



# After School Announcements

*Bringing together those who serve Maine youth*

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Dear Readers,

We started out the year with an inspirational conference in Clearwater, Florida, courtesy of the C.S. Mott Foundation. There we dodged one of Maine's below-zero spells and heard about very exciting developments in Afterschool nationally with the National Network of State Afterschool Networks and many luminary guest speakers.

Editing of the Maine Afterschool video is almost complete. It contains a balance of age groups, program locations, and program types, and illustrates in general the developmental benefits of quality out-of-school program opportunities for kids. We're trying to keep it brief, but with so much beautiful footage and profound commentary, it isn't easy!

We are working with the Department of Education and the Children's Cabinet on an application for a planning grant for integration of Extra Learning Opportunities into the effort to achieve 100% graduation in Maine. This is a cyclical grant from CCSSO, NCSL and NGA which we narrowly missed obtaining in 2007.

Earlier this month we presented a report to the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature as a result of work done by the Resolve Chapter 211 task force on Afterschool needs in unserved communities. The report commits the Network to mapping statewide Afterschool and ELO resources, programs, and needs, and we are applying for a VISTA volunteer to help with this project.

Our February 10 meeting was attended by 36, and it was a great session of information sharing and collegial interaction.

Deb & Cyndy

## Resources

**Race, Equity and School Reform – The Trouble With Black Boys**, by Pedro A. Noguera. Makes the case that the pursuit of equity of opportunity for minorities and poor children is best focused on public education, where children's individual needs can be addressed and their academic success can transform their chances in life. Available on loan from this office: autographed copy!

## Events

**Mar. 13** – "Improving Literacy Through Community Collaborations" - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Augusta Civic Center. Co-sponsored by Maine Family Literacy Lighthouse and Maine DOE. Conference for literacy providers to collaborate and discuss best practices. Early childhood, family and adult literacy providers all invited. FMI or registration, visit [www.mainefamilyliteracy.com](http://www.mainefamilyliteracy.com).

**Mar. 25** – **Supporting Military Youth and Families** – Maine National Guard, Maine DOE and U Maine Cooperative Extension-sponsored training for educators, social service professionals and others, to address special needs of children from families with deployed members of the military. Cost \$25, includes lunch. Contact [cbozak@umext.maine.edu](mailto:cbozak@umext.maine.edu) or call 1-800-287-1481.

**Call for Nominations – due April 9 – Maine Fitness Awards** – Governor's Council on Physical Activity is accepting nominations for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Maine Fitness Awards to recognize people involved in promoting physical activity – groups, schools, other org's can feature their accomplishments – Award celebration May 20, 2009 at 11:00 am. KSYMCA in Augusta. FMI visit [http://www.maineinmotion.org/contest\\_communities.asp](http://www.maineinmotion.org/contest_communities.asp).

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**April 2-4 – National Afterschool Association Annual Convention** – New Orleans, Morial Convention Center – featuring overlapping sessions with National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) conference, site visits to New Orleans afterschool programs, networking events, workshops, exciting keynotes, food, music and culture. At <http://www.naaconvention.org/register.html>

**April 16-17 - Summer Changes Everything** national conference, Hyatt Regency Chicago, hosted by the National Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins. Plan, implement, support and advocate for high quality summer programming in your community. Explore knowledge and strategies for summer program leaders. <http://www.summerlearning.org/nationalconference> or 410/516-6573.

**April 27-28 - Afterschool For All Challenge** - Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C.; 11 a.m. April 27 to 5 p.m. April 28. The afterschool community's only advocacy focused conference will again feature a day of training and networking followed by a day of visits with Congressional offices. Details at [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org).

**SAVE THE DATE (S)**

**July 27-28, 2009 -Maine Drop-Out Prevention Summit – UMO**

**October 15-16, 2009 – Northeast Regional Mentoring Conference** – Marriott Providence, Providence R.I. Thurs. eve. reception and Friday all day

**Grants**

**Summer Food Service Program** – Sponsors sought. Eligible sponsors include public or non-profit private schools, residential camps, governmental units, and private non-profits. Maine Dept. of Education provides funding for meals and snacks served to children at schools, churches, playgrounds and parks during the summer months. Purpose is to ensure low-income children get meals when they have no access to school lunches. Contact Gail Lombardi at 624-6876, [gail.lombardi@maine.gov](mailto:gail.lombardi@maine.gov) or [www.maine.gov/education/sfs/sfsp.htm](http://www.maine.gov/education/sfs/sfsp.htm).

**Carol M. White Physical Education program** – To initiate, expand or enhance physical education programs, including after-school programs, for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. **Funder:** U.S. Department of Education. **Eligibility:** Local educational agencies and community-based organizations. **Deadline:** March 6. **Amount:** 95 grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000 each. **Contact:** <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=44785>.

**A+ for Energy** – To expand students' knowledge about energy, alternative energy and energy conservation. **Funder:** BP. **Eligibility:** Teachers and schools. **Deadline:** March 9. **Amount:** \$5,000 or \$10,000 grants. **Contact:** [www.bp.com/subsection.do?categoryId=9026046&contentId=7048182](http://www.bp.com/subsection.do?categoryId=9026046&contentId=7048182).

**Education and literacy** – For children's education/literacy projects. **Funder:** W.H.O. (Women Helping Others) Foundation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, especially those with budgets of under \$3 million, those not dependent on government grants and those with greater organizational program costs than personnel costs. **Deadline:** March 17. **Amount:** Maximum request is \$5,000. **Contact:** [www.whofoundation.org/Funding/WHO\\_FundingCriteriaEd.asp](http://www.whofoundation.org/Funding/WHO_FundingCriteriaEd.asp).

**Wal-Mart state giving program** – For projects in education, health and wellness, job training and the environment. **Funder:** Wal-Mart. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits. **Deadline:** April 17 and Sept. 18. **Amount:** Minimum grants are \$25,000. **Contact:** <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8168.aspx?p=8979>.

**Education innovations** – For pilot initiatives that support administrators and teachers responsible for student success in math and science in middle schools and/or high schools. **Funder:** HP. **Eligibility:** Public or private school districts. **Deadline:** March 30. **Amount:** 25 grants and support valued at \$270,000 each in cash, technology and professional development. **Contact:** [www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/us/hpiie.html](http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/us/hpiie.html).

**Sparkplug Foundation** – For a variety of programs, including music, education and teaching and grass-roots organizing. **Funder:** Sparkplug Foundation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits. **Deadline:** May 8. **Amount:** Maximum grant is \$5,000. **Contact:** [www.sparkplugfoundation.org](http://www.sparkplugfoundation.org).

**Youth arts and learning** – For participatory learning and student engagement with artists, teachers and excellent art in these categories: Access to Artistic Excellence, Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants and Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth. **Funder:** National Endowment for the Arts. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, units of state or local government or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes. **Deadline:** June 11. **Amount:** A total of 600 grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$150,000. **Contact:** [www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP10/LITA.html](http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP10/LITA.html).

*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.*