



After School Announcements

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Dear Readers,

The **Network meeting** in May was great, with 45 attendees and lots of information, including presentations on: health and safety standards and/or licensing for afterschool, work on a Maine youth development credential, advocacy with Congress, Maine afterschool nutrition program research, Workforce Investment Act stimulus funding, Maine's Shared Youth Vision Council, and the 2009 "Lights On" plans. (Members of this listserv should have received meeting notes in a 5/22 e-mail.) Network meetings are open to anyone. Join us next time!

The **afterschool video**, *Reaching Potential Through Afterschool in Maine*, is now available to anyone who would like to use it for educating, fund-raising, staff training, or other purposes we haven't thought of. This 18-minute piece presents a collage of program glimpses from providers around the state, and is meant to portray the general benefits and importance of afterschool, summer, and other out-of-school-time programs. To request a copy, just contact us. Available in standard definition, high-definition, or Blu-Ray.

Help! We need an **Americorps VISTA** volunteer for an afterschool resource mapping project in Maine! This person will work with us here in Farmington but probably do some traveling to track down all the out-of-school-time programs in Maine and identify the sources of their funding. GIS or other computer mapping software experience important, and ability to communicate and work with different elements of government and communities also valuable. Check it out at this link: [Click here to apply.](#)

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Resources

The **Afterschool Alliance** has an entire page on Title 1 Recovery act funds and afterschool/summer uses with information and links at <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/PolicyEconRecovTitle1.cfm>.

Youth Radio was founded in 1990 to teach media skills to disadvantaged youth in San Francisco. You may have heard Youth Radio-produced news stories or commentaries on public radio and other national outlets, and some of the material is outstanding testimony to the capacity and potential of young people. Visit their website that provides streaming audio, videos, and much more. <http://www.youthradio.org>.

Quality Self Assessment Tool (QSA) free online – The New York State Afterschool Network (NYSAN) designed the QSA Tool for use by program staff, participants and stakeholders, as a substitute for relying on outside observers. Available for years in print, it is now online at the NYSAN website. [Http://www.nysan.org/usersguide](http://www.nysan.org/usersguide)

The **Coalition for Community Schools** is an alliance of national, state and local organizations advocating for community schools as the vehicle for strengthening schools, families and communities to improve student learning. Visit them at <http://communityschools.org/> for all the information you need on what community schools are, where they are already working, how principals can support them, and much more.

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Events

June 13, 2009 – Discovering Health through Nature – 1:30 – 5:30 p.m., Topsham, Me. Part 2 of a 3-part series sponsored by Riverview Foundation, called “Better Health and Well Being,” offering simple techniques to maintain personal health despite a busy schedule, including movement, herbs, and interaction with nature. \$75/person, \$100/couple. Call 729-7399 or e-mail carol@riverviewfoundation.org.

June 22-23, 2009 – Kick-off Retreat for MYAN Youth Planning Team – For youth interested in sharing responsibility for planning November 2009 Maine Youth Action Network events. Contact cGorman@propeople.org or 553-5918.

July 13-16, 2009 – Summer Seminars 2009, National Institutes on Out-of-School Time (NIOST) – John Hancock Conference Center, Boston, MA. Seminar topics include school-afterschool-community partnerships, Afterschool Program Assessment System (APAS), systems-building, and quality advisor training. \$575 for one seminar, reduced for more. <http://www.niost.org/summerseminars>.

July 16-19, 2009 – Youth to Youth International Eastern States Conference – Bryant Univ., Smithfield, RI. Youth grades 8-12; \$399 by June 22 or \$430 after. Call (614)224-4506 or www.youthto youth.net.

SAVE THE DATE (S)

October 15-16, 2009 – Northeast Regional Mentoring Conference – Marriott Providence, Providence R.I. Thurs. eve. reception and Friday all day, co-sponsored by the Mentoring Partnerships of Maine, Massachusetts, NYC, Long Island, Rhode Island and Vermont. Details soon to be finalized.

Nov. 9-10, 2009 - 26th Annual Peer Leadership Conference, Augusta Civic Center. Over 400 middle school youth and their advisors from across the state gather for workshops, activities, training and team building. \$190 per person, less for multiples, all-inclusive. Register at www.myan.org in early fall.

Nov. 10-11 – Anti-Tobacco Summit for youth – Augusta Civic Center, following Peer Leadership Conference.

Grants

Saucony Run For Good Program – Encourages active and healthy lifestyles in children, offers grants to initiate and support running and fitness programs for kids. **Eligibility:** 501(c)3 youth organizations with programs that increase participation in running. **Awards:** varying amounts. **Deadline:** June 13. **Contact:** <http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com/Application.pdf>

Building Healthy Communities - To improve the physical health of neighborhoods by planting trees, developing green spaces and updating school facilities and community centers to create healthier, more stable communities. **Funder:** Home Depot. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, public schools or tax-exempt public service agencies. **Amount:** Up to \$2,500 each. **Deadline:** June 15. **Contact:** <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>.

Disney Minnie Grants - For children- and youth-led efforts to improve communities via service projects. **Funder:** Youth Service America and Disney. **Eligibility:** Children (ages 5 to 14) or the organizations that engage them. **Amount:** \$500 each. **Deadline:** June 15. www.ysa.org/awards.

Bridgestone Firestone: Safety Scholars Video contest – College scholarships for the most compelling and effective videos that drive home life-saving messages on auto and tire safety – winners’ videos will be broadcast as psa’s. **Eligibility:** high school students. **Awards:** \$5,000 scholarship and new set of Bridgestone tires. **Deadline:** June 17. <http://safetyscholarsvideo.com/index.php?site/guidelines> .

Freedom Alliance Scholarships– **Funder:** Oliver North’s non-profit Freedom Alliance. **Eligibility:** High school seniors, graduates or college-enrolled with military parents killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty. **Awards:** One-year scholarships for undergraduate studies. **Deadline:** July 31. http://www.freedomalliance.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogsection&id=7&Itemid=15#guidelines

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

Best Buy Recycling – To help increase the consumer electronics recycling opportunities in communities across the country. **Funder:** Best Buy retailer. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, cities, counties, public-private partnerships. **Awards:** \$500-\$1,500 in cash, gift cards or both. **Deadline:** open. **Contact:** http://e4partners.com/grant_info.htm.

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.*