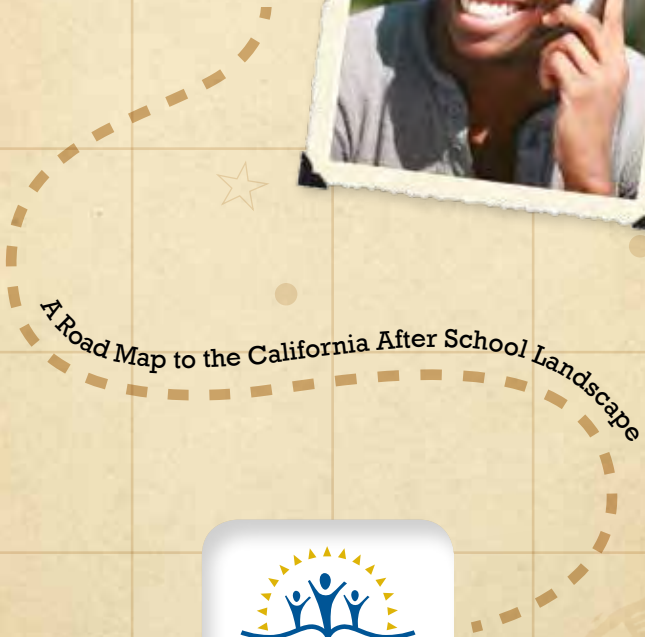


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CALIFORNIA AfterSchool NETWORK

Are you new to
after school?



A Road Map to the California After School Landscape



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Welcome to the California AfterSchool Network. We hope that this document, along with the many online tools that we offer, will help you navigate the complex after school landscape in California. We want to make things as simple as possible for newcomers to this exciting field.

The Network website and electronic newsletter serve as a portal to resources and tools for out-of-school time practitioners, advocates, and community members to build high quality after school programs. A portion of these resources are outlined in this document. To locate these resources, subscribe to the Network free electronic newsletter, and join Network committees go to www.afterschoolnetwork.org

Contact the California AfterSchool Network

Network staff are here to help you connect to the resources you need to support your work. Contact the Network by calling (530) 754-7422 or email info@afterschoolnetwork.org

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How do I open an after school program?

The Network receives many requests from people who want to start their own programs. We suggest you first observe the programs that already exist in your community. Talk to the people who run them to get a true picture of the level of commitment required to run a high quality program. Most funding streams in California require that the provider have a relationship with the school or school district. If becoming an after school provider interests you, meet with your local principal to see if the school needs your services. If it does, contact the Regional Lead in your area (information available in this article.) If you want to open a licensed childcare center attend one of the orientations that Community Care Licensing holds.

Brief history and funding streams of after school in California

Proposition 49 and Senate Bill 638

In November of 2002, California voters passed Proposition 49, the After School Education and Safety, or ASES program. This required the State to offer \$550 million dollars each year to Kindergarten through 9th grade after school programs. In 2006 Senator Tom Torlakson authored Senate Bill 638. This bill allowed easier access to Proposition 49 funds by allowing for direct grants instead of reimbursements, reducing a 50% grant match to a 33.3% grant match, and increasing the daily per pupil rate from \$5.00 to \$7.50. It also raised grant caps so that existing programs can serve the same number of students. The bill was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger in September, 2006.

21st Century Community Learning Center

California also receives federal funding to administer the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program as well as the After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program.

How does California define quality in after school?

The California AfterSchool Network in cooperation with the California Department of Education and a broad base of stakeholders has developed the **California After School Quality Self-Assessment Tool (QSA)**. The QSA Tool is available on the California Afterschool Network website. The tool can help you learn the components of a high quality program. It can be utilized as part of a staff-directed process to self-assess after school programs and create a plan for continuous program quality improvement.



Celebrating the Importance and Accomplishments of After School Programs

Lights on Afterschool

Lights on Afterschool is a project of the Afterschool Alliance. It is celebrated Nationwide in October to highlight the accomplishments and importance of after school programs. The Network hosts an annual *Lights on Afterschool* celebration at the State Capitol in Sacramento. Thousands of programs across the state and the nation celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* by hosting celebrations at their program sites. Many programs invite parents, local legislators, law enforcement, and community members to see the benefits of after school program firsthand. We encourage each local program to host a local *Lights on Afterschool* celebration.

The California Afterschool Challenge

The California Afterschool Challenge is an event hosted by the California School Age Consortium (CalSAC), and is modeled after the National Afterschool Challenge. It is an opportunity for out-of-school time providers, stakeholders, and advocates to urge the Legislature to continue to support after school and school-age care programs through personal visits with legislators.

GET INVOLVED!

We encourage you to get involved with the network. **Subscribe to our electronic newsletter** to receive our electronic newsletter. **Join one of our very active network committees** that will link you to other after school practitioners who have similar areas of interest.

How do I find out about after school conferences and events?

Check out the Network events calendar at www.afterschoolnetwork.org/event

Who can help?

A number of organizations have resources dedicated to helping after school programs. We have broken these into statewide, regional and local organizations as well as by their programmatic emphasis.

Statewide organizations

California Department of Education

State funded after school programs have access to a comprehensive system of field support. Each of the 11 regions in California has a “Regional Lead” who offers technical assistance and support (as well as a staff consultant from CDE.)

Website: www.cde.ca.gov



California AfterSchool Network

The California AfterSchool Network has the mission to provide out-of-school time practitioners, advocates, and community members with the resources and tools necessary to build high quality out-of-school time programs in California. We envision all young people engaged in and supported by their communities during out of school time to promote their physical, social, emotional and educational well-being.

