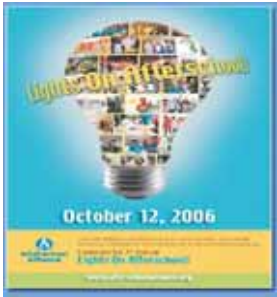




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Register Your Program

As a state we are trying to exceed last years total of 107 registered programs. Please send us pictures and information regarding your event to delder@ku.edu To register visit www.afterschoolalliance.orr.lights_on/get_involved.cfm

Partner Highlight

YouthFriends Kansas, located at the Southeast Kansas Education Service-Greenbush, connects young people, ages 5-18, with caring adult volunteers in schools. As positive role models, YouthFriends volunteers enhance the ability of young people to succeed. There are currently 73 YouthFriends school districts throughout the state of Kansas. YouthFriends Kansas has screened, trained and placed more than 2,826 volunteers, positively touching the lives of over 15,673 young people. YouthFriends Kansas supports the Kansas Enrichment Network's mission by providing high quality school based mentoring opportunities within our member districts. YouthFriends staff also presents at KEN conferences, attends meetings, and advocates for high quality, affordable activities that keep kids safe, and provide academic success.



Physical Activity & Nutrition in Afterschool Conference in Wichita on October 16 & 17, 2006

The Kansas Enrichment Network would like to invite staff from all types of afterschool programs (school, community and faith-based) to the first *Physical Activity & Nutrition in Afterschool* conference.

The afterschool hours are the perfect time for not only getting homework done, but for youth to get the regular physical activity that is necessary for a balanced healthy life. Along with regular physical activity, good nutrition is a must. As afterschool professionals, we need to make sure our participants have the nutrients that allow them to focus and maintain the energy needed to learn. Come hear from state and national leaders how you can implement fun physical activity and good nutrition activities into your afterschool program everyday.

When: October 16th (1-5) & October 17th (8:30-2)

Where: Wichita Airport Hilton, 2098 Airport Road, Wichita, Kansas

Cost: \$75.00/person before October 4th. (Due by October 4th).
\$100/person after October 4th.

(Registration price includes snacks/drinks on both days and lunch on the second day. Dinner on the 16th and breakfast on the 17th is on your own. Refunds will only be given if the cancellation is received by October 4th, 2006.)

****If you are from a faith-based organization, please call Mim to find out details on how you might receive a partial registration scholarship.****

Dress: Clothing that allows movement and comfort.

Hotel: There are several lodging options within a mile or two from the conference location. Sleeping room prices vary at the local hotels from \$49 up to \$169/night. See the hotel listing below for options.

Questions: Mim Wilkey: (316)264-4066 ext. 258 or mim@wichitamca.org

Lodging Options (There are other hotels in the area.)

Wichita Airport Hilton
2098 Airport Road
316-945-5272
\$149-\$174

Best Western Airport Inn
6815 W. Kellogg
316-942-5600
\$66.75 - \$89.00

Super 8
6245 W. Kellogg
1-800-800-8000
\$47.70 - \$53.00

Holiday Inn - Airport
5500 W. Kellogg Dr.
316-943-2181
\$89.00

Howard Johnson's Express Inn
6575 W. Kellogg Drive
1-800-446-4656
\$41.65 - \$59.00

Program Highlight

The Wichita Middle School After School Program has been providing fun academic, enrichment and recreational activities for students in middle school (grades 6 to 8) since 1993. The program is FREE to all students in the participating 15 middle schools and operates Monday through Thursday from the time students are released from the regular school day until 5:00p.m. A daily schedule includes 45 minutes of academic help and then 3 to 4 different choices of enrichment and recreational activities. Each school gets a field trip once a week, and they include trips to the local YMCA branches, museums, bowling alleys, skating and community events. The program is a true collaboration between the Wichita Public Schools and the Wichita YMCA. This provides a great balanced environment that encourages success in school as well as in the community. Partner organizations are encouraged to get involved in programming as well. The Youth Activity Advancement Alliance (Youth AAA) is a group of youth serving organizations that focus on serving ages 11 to 18 and agree to collaborate and not duplicate services. Youth AAA member organizations play a huge role in providing programming for the Middle School After School Program each year. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Avelar at the Wichita YMCA (316-264-4066 ext. 230) or Lavonta Williams at the Wichita Public Schools (316-973-5107).



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Program Sustainability Roundtable

October 27, 10:00 –2:00

Do you want to not only sustain, but grow your afterschool program? Come hear how rural and urban afterschool programs have engaged their communities to sustain afterschool programs. Presenters will share the community education model for full community support. Afterschool programs experiencing success with sustainability use more community education components for long-term results. We highly suggest that you bring two or three community leaders (i.e. mayor, superintendent, sheriff, county commissioner, faith-based leaders, community-based organizations, or others recognized as local leaders). This presentation will be held at the site of one of the successful programs -- Reno Valley Middle School, Nickerson, KS.

