



After School Announcements

Bringing together those who serve Maine youth

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Our office has moved! We are now located in the new Education Center on the University of Maine at Farmington campus. Be sure to stop by if you are ever in the area, now that our office space has doubled in size! Please note our new mailing address in the bottom left hand side of this newsletter. Our phone and fax numbers have not changed.

Amanda

Quality/ Resources

“The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is the Maine sponsor of [an] award-winning program. Workshops are offered to teachers and other educators interested in integrating wildlife and conservation education into their daily lesson plans.”
“Project WILD is a set of 100 multidisciplinary wildlife and conservation activities targeted at grades K-12. Project WILD is currently used in all 50 states and internationally, and is sponsored by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. **Activity guides are available upon completion of a 6-hour workshop**, which is full of hands-on activity participation, background information on Maine wildlife, with a variety of handouts, posters and prizes.”
<http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/pwild.htm>

Disability Awareness. The National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities has developed a **resource list that includes curriculum, texts, children's books, videos and posters from different organizations promoting disability awareness**. Browse the list at: <http://www.nichcy.org/pubs/bibliog/bib13txt.htm>

Center for Summer Learning National Conference April 19-20, 2007 “Celebrate Summer as a Season for Learning” at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. \$325 Discounted Registration Fee until March 1st. www.summerlearning.org

17th Annual National Association for Family Child Care Conference “Foundations for the Future” Anaheim, California August 15th - 18th, 2007 <http://www.nafcc.org>.

Maine Youth Suicide Prevention Conference: April 4th, Sheraton, South Portland. Early Registration deadline is March 16th, \$60 registration fee. FMI: Kim Bittner, 622-7566 ext. 202.

National Afterschool Association Annual Afterschool Conference March 21-23 with pre-conference sessions starting March 20. Phoenix, AZ. www.naaconference.org

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Funding

W.K. Kellogg Foundation Rural People, Rural Policy (RPRP) Grant Deadline: February 20, 2006

Eligibility: Any nonprofit organization that seeks to *improve policy that affects rural people and rural places* may apply to participate in a Regional Rural Policy Network. This includes organizations working in economic development, education, community philanthropy, health, or other issues critical to rural vitality.

Organizations that seek to participate may be anywhere on a spectrum from small to large, focused on one community or across states, targeted on a single issue or a wide range of issues, or young and learning to highly experienced.

Purpose: Rural People, Rural Policy is a multi-year national initiative that energizes and equips rural organizations and networks to shape policy that will improve the vitality of rural communities and the lives of their residents. One of the primary components of Rural People, Rural Policy is Regional Rural Policy Networks.

The goal of establishing these Networks is to develop the knowledge, capacity, strategic direction, and action of a critical mass of organizations that seek to improve policy that affects people and places in rural America.

Maximum Award: \$100,000

Number Of Awards: varies

Period: Five years. <http://www.wkcf.org/default.aspx?tabid=75&CID=274&NID=61&LanguageID=0>

General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids Grant Deadline: February 1, 2007

Eligibility: Organizations such as: Not-for-profit Organizations 501 c (3) and 509 (a); Health Departments; Government Agencies; Schools and School Districts; Native American Tribes.

Proposals need to meet the following requirements in order to be considered:

Organizations must be non-profit or not-for-profit organizations and have 501(c)(3) or 509(a) status. Local organizations that work with youth are encouraged to apply because their programs are more likely to be sustainable. These may include park districts, health departments, government agencies, Native American tribes, municipal organizations, churches, schools, YMCA's, Boys & Girls clubs, and so on.

Purpose: The goal of the General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids grants is to encourage communities in the United States to improve the eating and physical activity patterns of young people, ages 2-20. Grants will be awarded to nonprofit organizations and agencies working with communities that demonstrate the greatest need and likelihood of sustainable impact on young people's nutrition and activity levels through innovative programs.

More Information: If you still have questions after reviewing the grant application form and background resources, you may contact Elisabeth Puga by phone at 312-899-4803 or by email at epuga@eatright.org or visit <http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx>

Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program is funded by the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, which has supported thousands of grassroots community and school projects in the communities where Lowe's does business. **Deadline: February 15, 2007**

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Sample Project #10: After-School Enrichment Program

Offer a choice of after-school clubs led by parents or other volunteers in the community. These clubs can expose children to hobbies and interests they may otherwise not learn, such as chess, knitting, computer graphics; or they may allow students to delve deeper into an academic area, such as math or science. Involve parents in the after-school program by enrolling students in exchange for parent volunteer hours. Give parents the option of organizing and leading field trips; sharing their expertise and skills through workshops and clubs; or volunteering for the enrichment program in other ways.

<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/hta.html>

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.*