



After School Announcements

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Dear Readers,

Drop-out prevention, multiple pathways education, relationship-based teaching practice, transformation of juvenile justice systems – these are some of the most exciting areas of interagency cooperation and coordination in Maine right now. Afterschool has a role in all of these, even if it is sometimes hidden. It is up to us as a Network to insert ourselves into the conversation, to bolster the efforts of our advocates in “high places.” It has begun to be widely recognized that *relationships are the key* in all of the areas listed above, something that is well understood by afterschool providers. Afterschool has a lot to share with all types of providers of services to youth. Work has begun on the Youth Development Institute being planned for July 2010 in Orono, and a big piece of it will be sharing best practices among teachers/staff in different learning venues.

Other important work is underway on developing competencies, trainings, potentially credentials, and licensure for school-age staff and programs. Also, the Maine AfterSchool Network has submitted a grant application for a Summer of Service grant program that would involve regional demonstration sites and serve up to 200 youth next summer.

Finally, we all need to pay attention to the Maine Legislative session in January. Even in the absence of specific legislation for afterschool, our Maine Legislators need to hear from programs, educators, parents and **kids** about how much afterschool means to them. Our friend Rep. Anne Haskell, recently told a crowd of youth supporters that a Maine legislator needs only 3 calls to conclude that an issue is serious. Let's get on their radar!

Deb & Cyndy

Events

RIGHT NOW – If you missed it, on Dec. 13 the U.S. Senate approved an appropriations bill that includes a \$35 million increase for 21st CCLC (total funding now \$1.2 billion), which will help 35,000 more children access quality afterschool programs in 2010! Other relevant increases are in Head Start, Americorps, VISTA, and Learn & Serve America.

April 3, 2010 – “Life Happens Outside” – Teens To Trails conference, Windham High School, 406 Gray Road, Windham. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., \$10 for students, \$20 for adults. Contact: Carol Leone, teens2trails@zwi.net 207/882-9613.

Training

January 19, 2010 - 3:00-5:00p.m.; or 6:00-8:00p.m. (2 sessions to choose from); “Observation and Assessment.” State learning guidelines will be included as framework for planning for each child in your care. Child Care Options, Farmingdale. \$10. Pre-register by contacting training@skcdc.org or Pam Soucy 582-3110 x25.

April 8, 9, 2010 – “We Can!” training, a national childhood obesity prevention initiative. Senator Inn & Spa in Augusta. Training in 4 turn-key science-based curricula for parents, afterschool programs and 3rd-4th grade students, created by National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, sponsored by the Cooperative Extension. **Free to educators of 8-13 year olds.** FMI, call Heather Andrews at (207) 622-7546.

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Grants

Grant: Big Green - For environmentally friendly projects that encourage youths to take care of the environment, be active, live healthier and engage in community service. **Funder:** Nickelodeon. **Eligibility:** Elementary and middle schools and after-school community-based organizations with 501(c)(3) status serving kids age 5 to 15 years. **Deadline:** Dec. 31. **Amount:** \$2,500 or \$5,000 each. The latter amount must be matched one to one. **Contact:** www.bghevent.com/grant/index.htm.

Grant: Stephen/Tabitha King Foundation – “The Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation was created in 1986 to provide support for Maine communities. A family foundation, we are interested in projects that address the underlying causes of social and environmental problems, as well as those that address the consequences. We have a strong interest in literacy, community services and the arts. As community builders, we are particularly interested in organizations and projects that will affect or serve the most members of a community.” **Eligibility:** Maine-based 501(c)3 non-profits. **Deadline:** Dec. 31. **Amount:** from \$500 - \$50,000. **Contact:** <http://www.stkfoundation.org/Pages/process>.

Grant: Champions for Healthy Kids - To develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle. **Funder:** General Mills Foundation, the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness. **Eligibility:** Community-based groups. **Deadline:** Jan. 15. **Amount:** 50 grants of \$10,000. **Contact:** www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx.

Grant: Coming Up Taller - For excellence in after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for young people. **Funder:** President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. **Eligibility:** Museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, universities, colleges, arts centers, community service organizations, schools, businesses, and eligible government entities are among the organizations invited to apply. **Deadline:** Jan. 29. **Amount:** Recipients receive \$10,000 each, a plaque and an invitation to attend the annual Coming Up Taller Leadership Enhancement Conference. **Contact:** www.pcah.gov/cut/2010CUTNominationApplication.pdf and www.cominguptaller.org.

Grant: Character education - To help school districts and individual schools purchase materials, supplies, equipment and software that assist in promoting character education among K-12 students. **Funder:** Sprint Foundation. **Eligibility:** U.S. public schools and school districts serving K-12 students. **Deadline:** Apply between Jan. 4 and Feb. 5. **Amount:** District-level grants are range from \$10,000 to \$25,000; school-level grants range from \$500 to \$5,000. **Contact:** <http://tinyurl.com/8hq29>.

Grant: Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge - For youth-led environmental projects. **Funder:** [Siemens Foundation](http://www.siemens.com), [Discovery Education](http://www.discovery.com) and the [National Science Teachers Association](http://www.nsta.org). **Eligibility:** Students in grades K - 8. **Deadline:** Jan. 31, 2010 for elementary schools; March 15 for middle schools. **Amount:** more than \$100,000 in cash and prizes. **Contact:** <http://wecanchange.com>.

Grant: Supplementary services for recently arrived refugees - For communities not sufficiently prepared in terms of linguistic or culturally appropriate services. **Funder:** U.S. Admin. for Children and Families. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, including faith-based and community organizations. **Deadline:** Feb. 4, 2010. **Amount:** \$4.3 mill. for 10 - 20 grants. <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=41228>.

Grant: Get Ur Good On - For youth-led service initiatives addressing critical community needs, such as poverty, education and environmental sustainability. **Funder:** Miley Cyrus and Youth Service America. **Eligibility:** Youth. **Deadline:** Feb. 22. **Amount:** 100 grants of \$500 each. **Contact:** <http://tinyurl.com/yc3gfjx>.

Grant: Ethnic Community Self-Help - To connect newcomer refugees and their communities with community resources. **Funder:** U.S. Administration for Children and Families. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, including faith-based and community organizations. **Deadline:** Feb. 24. **Amount:** 25 grants of \$50,000 to \$200,000. **Contact:** <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=41220>.

Grant: Preferred Communities - To support the resettlement of newly arrived refugees and to address the needs of special populations. **Funder:** U.S. Administration for Children and Families. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, including faith-based and community organizations. **Deadline:** Feb. 24. **Amount:** 12 awards of \$100,000 to \$300,000. **Contact:** <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=41208>

Grant: VSA arts Playwright Discovery - For students to examine how disability affects their lives and the lives of others through the art of playwriting. **Funder:** VSA arts **Eligibility:** Middle and high school students. **Deadline:** April 15. **Amount:** \$2,000 each. **Contact:** www.vsarts.org/x244.xml.

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.*