ADVOCACY WORKS! KEN Partners Speaking Up for Afterschool

Next month, Kansas Action for Children (KAC) will host a workshop and luncheon for Kansas Enrichment Network partners entitled, "Effective Advocacy & Communication with Policymakers." KAC Director of Governmental Relations Cindy D'Ercole and KAC Outreach Specialist Brooke Goc will review how partners can make a difference for Kansas kids, leading strategic planning exercises and facilitating discussion around key points:

- Using the Process to Your Advantage
- Communicating with Legislators
- Tips for Media Coverage
- Mobilizing Others

Advocacy trainings for KEN members will take place later this fall in Sumner, Morton, Labette, and Dickinson Counties. Parties interested in attending or hosting these trainings are encouraged to contact Brooke Goc at 785-232-0550 or brooke@kac.org.

Building an Afterschool Sustainability Model Pilot Project

The KEN team will guide a school-community partnership of stakeholders in examining existing community and school needs and funding resources (including non-grant avenues), to establish a long-term sustainable afterschool program in the community. The pilot process will involve technical assistance in developing and writing a step-by-step plan for afterschool program sustainability. The Kansas Enrichment Network will pilot its model in two communities which do not have afterschool programs. For more information, please contact Deb Elder at delder@ku.edu

AED NEWS

The AED Center for Youth Development and Policy Research would like to make your afterschool program aware of the following funding opportunity. Applications for the Bowerman Track-Renovation Program, sponsored by Nike, provide matching funds of up to \$50,000 for the construction or refurbishment of running tracks. The program distributes a total of \$200,000 each year. The website (<http://www.nikebiz.com/community>) outlines those who may apply as any community-based, youth-oriented organizations that can demonstrate a need for running-track construction or refurbishment and that are tax-exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grant recipients must provide residents of surrounding neighborhoods with access to the track, and grant funds must be at least partially matched by other contributors by an agreed-upon deadline. Contact: Manager, Bowerman Track Program, Global Community Affairs, Nike 1 Bowerman Drive, Beaverton, Ore. 97005; (503) 671-6453

The AED Center for Youth Development and Policy Research would like to make your afterschool program aware of the following funding opportunity which supports youth-voices in efforts to positively impact their community. Applications for Red, White & Green Climate Change Grants, administered by Youth Service America and the Civil Society Institute. Grants of up to \$500 each will support youth-led environmental advocacy, education, and service projects designed to raise awareness about climate change. Additional information is available on Youth Service America's Web site (<http://www.ysa.org/awards>). Eligible applicants include U.S. citizens age 15 to 25 or organizations that work with them and projects must take place between October 1 and November 30, 2006. Contact: YSA 1101 15th Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005; (202) 296-2992; fax (202) 296-4030 redwhiteandgreen@ysa.org

Afterschool programs often focus on healthy living and/or sports activities to keep young people engaged in positive choices and behaviors. In that vein, the AED Center for Youth Development and Policy Research would like to make your afterschool program aware of the following funding opportunity. Applications for grants from the NFL Youth Football Fund Grassroots Program, sponsored by the National Football League Youth Football Fund and administered by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation. Grants will support the construction of safe and accessible football fields in neighborhoods with low- to moderate-income households. Schools and organizations may request up to \$50,000 each to build features other than an actual field (such as bleachers or lights); up to \$100,000 each to resurface a field using natural grass rather than artificial turf; or up to \$200,000 each to install a standard, synthetic sports field. Those who may apply are listed as middle or high schools, or organizations classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that have been in existence for at least three years. For more information, please visit: <http://www.lisc.org/section/areas/sec3/youth> Contact: Beverly Smith, LISC 501 Seventh Avenue, Seventh Floor, New York, N.Y. 10018; (212) 455-9881 bsmith@lisc.org

The AED Center for Youth Development and Policy Research would like to inform your program of a new report issued by Corporate Voices for Corporate Families entitled Corporate Investments in Afterschool, highlighting the private sector's growing involvement in the issues affecting the lives of working families. The sampling of eight American companies interviewed for this report represent the utility, finance, insurance and retail sectors, each of which has invested in afterschool at the national, state and local levels, and cumulatively have contributed more than 13 percent of the federal budget for after school programming. The report addresses the need for continued corporate responsibility and involvement in local afterschool program funding and in-kind donations both by the private sector and the by our elected officials. To download the full report, please visit: <http://www.cvworkingfamilies.org/Afterschoolcorporate%20investment%20in%20afterschool.pdf>

