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MEDIA ALERT

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Afterschool Providers to Hold *Lights On Afterschool!* Rally October 20th 7,500 Rallies Nationwide Aim to Make Afterschool Programs Available to All

The Child Development and Family Council of Centre County, Inc. along with several other local Afterschool Providers will sponsor *Lights On Afterschool! A Spotlight on Afterschool Fun!* on Saturday, October 20 at the Nittany Mall in State College from 10 am to 3pm. The rally in support of afterschool programs will be one of more than 7,500 such events around the nation, as part of the eighth annual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration, organized by the Afterschool Alliance. California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is Chair of *Lights On Afterschool* again this year. Programs from around the country will call for expanding afterschool opportunities so that every child who needs a program has access to one.

Lights On Afterschool! A Spotlight on Afterschool Fun! will feature several area afterschool programs, performances by local afterschool students, activities, refreshments, door prizes and much more fun. The event will highlight three of the significant contributions that afterschool programs make to our community: keeping kids safe and healthy, inspiring them to learn, and relieving working parents of worries about their children's activities during the afternoon hours. Parents, afterschool supporters and community members are expected to attend.

What: *Lights On Afterschool! A Spotlight on Afterschool Fun!*

When: 10 am to 3 pm, October 20, 2007

Where: The Nittany Mall, 2901 East College Avenue, State College

Who: Afterschool Programs from around the area, local business leaders, parents and supporters of afterschool

For more information or to arrange interviews with participants, contact Robin Foltz, Child Development and Family Council, School Age Program Director at (814)238-5105.

The Child Development and Family Council (CDFC) is a non-profit agency providing before and after school programs operating in 8 Elementary Schools in 3 School Districts and 3 summer camps. The CDFC serves over 200 children in kindergarten through eighth grade annually. These programs are recreationally-based with the emphasis on fostering the growth of the whole child through recreation, care and education. They offer choices such as play, group games and activities, enrichment activities for all the intelligences, snacks and cooking projects and homework help.

The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children have access to quality afterschool programs. More information on *Lights On Afterschool!* is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.