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**Center for Afterschool Education at Foundations, Inc. Partners with
Arcadia University for Institute in Out-of-School Time Education**

**Institute provides graduate and undergraduate credit-bearing course in teaching in
out-of-school settings.**

Moorestown, NJ., April 6, 2009 — The Center for Afterschool Education at Foundations, Inc. and Arcadia University are partnering to offer a three-credit Institute, *Teaching and Learning in Out-of-School Time*. The Institute will be held July 24-26, 2009, at Arcadia University in Glenside, PA.

The Institute responds to the growing demand to maximize educational opportunities outside of the school day by preparing students and in-service professionals to teach and lead in afterschool and summer settings. Bringing together afterschool, summer, and experiential educators from around the country, the Institute teaches research-based methods and practical strategies to leverage out-of-school time for children's academic, social, and emotional development. For graduate students, the Institute is the first course toward earning a 15-credit online Graduate Certificate in Out-of-School Education.

“Out-of-school time is too valuable a resource for children to waste,” says Rhonda H. Lauer, CEO of Foundations, Inc. “We need educators who truly understand the potential of afterschool to help children succeed in school and beyond, and who know how to make afterschool hours dynamic, engaging, fun – and educational.”

The Institute and the Graduate Certificate in Out-of-School Education are part of a nationwide effort to help close the achievement gap by improving the quality of teaching and learning opportunities across the school day, after school, during the summer, in communities, and at home.

“Schools are not the only place children learn, and teachers are not the only ones responsible for children's learning and healthy development,” Lauer states. “We are delighted to partner with Arcadia University in developing a skilled workforce of educators who round out classroom learning with robust programs of projects and activities across the day.”

The partnership between the Center and Arcadia University was launched in 2008, with the first Institute attended by 40 students and afterschool leaders. “The Institute was the jumpstart I needed to blend the world of day-school and afterschool,” states Lori Bonnstetter, 21st CCLC Site Coordinator, Des Moines, Iowa. “It prepared me with specific skills to take back and implement, and I would strongly recommend it to anyone interested in learning more about out-of-school time education.”

The blend of an onsite Institute with online courses to earn a Certificate in Out-of-School Time Education is uniquely available from the Center and Arcadia, and was designed to meet the difficult schedules of professionals in the field. In addition to the Institute, the program includes three online courses and an applied learning project. Credits earned may be applied toward a master's degree in Education. Response has been strong, reflecting the need to expand systems for professional development for all sectors involved in children's learning and healthy development.

Additional information and registration forms may be found at http://www.afterschooled.org/training_events/Institute_Attachment.pdf or call 1-888-977-KIDS (5437).

Foundations, Inc. is a non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of educational opportunities within schools, after school, with families, and in communities. Through its national Center for Afterschool Education, its School Services division, and its school-based and community initiatives in northwest Philadelphia, PA, Foundations provides capacity-building technical assistance, tools, and services that support children's learning and healthy development across the day, nationwide.

Arcadia University is a top-ranked private university in metropolitan Philadelphia and a national leader in study abroad. The 2008 Open Doors report ranks Arcadia University No. 1 in the nation in the percentage of undergraduate students studying abroad. U.S. News & World Report ranks Arcadia University among the top 25 master's universities in the North, as one of the top study abroad programs in the nation, and a Great School at a Great Price. Arcadia University promises a distinctively global, integrative and personal learning experience that prepares students to contribute and prosper in a diverse and dynamic world.

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