Corporate Voices for Working Families is a non-partisan, non-profit corporate membership organization created to bring the private-sector voice into the public dialogue on issues affecting working families. <http://www.cvworkingfamilies.org/>

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Greetings Kansas 4-H Afterschool

If you are operating an afterschool reading program in a rural area, the AED Center for Youth Development and Policy Research would like you to be aware of the following funding opportunity to aide you in your services for young people in your community. Pathways Within Inc.'s Roads to Reading Initiative, supports libraries in rural communities and organizations with literacy and other reading programs to receive books and other educational materials with the overall objective of preparing young children to learn to read and to motivate older children to read regularly. This year, preference will be given to after-school programs and day-care and community centers. Organizations classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, religious organizations and municipal organizations in poor or rural communities with annual operating budgets under \$95,000 are eligible. For more information, please contact: Kathryn Jenkins, Pathways Within 84 Forest Avenue, Millinocket, Me. 04462; (207) 723-6898 pwi@pwirtr.org or visit the website at: <http://www.pwirtr.org>

Young Volunteers Invited to Apply for Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

"The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in grades 5 through 12 who have demonstrated exemplary voluntary service to their communities. The program was created in 1995 and is sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals...Schools and officially designated organizations [Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross Chapters, YMCAs, etc.] may select one middle level and one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 students (or portion thereof). Student applications are due back to schools or organizations by October 31, 2006." Referred by: Foundation Center URL: http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=539&DID=48173

UPS Foundation Education Grants

"UPS Foundation Education Grants fund high impact philanthropic programs that raise the level of educational instruction, family learning opportunities, and school involvement projects. Maximum Award: varies. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations. Deadline: N/A." Referred by: PEN Weekly NewsBlast URL: <http://www.community.ups.com/philanthropy/grant.html>

Staples Foundation for Learning Grants

"The mission of Staples Foundation for Learning is to provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth... The organization must: Have a nonprofit tax-exempt classification under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code...-Deadline is September 15, 2006" URL: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html>

Drug Free Communities Support Program Grants

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Office for National Drug Control Policy have announced availability of the latest round of Drug Free Communities Support Program grants. Link to full page: <http://www.jointogether.org/news/funding/opportunities/2006/drug-free-communities-support.html?log-event=sp2f-view-item&nid=30187458>

Resources

Food Research and Action Center Update

We wanted to let everyone know about a new set of the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) materials that promote the child nutrition programs or provide useful nutrition information for families. They include: "Start Serving Suppers at Your Afterschool Program", "Nutrition Guidelines for Afterschool & Summer Programs", "Helping Our Children Achieve: The Wellness Connection", "Striving for Good Nutrition on a Tight Budget" and "Food and Nutrition Programs: Getting Connected". They are available on our FRAC's website at http://www.frac.org/Out_Of_School_Time/Afterschool/back_schoolres.html

Young Digital Creators Educator's Kit

DigiArts is one of "UNESCO's major initiatives aiming at the development of interdisciplinary activities in research, creativity and communication in the field of media arts... Enabling young people to using ICT creatively to address global challenges of development, cultural diversity and inter-cultural dialogue is the aim of UNESCO's Young Digital Creators Educator's Kit that is now published and available online." URL: <http://www.unesco.org/culture/en/digiarts/ycd/kit>

CITIZENShift

CITIZENShift is a website that features film, photos, text and audio all with a focus on social issues and activism. Check out the CITIZENShift's latest feature, Youth Empowerment Through Media. This dossier features media by youth exploring issues that are important to them. URL: <http://citizen.nfb.ca/onf/info?did=1941>

Sites to See: Technology Integration Resources

"A growing number of Web sites offer knowledgeable and useful ideas, suggestions, lesson plans, activities, and resources for integrating technology. Whether you're a newbie or a technology guru, you'll learn something new at these featured sites." Referred by: Education World Weekly Newsletter URL: http://www.educationworld.com/a_tech/sites/sites006.shtml

IFC's Film School Curriculum

"Check out 'IFC's Film School Curriculum,' a FREE public service initiative that uses the excitement of filmmaking to engage high school students in their English classes. Developed to meet the standards of the National Council of Teachers of English, the International Reading Association, as well as the National Education Technology Standards from ISTE, IFC's Film School Curriculum provides the tools to get students energized about classroom activities while simultaneously accomplishing core educational goals." Referred by: Media-L listserv URL: <http://www3.ifctv.com/filmschool>

Weed and Seed Program For High-Crime Communities

Organizations in areas of persistent high crime and associated problems may be eligible to apply for the Office of Justice Programs' Community Capacity Development Office's Weed and Seed Program to reduce community violence, drug abuse, and crime. Link to full page: <http://www.jointogether.org/news/funding/opportunities/2006/weed-and-seed-program-for.html?log-event=sp2f-view-item&nid=30187442>

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