THEORY OF CHANGE

THE PURPOSE
The purpose of the California AfterSchool Network is to increase access to high-quality out-of-school time programs that support success for all children and youth.

THE VISION
For California to boast an abundance of high-quality out-of-school time opportunities that enable children and youth to maximize their potential.

THE MISSION
To provide professionals, advocates, and community members the tools and resources necessary to build high-quality out-of-school time programs in California.

WE KNOW THAT
- All children and youth can achieve a high level of success when provided the opportunity.
- Out-of-school time programs improve academic, social, and emotional development of children and youth.
- Out-of-school time programs help mitigate economic, educational, and health inequities in our communities.

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS
- CAN is "of the field and for the field," serving as a collaborative nexus for diverse out-of-school time stakeholders to collectively address significant field needs and advance innovation.
- CAN is a catalyst for quality, building capacity by promoting a shared vision of program quality and advancing a culture of continuous improvement.
- CAN is a one-stop communication hub providing information on tools, data, resources, policies, and practices for all out-of-school time stakeholders.

ANTICIPATED CHANGES
- Strong and diverse government, business, school, and community partnerships support out-of-school time programs for all children and youth.
- State and local policy decisions prioritize high-quality out-of-school time opportunities.
- Programs and staff have the resources and capacity to implement and continuously improve out-of-school time programs.
- Children and youth benefit from high-quality out-of-school time learning and enrichment opportunities, resulting in positive developmental, academic, and wellness outcomes and increased readiness for college, career, and civic life.