

Governor's Afterschool Opportunities Summit – May 1, 2008 Resource List

Promising Practice/Programming

Beyond the Bell <http://www.beyondthebell.org/>

Beyond the Bell is a suite of products designed by Learning Point Associates to help afterschool directors, coordinators, and staff create and sustain high-quality, effective afterschool programs. The suite provides resources and training for afterschool staff that are practical, easy-to-use, and grounded in research and experience. *Beyond the Bell* is one component of the Learning Point Associates resources for afterschool programs.

Publications that can be accessed at Beyond the Bell include:

- Beyond the Bell Start-Up Guide
- Beyond the Bell Toolkit
- Beyond the Bell Principal's Guide to Effective Afterschool Programs

National Partnership for Quality Afterschool Learning <http://www.sedl.org/afterschool/>

The National Partnership for Quality Afterschool Learning helps state education agencies and local practitioners develop high-quality, balanced programs that provide a safe and fun environment for academic enrichment as well as youth development activities.

Leading After-School Learning Communities: What Principals Should Know and Be Able To Do, Executive Summary, National Association of Elementary School Principals

http://www.naesp.org/client_files/LASLCexec-sum.pdf

Program Quality

High/Scope Educational Research Foundation, Center for Youth Program Quality

<http://secure.highscope.org/Content.asp?ContentId=26>

The Center for Youth Program Quality is a joint venture of the Forum for Youth Investment and High/Scope Educational Research Foundation. The Center is dedicated to improving youth experiences in the places where they spend time, particularly in after-school and other out-of-school environments. Find information about the Youth Program Quality Intervention system [here](#).

Research & Evaluation

The Study of Promising After-School Programs, Deborah Lowe Vandell

http://www.gse.uci.edu/research_SPASP.php

After School Programs in the 21st Century: Their Potential and What It Takes to Achieve It, Priscilla M. D. Little, Christopher Wimer, and Heather B. Weiss

<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/hfrp/projects/afterschool/resources/issuebrief10>

The Impact of After-School Programs that Promote Personal and Social Skills,

Joseph A. Durlak and Roger P. Weissberg

<http://www.casel.org/downloads/ASP-Full.pdf>

Finance

The Finance Project <http://www.financeproject.org/>

The Finance Project is a specialized non-profit research, consulting, technical assistance and training firm for public and private sector leaders nationwide. We help leaders make smart investment decisions, develop sound financing strategies, and build solid partnerships that benefit children, families and communities.

Publications include:

- ***A Guide to Successful Public-Private Partnerships for Youth Programs***
http://76.12.61.196/publications/publicPrivate_PM.pdf
- ***Creating Dedicated Local and State Revenue Sources for Youth Programs***
http://76.12.61.196/publications/DLR_PM.pdf
- ***Financing and Sustaining Out-of-School Time Programs in Rural Communities***
http://76.12.61.196/publications/DLR_PM.pdf
- ***Estimating Supply and Demand for Afterschool Programs: A Tool for Local and State Policymakers***
<http://www.financeproject.org/publications/SupplyDemand.pdf>

Web Resources

- **Harvard Family Research Project** <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/hfrp/>
Harvard Family Research Project (HFRP) strives to promote more effective educational practices, programs, and policies for disadvantaged children and youth by generating, publishing, and disseminating our and others' research.
- **Afterschool Alliance** <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org>
The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of afterschool programs and advocating for quality, affordable programs for all children.
- **National Institute on Out-of-School Time (NIOST)** <http://www.niost.org/>
NIOST's mission is to ensure that all children, youth, and families have access to high quality programs, activities, and opportunities during non-school hours.
- **Forum for Youth Investment** <http://www.forumforyouthinvestment.org/>
The Forum for Youth Investment is a nonprofit, nonpartisan "action tank" dedicated to helping communities and the nation make sure all young people are Ready by 21™: ready for college, work and life.
- **Youth Community Connections (YCC)** <http://www.youthcommunityconnections.org/>
It is YCC's vision to ensure all Minnesota communities provide quality afterschool, summer and year-round opportunities for all children and youth so successfully learn, develop and contribute.
- **University of Minnesota Extension, Center for Youth Development**
<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/>
The Center bridges research and practice and serves as a resource, catalyst, and advocate for quality community opportunities for young people to learn, lead, and contribute. Learn more about the Youth Work Institute, the Applied Research Collaborative and 4-H here.