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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. This issue of Take Ten focuses on **Practices and Strategies for Afterschool and Workforce Development**.

This information is also available on www.psaydn.org.

Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool/Youth Development Network (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. To learn more about PSAYDN, call 717-763-1661 or email psaydn@csc.csiu.org



The Spotlight

Register now to attend the 2010 Extra Learning Opportunities Conference

The Pennsylvania Department of Education in Partnership with the Center for Schools and Communities is hosting the **2010 Extra Learning Opportunities (ELO) Conference, Promising Practices-Proven Strategies: Afterschool Programs in a Time of Change**, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania March 9 through March 11, 2010.

The conference will focus on advancing the systems that support and promote collaboration and youth success and on key elements of high-quality extra learning opportunities: Academic Achievement; Child Wellbeing and Resiliency; Community and Family Involvement; Financing; Global Learning; Management and Administration; Policy and Advocacy; Quality Programming; Research, Evaluation and Knowledge Base; Staffing and Training. These key elements will provide the backdrop for participants to learn about the development, implementation and sustainability of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by schools, youth, parents and the community at-large.

PSAYDN is hosting an **Afterschool Advocacy Day** March 8, 2010 prior to the ELO Conference. The Advocacy Day will bring together parents, program providers, youth, faith-based leaders and business leaders from across the Commonwealth to highlight the importance of afterschool programs in our state. [Click here](#) to download the registration form. The event will be held at the Hilton Harrisburg and the Pennsylvania State Capitol.



Advocacy Day Agenda

- 11:00am – 11:30am Registration
- 11:30am – 1:00pm Lunch and Advocacy Training (Hilton)
- 1:00pm – 1:30pm Travel to Capitol
- 1:30pm – 2:00pm Afterschool Rally (State Capitol)
- 2:00pm – 4:00pm Visits with Legislators
- 4:30pm – 5:00pm Debriefing (Hilton)

In conjunction with the ELO Conference, PSAYDN will be hosting two important events:

Quality Forum & Reception on March 9, 2010 from 4:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

PSAYDN Annual Meeting & Reception on March 10, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Quality Forum will provide a detailed look at what elements quality and will feature an interactive panel with emphasis on promising afterschool initiatives in the Commonwealth. The PSAYDN Annual Meeting & Reception will be held to celebrate PSAYDN's accomplishments over the past year, share goals for the future, as well as honor statewide afterschool champions.

For more information regarding the ELO Conference, or to register [click here](#).

PSAYDN Needs Your Help!

PSAYDN is conducting an online research survey in collaboration with Penn State University to understand the strengths and challenges of Pennsylvania's youth programs so we can advocate effectively, share best practices and develop the

News

PA Title V Survey Request

The PA Title V needs assessment team is currently recruiting teens and young adults, ages 13 to 21, to participate in a survey about their health needs. The survey is available on the assessment's home page: <http://www.redainternational.com/PATVHome.aspx>. Please forward this link to any PA teens or young adults that you know or serve. The survey will take less than ten minutes to complete. If you are a provider and serve teens, please help us by letting teens complete the survey in your clinic. This survey is an important attempt to collect data on the health needs of teens and young adults directly from them, and we need your help to recruit participants!

Afterschool: A Natural Platform for Career Development

As technology evolves and the economy changes, greater demands will be placed on the workforce of the future. Myriad opportunities are and will be available to those who have the knowledge and the skills to meet those challenges. Afterschool programs offer a key opportunity to expose students to ideas and teach them skills that can unlock doors to future career prospects. During the afterschool hours, there is time for field trips, guest lecturers and new activities that are not always available during a school day filled with the basic three Rs. Going beyond the usual image of high school students working a part time job, afterschool programs create a learning environment where students from

first-graders to seniors learn about and even get a taste of the career choices available to them in a variety of fields. At the same time, students learn life skills that will serve them well as adults, regardless of what career they choose. To read the entire Afterschool Alert Issue Brief, [click here](#).

High School Career Academies: A Forty-Year Proven Model for Improving College and Career Readiness

Despite well-intentioned school reform efforts, many high school students continue to leave high school unprepared for college-level work or careers. To date, state and local policymakers have taken the lead on high school reform and improving college and career readiness. But President Obama's goal of expanding access to a college education is changing that. Policymakers at the national level are increasingly focused on reducing the number of high school dropouts and improving prospects for college and career success. The Obama Administration has requested new funding streams in the FY 2010 budget that support initiatives in these areas. Additionally, several legislative proposals have been introduced in Congress aimed at improving high school graduation rates and college and career readiness. Given the Administration's policy focus, it is very likely that lawmakers' attention to these issues will continue to grow. To access the complete article, [click here](#).



Practices & Strategies

In Pennsylvania

Boys & Girls Clubs of Western PA 2008 – 2009 Youth Enterprise Zone... At Your Service

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Western PA's entrepreneurial program, Youth Enterprise Zone, targets at-risk basic skill deficient youth in inner cities with on-the-job workforce experience opportunities in the Business and Financial Services industry cluster. Eight students who have career interests in this career pathway, are Club members, or who attend the BGCWPA Charter High School and meet WIA eligibility, will be hired to participate in the year-round 36 week 15 hours a week (up to 580 hours) work-study program. The focus will be on training/credentialing for the national Customer Service Certification, improving numeracy and literacy with Keys2Work, and job readiness skill development using CareerLink resources.

