Commerce Department created a fund to assist home-based Philadelphia child care providers who would like to start child care businesses or expand their current operations. Participants must attend monthly orientations and pass a background check. For details, contact Sherron Moore at 215-790-5015.

Lights of Liberty Show: Philadelphia. Experience the American Revolution, as it happened, where it happened – through this dynamic, ambulatory sound and light show. Groups are invited to experience an array of theatrical performances such as: *The Condensed American Revolution*; *Founding Fathers Show*; and *Currently Franklin: The Story of a Paper Boy*. For more information, visit: www.lightsofliberty.org.

Youth Work Certificate Program. Starting September 2007, Community College of Philadelphia is offering classes in Youth Work. Day, Evening, Part-time, Full-time, Certificate, and degree options are available. Courses include: *Foundations of Youth Work*; *Family and Community Engagement*; and *Critical Issues in Youth Work*. Contact: Pete Watkins, 215-751-8523, pwatkins@ccp.edu. Details: http://www.ccp.edu/site/academic/degrees/youth_work.php.

Purpose:

To enable every child to have access to quality, inclusive, affordable after school programming that meets the needs of the child, the family and the community.

Vision:

Every school-age child in Maine will have access to quality; inclusive, affordable programs during out-of-school time that meet the needs of the child, the family and the community.

Network Goals:

- 1. Foster statewide, regional, and local partnerships through clear communication among policymakers and providers, in order to coordinate services across the state.*
- 2. Assist in securing resources needed to develop new after school programs and sustain existing programs.*
- 3. Assist with training, technical assistance and coordination to ensure that programs are inclusive, high quality, and meet the needs of children, families and communities.*