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What We Do

Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool/Youth Development Network (PSAYDN)
Formed in 2004, PSAYDN is a dedicated, highly motivated group of individuals – a network of providers, policymakers, advocates and educators from diverse organizations – who believe in the power of afterschool and youth development programs. PSAYDN promotes sustainable, high quality out-of-school time (OST) programs through advocacy and capacity building to enhance the welfare of Pennsylvania’s children, youth and families.

PSAYDN believes that all children and youth deserve access to quality programs that keep kids safe, inspire learning and help working families. PSAYDN is one of 48 statewide afterschool networks funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Project Accelerate
PSAYDN established Project Accelerate to highlight existing resources and develop new programs and partnerships for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. Project Accelerate facilitates professional development and supports a network of resources for communities and businesses. Participation in innovative afterschool STEM programs prepares students for college, work and life. Learn more at www.pa-stem-ost.info.
Our Goals

The Network focuses on these goals:

1. Create a sustainable structure of statewide, regional and local partnerships, particularly school-community partnerships, focused on supporting policy development at all levels. PSAYDN offers technical assistance, quality measurement resources and live and online professional development opportunities to improve student and staff success.

2. Support the development and growth of statewide policies that will secure the resources that are needed to sustain new and existing afterschool programs. PSAYDN raises awareness and preserves OST funding through advocacy at the local, state and federal levels.

3. Support statewide systems to ensure programs are of high quality. PSAYDN partners closely with regional and state afterschool networks, child and family advocacy groups, state agencies, colleges, universities and others to develop member tools, training, research and policy.
Who Joins PSAYDN?

PSAYDN members are out-of-school time stakeholders involved in community, school or faith based programs for children and youth K-12. Members come from a variety of sectors: OST/afterschool, public education, public health and safety, colleges and universities, state and local government, child advocacy groups, workforce development, business, students and parents. Join PSAYDN today.

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