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Take Ten!

Welcome to *Take Ten!* - A monthly bulletin designed to keep you informed. We invite you to take 10 minutes a month to update yourself with what's going on in the network and the afterschool/youth development field.

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THE SPOTLIGHT!

Healthy Youth Development – The Healthy Youth Development initiative in Erie, Pennsylvania is a collaborative effort of local agencies and organizations such as United Way of Erie and Center for Organizational Research & Evaluation (CORE) that supports youth serving agencies and organizations by providing access to youth development resources. The initiative connects afterschool supporters to high-quality research on youth development and offers a user-friendly website for parents and youth when they are “looking for something to do.” The website maps youth-serving agencies and organizations within the county and allows parents and youth to search for available programs by proximity or category of interest. For more information about the initiative, visit www.youtherie.org.

PSAYDN UPDATE

Stay informed – Here's what's going on.

- **Partners Retreat** – On August 9th 2007, PSAYDN held its third annual Partners Retreat to further emphasize the importance of the Network, discuss its progress, and clarify its vision for the coming years. Attendees included 40 individuals from diverse organizations across the state. New partners included the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and the Grable Foundation. Partners attended an informative general session as well as a focus group which allowed each attendee to concentrate on one committee, engage in reflective conversations, and strategize new ways of increasing the Network's impact on afterschool and youth development in Pennsylvania.
- **Turning the Lights on Afterschool** – In preparation for the eighth annual *Lights on Afterschool!* on October 18th, PSAYDN and the Afterschool Alliance will be hosting an Illuminate session on September 11th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am to provide afterschool supporters with tips and tools for successful event strategies. To sign up for the live web conference, please visit www.psaydn.org. For information on *Lights on Afterschool!*, visit www.afterschoolalliance.com.

PROMISING PRACTICES – PROVEN STRATEGIES

Learn about what is going on locally and nationally.

Pennsylvania

In mid-July, the Honorable David J. Freed from Cumberland County spoke at a hearing in Washington, DC on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act on behalf of *Fight Crime: Invest in Kids*. The purpose was to discuss the investment of programs proven to help deter crime amongst young offenders. Freed emphasized the role of mentoring and afterschool programs such as Boys & Girls Club and Big Brothers Big Sisters and how they keep kids away from crime. He cited the effectiveness of intervention programs such as Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) and argued that arresting youth offenders alone will not solve crime problems. To read the full report, visit <http://judiciary.house.gov/media/pdfs/Freed070712.pdf> or go to www.fightcrime.org for more information about Fight Crime: Invest in Kids.

Around the Country

The North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs (NC CAP) announced in June an afterschool mapping partnership with Youthline America, a mapping agency working to build a national youth network for youth. With guidance from trained adults, youth from participating afterschool programs will go out into their communities and map local resources to become aware of the availabilities and needs of their communities. This youth-led program will empower youth to become community advocates and fostering career knowledge such as leadership, teamwork, interview and computer skills. For more information about the partnership, please visit www.nccap.net.

RECOMMENDED READING

Check out these recent articles, research, and reviews on afterschool and youth development issues.

- **Afterschool for the Global Age** – Asia Society released a report which examines the importance of international education and discusses innovative uses role of afterschool programs in preparing young people for employment in the global economy. To read the report, visit <http://www.internationaleled.org/afterschoolreport.pdf>.
- **America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2007** – This report discusses the current state of children and youth in America on topics such as Physical and Environmental Safety, Violence, Education and Youth that are neither enrolled in school or working. To read the report, visit <http://www.childstats.gov/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars; you don't want to miss these events.

- **9/10/07 – 11/26/07 Teaching and Learning in Out-of-School Time:** The Center for Afterschool Education (CACE) at Foundations, Inc. in collaboration with Arcadia University is offering an undergraduate/graduate course on afterschool education. The course will be held at Leeds Middle School in Philadelphia, PA with Act 48 or school credit. For more information or to register for the course, please visit http://www.caceafterschool.org/events/upcoming_training.php.
- **9/11/07 Turning the Lights on Afterschool** – Join PSAYDN and the Afterschool Alliance for a special online training session on all the tools you need to hold a *Lights on Afterschool* event. The session will be held via Elluminate, online conferencing; for more information and to register, visit the PSAYDN website at www.psaydn.org.
- **9/18/07 – 9/19/07 Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)/LEARNS Institute for Youth and Education Focused Volunteer Programs** – This event will build skills and professional networks among those who develop afterschool programs and/or supervise members and volunteers to meet the needs of children and youth. The Institute will be held at the Holiday Inn Portland-Downtown/Convention Center in Portland, OR. For more details, visit www.regonline.com/learns-or.
- **10/12/07 Northeastern PA Regional Afterschool Summit** – Join PSAYDN at the Northeastern Regional Afterschool Summit for a unique opportunity to come together and strategize how we can continue to increase awareness on the importance of afterschool programs. The Summit will be held at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA. For more information, visit PSAYDN website at www.psaydn.org.

- **10/07 Intensive Professional Programs** – The Center for Afterschool Education (CACE) at Foundations, Inc introduces new in-depth training sessions that are designed for afterschool professionals responsible for training and supporting staff. Sessions offer CEU or Act 48 credits; topics include: *Quality Afterschool: Know It, Show It, Grow It; Building Staff Skills for Effective Afterschool; More Than Just Talk: English Language; and Learning Afterschool Style*. Sessions will be held at Foundations, Inc. located in Moorestown, NJ. For more information, visit <http://www.caceafterschool.org/upcomingtrainings/ipp.php>.

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The **PSAYDN** is a collaborative effort among state, regional and local partners. Its purpose is to promote sustainable, high quality out-of-school time youth development programs through advocacy and capacity building to enhance the welfare of Pennsylvania's children, youth and families.

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