

Learning and Development in Out-of-School Settings: May 1 National Academies Report Release and Webinar

A new report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine looks at youth learning and development in settings outside of school across the K-12 age span. Out-of-school programs can provide students with academic support, a variety of enrichment activities, and serve as a bridge between school, home, and the community. These programs offer structured environments where young people can engage in meaningful activities, build relationships, and develop essential life skills.

Focusing on students from low-income households, across urban, suburban, and rural settings, the report examines the effectiveness of programs, identifies improvements needed to increase access and quality, and outlines a future research agenda to ensure that out-of-school time programs continue to serve as an essential resource for families and children.

Advance copies of *The Future of Youth Development: Building Systems and Strengthening Programs* will be available to reporters only beginning at noon EDT Wednesday, April 30. **The report is embargoed and not for public release before 11 a.m. EDT Thursday, May 1.**

Members of the study committee that wrote the report will present its conclusions and recommendations during a [webinar](#) on Thursday, May 1, starting at 2 p.m. EDT. The speakers are:

- **Deborah Moroney** (*committee chair*), vice president, American Institutes for Research
- **Thomas Akiva**, associate professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Education
- **Horatio Blackman**, vice president for education policy, advocacy, and engagement, National Urban League
- **Jennifer Rinehart**, senior vice president for strategy and programs, Afterschool Alliance
- **Sandi Simpkins**, professor, School of Education, University of California, Irvine; and director, Center for Afterschool and Summer Excellence

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