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Dear Readers,

Don't forget October 22 is "Lights On Afterschool" day all across the country! Actually, the Afterschool Alliance (the national organizers) encourages media events throughout the month, so if there is another day of opportunity for your program to celebrate Lights On, there is no bad time!

Our "statewide" event will be at Monument Square in Portland, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with the very exciting ceremony to start at 11:45. This year we have Portland Police Chief James Craig welcoming us to Lights On, the First Lady reading the Governor's Proclamation, the Director of the Maine Arts Commission endorsing afterschool, Lauren Sterling, Senator Justin Alford, and some really incredible youth to show us the effect great programs are having on great kids. Many programs exhibiting, program awards, and performances!

Please take a little field trip to Portland and join us! Rain location, Portland High auditorium.

Deb & Cyndy

Events

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. \$100/person, includes Thurs. reception, Fri. breakfast and lunch. Registration details at www.mentorRI.org/NERC.htm or call Jo-Ann Schofield 401/732-7700.

October 17, 2009 – "A Day for Parents and Teachers of Children With Special Needs," Rick LaVoie, M.A., M.Ed., - sponsored by Southern Maine Parent Awareness - Wells, Maine, Village By the Sea - 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. \$25, CEUs available. Call Sue Henri-MacKenzi, 324-2337.

October 22, 2009 – "Lights On Afterschool," Monument Square, Portland, 11:00 – 1:30. Tenth annual national media event to promote afterschool and out-of-school-time programs! Participate in the Maine statewide event by contacting the Network office at (Cynthia.stancioff@maine.edu or Deborah.chase@maine.edu) and/or register your local event with the Afterschool Alliance at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

November 6, 2009 – To a Higher Degree: Engaging Boys in School – Maine Boys Network – Unity College – Conference with choice of workshops on strategies for engaging boyous in schools. Cost: \$50/person or less for teams. Visit www.boysconference.org or call Brooke Hubner at Boys to Men, 774-9994.

November 9-10 – Annual Maine Youth Action Network Peer Leadership Conference – Augusta Civic Center - cost ranges \$120-\$190/person, includes overnight lodging. See www.myan.org.

November 10-11 – Annual Maine Youth Action Network Anti-Tobacco Youth Summit – cost is free to those paying for above conference. See www.myan.org.

November 12, 2009 – "The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain" - Harvard Prevention Research Center Annual Obesity Prevention Workshop – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. More info later in September. FMI call Joan Orr, Maine Center for Public Health, 629-9272

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Grants

Grant: Youth Leaders for Literacy - For young people who increase literacy skills and appreciation for reading among their peers. **Funder:** National Education Association, Youth Service America and the Pearson Foundation. **Eligibility:** Children and youth who range from age 5 to 25. **Deadline:** Oct. 30. **Amount:** 30 youths will receive \$500 and \$500 worth of books. **Contact:** <http://tiny.cc/UGSq8>.

Grant: CVS/Caremark - For programs that include helping children with disabilities by encouraging public school to promote inclusion in student activities and for extracurricular programs and initiatives that give students greater access to physical movement and play. **Funder:** CVS/Caremark. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits. **Deadline:** Oct. 31. **Amount:** Up to \$5,000. **Contact:** www.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants.

Grant: Love Your Veggies - To increase access to and consumption of fresh produce during school meals. **Funder:** Hidden Valley Salad Dressings and School Nutrition Foundation. **Eligibility:** Elementary schools. **Deadline:** Nov. 6. **Amount:** \$10,000 grants to 10 elementary schools. **Contact:** www.loveyourveggies.com/about.php.

Grant: Field trips - For educational field trips to museums and other places. **Funder:** Target. **Eligibility:** Education professionals who are at least 18 years old and employed by an accredited U.S. K-12 public, private or charter school. **Deadline:** Nov. 3. **Amount:** 5,000 grants of up to \$800 each. **Contact:** <https://targetfieldtripgrants.target.com/register.php>.

Grant: School Wellness Through Expanding Breakfast - To help schools devise alternative breakfast service methods that increase breakfast participation. **Funder:** National Dairy Council. **Eligibility:** Child nutrition directors from schools participating in the National School Breakfast program. **Deadline:** Dec. 1. **Amount:** \$1,000 each. **Contact:** www.dairymax.org/files/2009_EB_Grant_App.pdf.

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: For innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. **Funder:** AAUW. **Eligibility:** Individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations and nonprofit organizations. **Deadline:** Jan. 15, 2010. **Amount:** \$2,000 to \$10,000. **Contact:** www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm.

Grant: Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge - For youth-led environmental projects. **Funder:** [Siemens Foundation](#), [Discovery Education](#) and the [National Science Teachers Association](#). **Eligibility:** Students in grades kindergarten to eight. **Deadline:** Jan. 31, for elementary schools; March 15, 2010, for middle schools. **Amount:** Students compete for 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. Administration for Children and Families. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, including faith-based and community organizations. **Deadline:** Feb. 4, 2010. **Amount:** \$4.3 million for 10 to 20 grants. **Contact:** <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=41228>.

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.*