



# After School Announcements

*Bringing together those who serve Maine youth*

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Dear Readers,

Whew, the last few months have been a whirlwind. September's big news was the award of another generous grant from the C.S. Mott Foundation which, together with ongoing support from DHHS Office of Child and Family Services, will keep our work moving forward!

The Sept. 23 meeting of the Maine AfterSchool Network was especially productive, with great attendance and commitment to refining Network strategies for achieving the mission of affordable, sustainable, high-quality Afterschool programming for all Maine children. Next meeting Nov. 18 at Maple Hill Inn in Hallowell; see page 2.

October began with the national Network Lead meeting in Arlington, Va., with 3 days of workshops on issues and strategies of other Afterschool networks and technical assistance presentations.

October 16 we joined in the 9<sup>th</sup> annual national Lights On Afterschool rally with a program at the Hall of Flags in the State House. The event was very exciting and energized by the participation of Attorney General Steve Rowe, First Lady Karen Baldacci, many Afterschool programs and their students. Exemplary programs were awarded (see below) and Charlie Harrington of the EdGE Program was recognized as Afterschool Champion 2008.

MASN presented and exhibited at the Maine School Management Association annual conference Oct. 24-25 at the Civic Center. This overlapped with the Oct. 25-26 Building Bridges to Quality conference in Rockport for Afterschool providers, co-sponsored by the Network, Maine School-Age Care Alliance, and Maine's 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program.

All of this reflects the fact that the out-of-school-time program movement is strong and growing, and it's a great time to be part of it.  
*Cyndy & Deb*

## Quality

**Leave No Child Inside** – School-Age NOTES from Nov. 2008 (Vol. 29, Issue 3) discusses the growing movement to recognize the value that contact with Nature has for child and youth development. Research has found that time with Nature can benefit brain development and function, ameliorate mental and cognitive disorders, and provide many physical benefits. Visit <http://www.childrenandnature.org/movement/info>.

**Games, Games, Games** – The Nov. School-Age NOTES contains a promotion of this book and another called **Outrageous Outdoor Games** that could be used in Afterschool programs toward the goal of increasing children's playtime and providing the social, physical, emotional, and mental benefits imparted by play. For these and other games books, contact us or go to [www.schoolagenotes.com](http://www.schoolagenotes.com).

**KIDS Consortium** in Auburn, Maine is a nonprofit that promotes a service learning educational model for use by schools and community organizations in Maine and throughout New England. Founded in 1992 by Marvin Rosenblum while working at the Maine Dept. of Economic & Community Dev., KIDS has now reached 25,000 children. Website with resources, info, the service learning model, professional development opportunities, and more at website: <http://www.kidsconsortium.org/>.

**Exemplary Program Awards** at the October Lights On Afterschool event were conferred by Deb Chase on the AIM Program of the Riverview Foundation and the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner. Honorable Mention Awards were given to the ACE Program serving MSAD #40, and the Live 2 Learn Program in Jackman. Congratulations to these fine programs for their great work.

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## Events

Nov. 18, 2008 – Maine Afterschool Network Meeting – Maple Hill Inn Conference Center, Hallowell. Kathryn McGloin from Div. of Juvenile Services, subcommittee work, discussion of Maine Afterschool report recommendations, networking, updates. Lunch included. Reserve by Nov. 12 by contacting [cynthia.stancioff@maine.edu](mailto:cynthia.stancioff@maine.edu) or call 778-7576.

Nov. 19, 2008 - Introduction to the Ready by 21 Challenge – a Webinar on Nov. 19 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Presented by the Forum for Youth Investment. This is a training on the “big picture” approach for program and policy people involved with youth development programming at any level. To register, go to <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/560353532>.

Dec. 4, 2008 – Civic Engagement and Service-Learning Policy Seminar for Administrators – Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Framingham, Mass. - Sponsored by KIDS Consortium - Peter Levine from Tufts Univ. CIRCLE Program speaks on youth participation in the election, impact of results on education policy, role of service-learning in civic engagement; panel discussion with educators who are integrating service learning into local curriculum. Registration deadline Nov. 14. For more info, visit <http://www.kidsconsortium.org/adminseminar.php>.

Feb. 11-14, 2009 – Beyond School Hours -Burlingame, CA, Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport – Foundations. Inc. trademark conference for educators to share ideas about quality Afterschool programming for children and youth. Featuring sessions on research, curriculum, professional development, evaluation and program improvement, and visits to San Francisco Afterschool programs. Go to <http://www.foundationsinc.org/events/conference/beyond12/default.asp>

March 12-13, 2009 – Save the Date and Call for Presenters – CASE (Cooperative for After-School Enrichment) conference - Houston, Texas, Harris County Department of Education Conference Center. Plans underway for a second annual conference on out-of-school time for high school, updated as it develops at [www.OSTHS.org](http://www.OSTHS.org). Visit this site for all information on conference, how to apply as a presenter, and registration information.

## Grants

**Music In You Grant Program** – Grants from NAMM Foundation and Disney available to public middle and high schools to stage their own production of Disney’s High School Musical or High School Musical II. Deadline December 15. For guidelines and application link, go to: <http://www.music-research.org/Grants/guidelines.html>.

**AAUW Community Action Grants** – 1- and 2-year grants by American Association of University Women available to community-based non-profits for innovative programs that promote education and equity for women and girls. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering or math. \$2,000-\$10,000. Application deadline January 15, 2009. For info, call 319/337-1716 ext. 60, e-mail [aauw@act.org](mailto:aauw@act.org), or visit these sites: for **One-Year grants**: <http://www.act.org/aauw/cag1/index.html>; for **Two-Year grants**: <http://www.act.org/aauw/cag2/index.html>.

**Captain Planet Foundation Grants** – Awarded 4 times annually, next deadline Dec. 31. For projects promoting understanding of environmental issues through hands-on involvement of children and youth K-12, involving them in planning and problem-solving. Generally between \$250- \$2,500. Go to [www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx](http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx) and click on “Apply for a Grant.”

**NFL Youth Football Fund Grassroots Program** – Grants to community-based nonprofits to upgrade existing facilities that are in poor condition or otherwise underutilized. Partnerships with recreation departments and YMCAs encouraged. Up to \$200,000. Deadline Dec. 15. [www.lisc.org/docs/2008\\_nfl\\_grassroots\\_rfp.pdf](http://www.lisc.org/docs/2008_nfl_grassroots_rfp.pdf).

### *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.*