

**AFTERSCHOOL FOR ALL CHALLENGE  
AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE  
APRIL 27 & 28, 2009**

**WELCOME AND TRAINING – MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009**

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*All Monday meetings and events will take place at the  
Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, D.C.*

**9:00 AM**

**REGISTRATION OPENS**

Registration will be open throughout the Welcome Reception. All participants must check in at the registration desk to pick up their packets, Capitol Hill appointment schedules and name tags.

**11 AM – 1 PM**

**AFTERSCHOOL FORUMS**

The Challenge program will open with a series of workshops that will each address a different topic of interest to afterschool advocates. If you would like more information about the forums, the staff at the registration desk will be able to assist you. Box lunches will be available for all forum participants.

**Youth Advocacy Forum (FOR YOUTH ONLY)**

This session of training and fun activities is designed especially for youth. After a “behind-the-scenes” introduction to Capitol Hill, we will explore just what it is that happens in afterschool programs and help empower youth to advocate on behalf of those programs. We’ll also be exploring the world of social networking and how it can be used as an advocacy tool for afterschool. In the words of a few participants from a past forum, “I’ll tell my story, loud and clear. I’ll tell my story, so everyone can hear. I’ll tell my story with a smile on my face. I’ll tell Congress that I am on their case!”

**Innovative Afterschool Programs for Older Youth**

As kids reach middle and high school, they develop more diverse extracurricular interests and often face greater responsibilities like caring for family and finding a job. In addition, many kids struggle with challenges like juvenile crime, teen pregnancy, dropping out of school and preparing for future careers and higher education. The afterschool space is uniquely suited to creatively respond to the needs of older youth. This session will explore innovations used to effectively tailor afterschool to older youth, such as inventive models for recruitment and retention, using credit attainment toward graduation and high school dropout prevention strategies.

Facilitator: Steve Amick, *League of California Afterschool Providers, Afterschool Ambassador Emeritus*

Panelists: Janice Hastings, *High School Extended Learning Opportunities for New Hampshire*

Megan Demarkis, *Harlem RBI, Afterschool Ambassador*

Melanie Haas, *Colorado MESA*

### **Afterschool's Role in Raising Healthy Children**

Afterschool programs can play a critical role in promoting healthy living by providing children and youth with access to basic health care, incorporating physical fitness, and ensuring that kids have access to environmentally sound, healthy spaces to play and learn. This session will explore models being used by afterschool programs across the country to promote health and wellness.

Facilitator: Alice Gallin-Dwyer, *Afterschool Alliance*

Panelists: Randy Neve, *Marshfield Clinic, Wisconsin Afterschool Network*

Angela Henry, *Safe Base 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC, Afterschool Ambassador Emeritus*

Diane Genco, *New Jersey School-Age Care Coalition*

### **Afterschool, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and More**

In the current economy, federal investment in programs is more critical than ever. Families are relying increasingly on afterschool programs and providers are trying to meet the growing need despite steep declines in revenue. From the most promising funding provisions in the economic recovery package to legislation that could bring new federal resources to afterschool programs, panelists will discuss details of new policy and funding opportunities and what the afterschool field can do to ensure significant and continued growth towards the goal of afterschool for all.

Facilitator: Erika Argersinger, *Afterschool Alliance*

Panelists: Cynthia Billings, *PlusTime New Hampshire*

Tony McClain, *Office of Senator Blanche L. Lincoln*

Jill Reimer, *Georgia Afterschool Investment Council*

**1:15 PM - 2:45 PM**

### **WELCOME AND PLENARY SESSION**

***Afterschool and the Future of Education:*** Participants in the *Afterschool for All Challenge* attend a welcome session highlighting the important role afterschool programs can play in the future of education reform and helping policy makers rethink how, when and where children learn.

Invited Guests: Senior Obama Administration Official

**3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

### **AFTERSCHOOL FORUMS**

**Youth Advocacy Session (FOR YOUTH ONLY)**

**Afterschool Programs and Workforce Development: Preparing Youth to Compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workplace**

Preparing youth for success in tomorrow's workforce is of increasing concern to our nation's schools, communities, policy makers and businesses. Afterschool programs are uniquely situated to help. This session will look at the innovative, project-based learning opportunities that afterschool programs provide to help youth develop the necessary skills—from leadership and communication to critical thinking and global literacy—that they need to compete in the global economy.

Facilitator: David Sinski, *After School Matters*

Panelists: Nassim Zerriffi, *Global Kids*

Karen Elzey, *Institute for a Competitive Workforce, U.S. Chamber of Commerce*

**STEM in Afterschool: Building Systems, Strengthening Partnerships and Tapping Community Resources**

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century information economy, the majority of careers at all levels require some expertise in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, collectively known as STEM. Studies have found that students are more likely to pursue STEM fields if they develop an early interest in the subjects. Many afterschool programs are already embracing the challenge by engaging youth in fun, interesting STEM activities. How can the afterschool field strengthen its STEM offerings and build strong systems to prepare our youth for the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy? This workshop will explore how afterschool can leverage partnerships and build on existing systems and resources to better incorporate meaningful STEM learning into afterschool.

Facilitator: Jason Freeman, *Coalition for Science After School*

Panelists: Dr. Lucy Friedman, *The After-School Corporation*

Dr. Anita Krishnamurthi, *NASA Goddard Space Flight Center*

**New Day for Learning: Taking Afterschool to the Next Level**

Afterschool and summer programs have developed some of the most innovative and effective ways to engage kids in learning. They are helping youth develop the critical thinking, leadership and problem solving skills they need to succeed. At the same time, policy makers and the public are increasingly interested in rethinking how, when and where children learn. The afterschool approach can help. The concept of a New Day for Learning calls for strong linkages among in-school and out-of-school learning, maximizes partnerships, reevaluates the definition of student success and more. This session will explore how a community, county, city or school might approach this work, potential resources available through the economic recovery package and communication

and outreach tools that can help open more dialogue and change toward a New Day for Learning.

**4:45 PM - 5:45 PM**

**HILLS VISITS BRIEFING SESSIONS**

All participants taking part in Congressional appointments on Tuesday must attend a briefing session to review the issues and talking points for their meetings. Everyone will have an opportunity to role play and determine roles for team members during the meetings.

**(Your Group Number is located on the back of your name tag. Please refer to the list of Hill Visits Briefing Rooms in your Participant Packet for your group's room assignment.)**

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**WELCOME RECEPTION**

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**CAPITOL HILL DAY – TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009**

*All event and meetings on Tuesday will take place on Capitol Hill.*

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM**

**BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS**

*SD-G50*

Participants will attend a celebratory breakfast, emceed by Judge Glenda Hatchett, at which afterschool champions, including Chicago First Lady Maggie Daley and members of Congress, will be honored for their leadership on afterschool. Jim Shelton, Assistant Deputy Secretary for the Office of Innovation and Improvement in the Department of Education, will be a featured guest. Transportation to the breakfast will be provided from the Marriott.

**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**SMALL GROUP CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS**

*HOUSE AND SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS*

Small group meetings will be arranged with members of Congress and/or their staff. Participants will be given an individual Group Schedule with the exact time and room location of each meeting.

**(If your schedule has changed and you cannot attend all of the meetings, please inform the staff at the Hill Visits Desk outside the “Breakfast of Champions.”)**

**LUNCH CAN BE TAKEN AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CAFETERIAS:**

- ❖ **House Cafeteria**  
Longworth House Office Building; Basement Level  
Rayburn House Office Building; Basement Level
- ❖ **Senate Cafeteria**  
Dirksen Senate Office Building; Basement Level