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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!

A Call to Action: Rethinking Time and Learning – The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation released a report entitled *A New Day for Learning: A Report From The Time, Learning, and Afterschool Task Force* in January to catalyze conversations about American education among key decision makers across the country. Research shows that nearly 3.5 million children in America take care of themselves afterschool; 100,000 teenagers is imprisoned each year, one-third of children under age 12 watches 4 hours of television a day, and every 9 seconds -- a student will drop out of school. The report suggests that because of changing cultural diversity, advancing technologies, and rising academic standards, America needs to revisit education strategies and reconsider how time and resources are used to school our youths. Please visit www.mott.org for more information about the Mott Foundation or visit <http://www.edutopia.org/pdfs/ANewDayforLearning.pdf>.

PSAYDN UPDATE

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

- **Regional Meetings**– PSAYDN has taken another step to reach out to afterschool programs and community partners across the state. PSAYDN is currently planning 3 community forums in the Erie, Greater Philadelphia, and Lehigh Valley region to continue to build awareness about the importance of afterschool programs, provide advocacy for providers and supporters, and collect information about programs in different regions so that we can further our goals to promote high-quality afterschool programs for all. The forums will take place in Spring 2007 – stay tuned for dates. If you are interested in helping to support a forum in your community, please contact us for more information.

PROMISING PRACTICES – PROVEN STRATEGIES

This is what is going on locally and nationally.

Pennsylvania

Harrisburg- Drug Free Pennsylvania, a statewide nonprofit, uses the media to reach out to young people and parents on topics such as drug abuse and alcohol misuse. With knowledge that the average child is exposed to 5 hours of media a day and 40,000 commercials a year, the Drug Free Pennsylvania Media Campaign implements a literacy program that works with educators to teach students to become more analytical about what they see or hear. The program includes free trainings for educators, afterschool providers and/or prevention specialists, an

instruction manual, and a 12-lesson curriculum. Workshops are also available for students. For more information, please visit http://www.drugfreepa.org/media/psa_1.asp .

Around the Country

Virginia- The Pew Partnership for Civic Change, a nonprofit research group that promotes high quality lifestyle by helping communities identify problems and implement solutions, recently launched a Wiki website that allows users to share information and edit existing entries as part of their Learning to Finish Campaign. The campaign seeks to address literacy problems and dropout rates in various communities nationwide by providing them with information, tools, and assistance to track their progress. With participation from Shreveport, Louisiana and Jacksonville, Florida communities, the campaign anticipates to have at least 28 communities participate by 2008. For more information, please visit www.learningtofinish.org.

RECOMMENDED READING

Check out these recent articles and research on Afterschool/Youth Development issues.

- **The Impact of After-School Programs That Promote Personal and Social Skills** – New findings show that afterschool programs encompassing personal and social skills are more likely to have positive effect on students than regular programs. For more information, visit <http://www.casel.org/downloads/ASP-Full.pdf>.
- **What High School Students in the Chicago Public Schools Do in Their Out-of-School Time: 2003-2005** – Survey outcome reveals that while many students in Chicago Public School expressed interest in afterschool programs, many do not have access to one in their neighborhoods. To read, visit www.chapinhall.org/article_abstract.aspx?ar=1441&L2=62&L3=105
- **Journal of Youth Development: Bridging Research and Practice** – A collection of articles, research, and reviews that focuses on the developmental stages of children ages 6 to 22. To read, visit <http://www.nae4ha.org/directory/jyd/index.html>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- **3/7/07 PSAYDN Annual Meeting** - Membership meeting and reception at the Hilton Harrisburg. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about our progress and future goals, as well as, network with advocates from across the state. To register, please visit www.psaydn.org.
- **3/7/07 – 3/9/07 Promising Practices: Proven Strategies Conference** - PA Department of Education, in partnership with CSC, sponsors a 3-day conference at the Hilton Harrisburg. For more information on registration, visit <http://www.21stcc.org/events.php>.
- **3/17/07 – 3/20/07 NCEA: Day on the Hill** – National Community Education Association conference in Washington, DC. To register, visit <http://www.ncea.com>.
- **3/21/07 – 3/23/07 National AfterSchool Association Conference 2007** – Annual conference will be held in Phoenix, AZ. To register, visit <http://www.naaconference.org>.
- **4/20/07 – 4/21/07 Annual Professional Development Forum: “Respect for All Children”** – Sponsored by Pennsylvania School-Age Child Care Alliance, this forum will be held in State College, PA at the Penn State Conference Center. To register, visit <http://www.pennsacca.net>.

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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