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Dear Readers,

Congratulate yourselves as a community – This year's Lights On Afterschool was the largest ever, and Maine programs participated in a big way! Afterschool and summer programs are gaining recognition throughout the country as a critical piece in positive youth development and increased academic engagement for our children, and your advocacy efforts will pay off in increased public support.

In Maine, the number of programs registered with the Afterschool Alliance for Lights On **doubled** - from 23 last year to 46 this year! Nationally, the number of events rose from 7,500 to nearly 8,500! At our "statewide" event in Monument Square, we had twice as many exhibitors as in the past, and a healthy crowd of onlookers despite some chilly, gray weather. The energy was high and lots of kids were on hand to warm the atmosphere. The speakers and performances were fantastic. We'll have a slideshow at the Dec. 8 Network meeting.

Please join us at that meeting, which will be on Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cohen Center in Hallowell. We'd like to work on advocacy plans, especially in the context of the upcoming Maine Legislative session. It's a short and packed session, so our strategy must be focused. Come and collaborate! Lunch is included. To RSVP, contact Deborah.chase@maine.edu or 778-7576.

Deb & Cyndy

Events

December 1, 2009 – "Technology and Universal Design: Tools for Teaching and Learning for all Children and Youth," a Dine and Discuss Evening at UMF 4:00pm – 7:00pm, North Dining Hall, University of Maine at Farmington. Free (grant-funded) assistive technology session for Androscoggin, Franklin, Oxford, Somerset and Kennebec counties; includes dinner. Register by Nov 24 with Jim Wade at 778-7046 or e-mail: james.wade@maine.edu.

December 1, 2009 – Webinar: "Improving Adolescent Literacy: Effective Classroom and Intervention Practices," 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Michael L. Kamil, Stanford University presenting 5 evidence-based recommendations from Institute of Education Sciences (IES); roundtable response by New England literacy leaders. Q&A session with Dr. Kamil follows. Register at <http://www.relnei.org/events/registration.php> or call Carole at or 617/618-2828.

December 8, 2009 – Maine AfterSchool Network quarterly meeting – Cohen Center, 22 Town Farm Road, Hallowell. 9:30am – 2:00pm. Updates, advocacy discussion, lunch, networking, open to all interested afterschool stake-holders. Register with Network office at 778-7576 or Cynthia.stancioff@maine.edu.

January Legislative Session "heads up" – Health Policy Partners of Maine is committed to reducing childhood obesity and related disease in Maine, and is planning to introduce legislation in January to return regular Physical Education classes to schools. To be on listserv for this, contact amoorman@mcph.org.

Training

Dec. 4, 2009 – Project Citizen Training – 8:30 a.m – 3:30 pm -KIDS Consortium Public Policy Service Learning program training, Morgan Hill Events Center, Hermon, Maine. \$40.00 Includes all training materials, contact hours certificate, and lunch. http://www.kidsconsortium.org/project_citizen.php

Dec. 10, 2009 – Project Citizen Training (see above), USM Portland.

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- Refugee Support
- Refugee Resettlement

Training, cont'd.

Dec. 5, 2009 – Nutrition, Rest and Balance for Children; Emotions, Communication and Behavior –8:30a.m.–11:45 a.m., Child Care Options, 337 Maine Ave., Farmingdale. \$20; pre-registration reqd. training@skcdc.org.

Dec. 8, 2009- 6:00-8:00p.m. – QRS Informational session. Discussion of how and why providers enter the system, how to move up the steps, how Maine Roads to Quality and QRS interface one another. Somerset Cooperative Extension Office. Free; pre-registration required. Pam Soucy –582-3110 x25 training@skcdc.org.

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.

Grants

Grant: Do Something 2010 Awards - For youth-led initiatives that have a pivotal impact on their field, cause or issue. **Funder:** Do Something. **Eligibility:** Young people. **Deadline:** Dec. 15. **Amount:** Four winners will receive \$10,000 and one grand prize winner will receive \$100,000 toward their organization or cause. **Contact:** www.dosomething.org/programs/awards.

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: For innovative programs that promote education and equity for women and girls. **Funder:** AAUW. **Eligibility:** Individuals, AAUW branches, AAUW state org.s and nonprofit organizations. **Deadline:** 1/15. **Amount:** \$2,000 to \$10,000. www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm

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: 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: 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>

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.*