



# After School Announcements

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Dear Readers,

Hester Mishkin and I had a great trip to Washington late last month for the annual Afterschool-for-All Challenge, an important opportunity to communicate with and inform our Congressional delegation about our Afterschool-related issues, accomplishments, and aspirations for Maine and the nation. We met with staff from each member of our Delegation and found them very receptive to and supportive of the "Afterschool-for-all" policy idea. Stay tuned for further news and request for action on the reintroduction of the Rural Afterschool demonstration bill co-sponsored by Senator Collins last year.

L.D. 1325, An Act Regarding Curriculum Requirements and Standards for Awarding a High School Diploma, is pending in the Maine Legislature. This Act would require schools to provide students with "opportunities for learning in multiple pathways," which would conceivably include afterschool and other out-of-school-time programs. We hope you will support this bill (immediately) as another step toward integrating Afterschool and Expanded Learning Opportunities into our educational system!

Meanwhile, Maine's "Supporting Student Success" grant application is under review by the Grant Review Team, who are encouraging our plan to integrate ELOs into Maine's educational system, and would like more details!

*Deb Chase*

## Resources

**Learning Around the Clock: Benefits of Expanded Learning Opportunities for Older Youth** – American Youth Policy Forum, March 2009. 151 pp. This excellent and comprehensive report offers a digest of 22 successful programs that have engaged older youth and documented specific positive outcomes. Download the free PDF version at [www.aypf.org/publications](http://www.aypf.org/publications), or order a nice hard copy by calling the AYPF at 202/775-9731. **Also available on loan from us.**

**HEAT Club After School Curriculum** – "Healthy Eating, Active Time" Curriculum developed by Tufts University, available to Afterschool providers, with hands-on activities and emphasizing family involvement. For more info contact Christina Economos, Friedman School of Nutrition, Tufts University, [childreninbalance@tufts.edu](mailto:childreninbalance@tufts.edu), or call: 617/636-3566.

**The Quality Imperative: A State Guide to Achieving the Promise of ELOs** – National Governors Association and CCSSO, March 2009, 33 pages. Report offering guidance to state leaders on how to implement a comprehensive, quality state ELO system. Includes exemplary strategies from successful states. Free download of PDF available at <http://www.ccsso.org/publications/details.cfm?printthispage=1&PublicationID=374>.

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## Events

**May 13-14 – Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute** – 8:30am to 4:00pm at Augusta State Armory - Professional development for educators and professionals to reach out in a support network to children and families in Nat'l Guard and Reserve. Free. Register at <http://www.militarychild.org>.

**May 19 - Maine AfterSchool Network Meeting** – Cohen-On-The-Meadows Catering and Banquet Facility, 22 Town Farm Road, Hallowell. 9:30 – 2:00. Free; lunch included. Come and share news, hear latest updates of state and federal activities and developments in out-of-school-time programming. RSVP by May 12 to [cynthia.stancioff@maine.edu](mailto:cynthia.stancioff@maine.edu).

**July 9-11 – “Putting the World into World-Class Education”** – Washington, D.C. Second annual conference of the Asia Society Partnership for Global Learning, a national network of K-12 educators and policy makers. Share best practices, build partnerships, advance policies to prepare students for work in the global 21<sup>st</sup> century. Visit [www.asiasociety.org/forum](http://www.asiasociety.org/forum) to register.

**August 11-14 – Service-Learning Institute for Educators** – Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch, Auburn, Maine. Sponsored by KIDS Consortium of Auburn, Maine. Interactive, collaborative forum in which participants develop project ideas built around the KIDS model of service-learning. Registration \$500, includes breakfast and lunch all days, and **KIDS As Planners Guidebook**. Scholarships available. <https://www.kidsconsortium.org.wufoo.com/forms/summer-institute-registration-by-credit/>

### SAVE THE DATE (S)

**October 15-16, 2009 – Northeast Regional Mentoring Conference** – Marriott Providence, Providence R.I. Thursday evening reception and Friday all day.

## Grants

**Early childhood reading** – For programs, such as weekend book clubs and after-school reading, that foster a love of reading and encourage children from birth through age 9 to read with their families.