Junior Achievement's *JA Company Program* curriculum will support business planning and development and reinforce the Lawrenceville-based on-site work experiences in the Youth Enterprise Zone's Outlet Connection retail store, the Spot restaurant, the Poster Press, or ecommerce Catalog business. The program goal is to increase our at-risk participants' academic achievement and support their efforts to remain in school. Additionally, our goals will focus on providing opportunities for career exploration and development, national customer service credentialing, high school diploma attainment and retail employment. The ultimate goal is to prepare our youth for a successful career in the Business and Finance Services industry. Students will attend workforce conference activities and seminars. This workforce development program was funded by the Pittsburgh Partnership. For more information, please contact Dr. Terri Henderson directly at t_henderson@bgcwpa.org.

Real World Design Challenge – Teams of students use professional engineering software to develop actual solutions to real-world engineering problems.

National Girls Collaborative Project – Engaging young women in the exploration of science-related careers. The State Initiative is also supporting and implementing internal programs that will drive the initiative and the regional networks forward.

Asset Mapping – Creating a directory of people and programs throughout the Commonwealth that can help fill the demand in STEM Industries.

Gap Analysis – Identifying supply/demand gaps in Pennsylvania's workforce and education.

For afterschool programs wishing to further increase their STEM participation in Pennsylvania, [click here](#).



Around Country

Junior Firefighting and Intergenerational Club – Hudson, New York

Hudson Middle School Afterschool Program has reached out to the community and built upon existing staff relationships to establish two unique programs: the Intergenerational Club and the Junior Firefighting Program. Located across the street from Hudson Middle School, the Fireman's Home is a retirement and nursing facility built for retired volunteers.

Recommended Reading

Promising Practices in National After School Programs

The AED Center for Youth Development and Promising Practices in After School (PPAS) highlighted 13 promising practices for after school programs. Strategies highlighted included utilizing volunteer college students in after school programs to offer physical activities, utilizing after school programs for engaging college and career preparation, as well as utilizing the after school program to implement science education and community service projects linked to learning. To view the entire list of promising practices, [click here](#).

Success at Every Step: How 23 Programs Support Youth on the Path to College and Beyond

This publication describes programs that have been proven to help young people successfully complete high school and be prepared for success in postsecondary education and careers. These programs represent a wide range of interventions, including school-wide reform initiatives, community-based afterschool services, work-based learning opportunities and college access programs. From an analysis of the included programs, the report identifies common programmatic and structural elements that may contribute to their effectiveness and summarizes key outcomes. To view the entire report, [click here](#).

Promising Practices in Afterschool (PPAS)

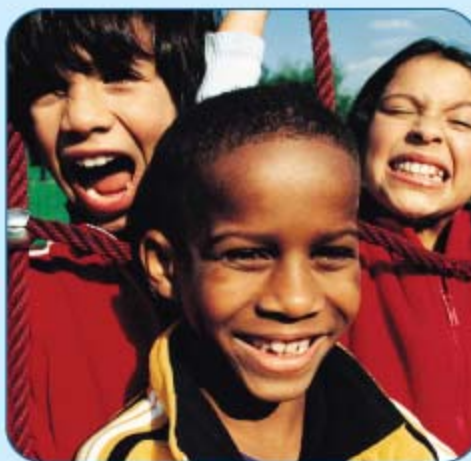
This system identifies the good things going on in afterschool by providing a searchable database of promising practices from around the country, a discussion board for afterschool program staff to gather or ask for help, and hundreds of links to afterschool activities, research and funding information. Visit www.afterschool.org.

The After-School Institute (TASI) Annual Report

TASI builds the capacity of after-school program providers so that they can deliver high-quality services in a caring, supportive environment that empowers children and youth to develop civic, academic, artistic, and athletic talents and skills. To read the entire report, [click here](#).

Get Your Afterschool Snack!

Hungry for the latest news in afterschool? Be sure to check out [Afterschool Snack](#), the Afterschool Alliance's new up-to-the minute blog with afterschool news, trends and information from across the country.



RECOMMENDED LISTENING

Afterschool Alliance and BAM Radio Network have partnered to bring you ASA Radio. Executive Director Jodi Grant hosts the program that will focus on the topics you really care about. Each brief segment of ASA Radio will help keep afterschool advocates abreast of the latest efforts to ensure that all children have access to affordable, quality afterschool programs. To learn more, go to <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/afterschoolRadio.cfm>.

Upcoming Events

SPECIAL NOTICE:

A listing of professional development opportunities in the Philadelphia area available to Out-of-School Time staff serving youth in grades K-12 is now available. The Out-Of-School Time Resource Center Regional Training Directory Guide covers events from January to May of this year. To view this resourceful guide, please [click here](#).

PSAYDN Events

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Statewide & National Events

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Advocacy Corner

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Your support and participation will build strong state leadership to increase awareness, sustainability, and the quality of afterschool in Pennsylvania.

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