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September Network News:

October 22 and "Lights On Afterschool" are coming up soon! We expect this year's statewide event, which has always been held in the Hall of Flags at the state Capitol in the past, will attract more media attention in its Monument Square, Portland location. Already we have numerous programs lined up to exhibit, and a commitment from both First Lady Karen Baldacci and Portland Police Chief James Craig, as well as Donna McNeil of the Maine Arts Commission and Lauren Sterling of DOE's 21st CCLC and the Governor's Children's Cabinet.

The real focus of this year's Lights On, though, will be the children and youth who benefit from quality programs all over the state. We will once again feature a youth MC, and hope to have a whole line-up of kids who will give rapid-fire testimony on what afterschool means to them. The gathering will be festive and colorful, with performance and exhibits, and we expect to have a lot of fun.

While we realize Portland is way out of the way for most of the state, the media do pay attention down there. It's a fun place for kids to visit, and we hope programs from everywhere consider making the trip. Give us a call if you are interested in participating. The ceremony is scheduled for 11:45 to 12:30, and exhibits will go on til 1:30.

Please join us for the biggest Maine afterschool advocacy event ever!

Deb & Cyndy

trainings

Sept. 16, 23, 30, 6:00-8:30 p.m. - "Brain Development" – Skowhegan Extension Office. Series of classes about brain development, environmental influences, behavioral connections, methods of compensating for negative early brain impacts. \$10. Contact Child Care Options 582-3110, 800-525-2229, or e-mail cco@skcdc.org.

Sept. 17, 22, 30, Nov. 5, 2009- "Keeping Maine's Children Connected Statewide" – maintaining educational stability for homeless children – free training in Farmington (9/17), Bangor 9/22), Machias (9/30), and Presque Isle (11/5). Confirm attendance with Sally Petit at 822-0281 or sally.petit@maine.gov.

October 7 -8, 2009 - "Living in the New Normal: Supporting Children Through Trauma and Loss," - sponsored by the Military Child Education Coalition," funded by U.S. Army CYC. Meant to prepare school professional and community members to recognize and address issues of children experiencing grief and trauma associated with loss or injury of a loved one, especially in military context. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free. Register online by 9/30 at www.MilitaryChild.org.

Oct.– Dec., 2009, Thursday evenings 6:00-9:00 p.m. - "Working With School-Age Children and Youth" – Training at Child Care Options, Farmingdale - Meets Maine's Quality Rating System (QRS) standards; addresses aspects of providing child care for 5-13 year-olds in center- or home-based setting, \$15 or \$20. Call 582-3110, 800-525-2229, or e-mail cco@skcdc.org.

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Events

September 22, 2009 - Maine Afterschool Network Meeting – Sportsmen’s Alliance of Maine Conference Center, n. Augusta (205 Church Hill Road), 9:30 – 2:00 p.m. Meet others in the field, network, get the news, make connections. Lunch served; free. Reserve by 9/15 - Cynthia.stancioff@maine.edu. Or 778-7576.

September 23, 2009 – KIDS Consortium Event/Celebration – “Preparing students for the 21st Century – Learning Through Authentic Community Experiences,” remarks by Duke Albanese, Co-Director of the Great Schools Partnership. 5:00 – 7:30 p.m., Salt Institute Gallery, 561 Congress St., Portland. \$20.00/person at door. <http://www.kidsconsortium.org/celebration.php>

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 Da for Parents and Teachers of Children With Special Needs,” Rick LaVoie, M.A., M.Ed., - sponsored by Souther Maine Parent Awareness Institute, Wells, Maine 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. \$25, CEUs available.

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.afterschoollalliance.org. **Network also seeking Exemplary Program nominations as well as nominations for youth M.C. and a principal or school official who has been a strong afterschool promoter.**

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 boyus in schools. Cost: \$50/person or less for teams. Visit www.boysconference.org or call Brooke Hubner at Boys to Men, 774-9994.

November 12, 2009 – “The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain” - Harvard Prevention Research Center Annual Obesity Prevention Workshop, 3:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. More info later in September. FMI call Joan Orr, M.D., Health, 629-9272 x211.

Grants

Teacher Grants – For providing innovative learning opportunities to students. **Funder:** Kids In Need Foundation. **Eligibility:** Certified K-12 teachers. **Amount:** From \$100 to \$500 each with 200-300 grants funded/year. **Contact:** www.kidsinneed.net/grants/grant_applications.php. **Deadline:** Sept. 30.

Lowe’s Toolbox for Education – For school-improvement projects focused on one-time basic needs. **Funder:** Lowe’s Charitable and Ed. Foundation. **Eligibility:** Public schools and parent-teacher groups in Lowe’s store communities. **Amount:** \$5,000 grants (approx. 1,000 grants). **Contact:** www.toolboxforeducation.com. **Deadline:** Oct. 16.

Great American Bake Sale grants- To increase participation in after-school and summer nutrition programs. **Funder:** Share Our Strength. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, schools and local governments. **Amount:** \$1,000 to \$10,000. **Contact:** http://gabs.strength.org/site/DocServer/2009_Request_for_Proposals_-_GABS.pdf?docID=3542. **Deadline:** Sept. 30.

Big Green grants - 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. **Amount:** \$2,500 or \$5,000 each. The latter amount must be matched one to one. **Contact:** www.bghevent.com/grant/index.htm. **Deadline:** Dec. 31.

Service learning grants - For service-learning projects focused on natural and societal disaster preparedness, driver safety, accessing higher education/closing the achievement gap, financial education or environmental responsibility. **Funder:** State Farm Advisory Board. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits. **Amount:** Multiple awards from \$25,000 to \$100,000. **Contact:** www.statefarmyab.com. **Deadline:** Oct. 2.

Field Trips – For educational field trips to museums, etc. **Funder:** Target. **Eligibility:** K-12 educational professionals. **Amount:** up to \$800 (approx. 5,000 awards). **Contact:** <https://targetfieldtripgrants.target.com/register.php>. **Deadline:** November 3.

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.*