**Funder:** Target. **Eligibility:** Schools, libraries and nonprofits. **Awards:** \$1,000 and \$3,000 each.

**Deadline:** May 31. **Contact:** <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031821>

**Youth arts and learning** – For participatory learning and student engagement with artists, teachers and excellent art in these categories: Access to Artistic Excellence, Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants and Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth. **Funder:** National Endowment for the Arts. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, units of state or local government or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes. **Amount:** A total of 600 grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$150,000. **Deadline:** June 11. **Contact:** [www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP10/LITA.html](http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP10/LITA.html).

**Juvenile mentoring** – To establish mentoring programs that offer a mixture of core services and engage youth with activities that enable them to practice healthy behaviors within a positive, pro-social peer group. The target population is youth at risk of gang activity, delinquency and violence.

**Funder:** U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. **Eligibility:** Public agencies, private organizations including faith-based and nonprofits in communities that have completed a comprehensive gang assessment. **Deadline:** June 15. **Awards:** Up to \$500,000 per award.

**Contact:** <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/GangPreventionMentoring.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.*

## Grants, Cont.

**Run For Something Better** – To establish a school-based running program or to expand an existing one. **Funder:** ING.

**Eligibility:** Schools. **Awards:** 50 grants of \$2,000 each. **Deadline:** June 1. **Contact:**

[www.orangelaces.com/site/index/get\\_your\\_school\\_involved](http://www.orangelaces.com/site/index/get_your_school_involved)

**Nature of Learning Grant** – For projects that promote a greater understanding of local conservation issues, including those involving partnerships among local schools, community groups, natural resource professionals and local businesses.

**Funder:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, among others. **Eligibility:** Schools or nonprofits. **Awards:** Start-up grants of \$10,000 with \$5,000 in follow-up funds possible. **Deadline:** June 15. **Contact:**

[www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter\\_Programs\\_List&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=11896](http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter_Programs_List&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=11896).

**Project Ignition** – For high school teams to create innovative media-based teen driver-safety messaging projects. **Funder:** National Youth Leadership Council and State Farm Insurance. **Eligibility:** Schools, with teams of students, teachers and community leaders. **Awards:** \$2,000 to 25 programs; top 10 attend National Teen Driver Safety Youth Summit. **Deadline:** June 30. More info at [www.nylc.org/pages-programs-initiatives-Project\\_Ignition?oid=4968](http://www.nylc.org/pages-programs-initiatives-Project_Ignition?oid=4968)

**Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) Program** – Formula grants to address the unique needs of rural school districts in addressing their AYP issues. **Funder:** U.S. Education Department. **Eligibility:** Rural LEAs (local education agencies) serving fewer than 600 students. **Awards:** various award levels. **Deadline:** June 30. List of eligible LEAs is supposed to be at [www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/index.html) but if not, contact Eric Schulz, 202/401-0039 or e-mail [reap@ed.gov](mailto:reap@ed.gov).

**GoGirlGo!** – Grants to teams of high school girls who design projects to inspire and involve other girls in their community to become involved in sports and physical activity. **Funder:** Women's Sports Foundation and Gatorade Co. **Eligibility:** Teams affiliated with schools, communities, and/or non-profits, with 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade members. **Awards:** 20 grants of \$2,500 each. **Deadline:** July 17. [www.womenssportsfoundation.org/Content/Grants-And-Scholarships/Grants/GoGirlGo-Ambassador-Team-Awards.aspx](http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/Content/Grants-And-Scholarships/Grants/GoGirlGo-Ambassador-Team-Awards.aspx).

**Quaker Go** – For community projects to fight hunger. **Funder:** Quaker Oats Co. **Eligibility:** Anyone over 18 may submit application. Submit online application form with a 150 word or less description of how your project will help fight hunger, improve overall nutrition status and deliver nutrition educational components in your community. **Awards:** 20 winners per month at \$500. **Deadline:** Monthly until July 31. Go to: [www.quakeroats.com/gohumansgo](http://www.quakeroats.com/gohumansgo).