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Demonstration Sites

The California Department of Education has designated several after school program sites as part of the California After School Demonstration Program (CASDP). The CASDP sites offer technical assistance to after school programs at no cost to after school programs.

Licensed Childcare Programs

The Office of Child Development at the California Department of Education funds and licenses school age childcare programs.

Website: www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/op/cdprograms.asp

CalSAC

The California School Age Consortium (CalSAC), supports and advances after school and out-of-school time programs and providers throughout California by offering training resources, advocacy and information to help these programs with their vital work with kids.

Name: Allen Fernandez Smith

Phone: (415) 957-9921

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Website: www.calsac.org

ASAPconnect

ASAPconnect offers indispensable resources to help California out-of-school-time professionals provide children and youth with more growth opportunities. ASAPconnect links after school programs with assistance providers to help you partner more effectively, expand capabilities and improve program quality.

Name: Rocio Abundis-Rodriguez

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Email: info@afterschoolconnect.org

Website: afterschoolconnect.org

CASRC

The California After School Resource Center (CASRC) supports quality after school programming with our website, circulating library and trainings. We offer many supportive services and resources to promote literacy and mathematics skills, as well as safe learning environments for youth in kindergarten through grade twelve.

Name: Deborah Wood

Phone: (510) 670-4561

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Website: www.californiaafterschool.org

The Partnership for Children and Youth

Our mission is to ensure all children equal access to the supports and opportunities they need to succeed in school and in life. We work to provide access to physical and mental health care, out-of-school time activities, relationships with caring adults, and educational supports to children who live in the lowest-income communities in the region.

Name: Jennifer Peck

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Website: www.partnerforchildren.org/

Regional organizations

The Children's Initiative San Diego

We are dedicated to assisting children, youth and families reach their full potentials by working for integrated service delivery systems that promote collaboration and prevention, and measurable outcomes in the fields of health, education, safety and economic security.

Name: Sandra McBrayer

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Website: www.thechildrensinitiative.org/afterschool.htm

Central Valley Afterschool Foundation

The Central Valley Afterschool Foundation supports high quality after school programs through funding, training, and public policy initiatives that benefit nearly 40,000 children and youth in the Central Valley.

Name: Lindsay Callahan

Phone: (559) 326-2055

Contact: www.centralvalleyafterschool.org/tools/contact.htm

Website: centralvalleyafterschool.org

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Local organizations

Many cities and counties have a department dedicated to after school programs, youth development, recreation or childcare. We recommend that you connect with these organizations because they may have resources to share with you. They also need to know what you want to do.

Organizations with a specialized emphasis

If you have a particular programmatic area that you would like to learn more about several organizations can help.

Youth development

CNYD

For more than a decade, CNYD has worked to improve the quality of out-of-school programs for youth. We base our work on the Youth Development Framework for Practice, a set of proven principles and practices for promoting the healthy development of young people.

Name: Sue Eldredge
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Physical activity and nutrition

CANfit

CANFIT works with community based and youth serving organizations to improve healthy eating and physical activity environments for adolescents in low income communities and communities of color.

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Center for Collaborative Solutions

The Center for Collaborative Solutions (CCS) has developed the Healthy Behaviors Initiative. As part of this initiative CCS has developed a Healthy Behaviors Exemplary Practices Guide and created Healthy Behavior Learning Centers to assist after school programs improve their nutrition education and physical activity practices.

Name: Kathy Lewis

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Website: www.ccscenter.org/

Inclusion

The After School Inclusion Project

California Department of Education's After School Inclusion Project provides free telephone and email consultation, strategic planning with after school and special education directors, and regional training on after school inclusion to After School Programs funded by the California Department of Education's After School Programs Office.

To request support, call (866) 920-4625 or email northinclusion@californiaafterschool.org (Regions 1-7) or southinclusion@californiaafterschool.org (Regions 8 – 11).

KIT

Kids Included Together (KIT) is a non-profit organization that provides best practices training for community-based youth organizations committed to including children with disabilities into their existing recreational, social and child care programs.

Name: Jan Giacinti (CEO)

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Advocacy

Children Now

Children Now is a national organization for people who care about children and want to make sure that they have top public policy priority.

Name: Ted Lempert (President)

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Sacramento Office: (916) 379-5256

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Website: www.childrennow.org

LCAP

The League of California Afterschool Providers (LCAP) convenes and coordinates the largest state and federally funded grantees to inform policies and administrative decisions affecting the field.

Name: Steve Amick (Executive Director)

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Website: www.afterschoolleague.org

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids is a national, bipartisan, nonprofit anti-crime organization of more than 3,000 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, other law enforcement leaders and violence survivors.

Name: Barrie Becker (State Director)

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Website: www.fightcrime.org

Afterschool Alliance (federal)

The Afterschool Alliance works to ensure that all children have access to affordable, quality after school programs. Children and families today have urgent need for after school programs, yet we lag far behind in meeting their need.

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Website: www.afterschoolalliance.org

English language learners in after school

California Tomorrow

California Tomorrow’s mission is to help create a just and inclusive multi-racial, multicultural and multilingual society by promoting equal access to social, economic and educational resources and equal participation in major institutions, and by embracing diversity as a great strength.

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Alliance for a Better Community

Founded by a coalition of organizations and civic leaders, Alliance for a Better Community (ABC) is a nonprofit organization that promotes equity for Latinos in education, health, economic development and civic participation throughout the Los Angeles region.

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