

# AFTERSCHOOL FOR ALL CHALLENGE

## AGENDA

JUNE 10-11, 2024

Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill  
525 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington D.C.

### WORKSHOPS & HILL DAY PREP – MONDAY, JUNE 10

**8:00 AM – 5:30 PM**     **REGISTRATION**  
LOWER LOBBY LEVEL FOYER

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#### INVITATION ONLY SESSIONS

**8:30 AM – 10:45 AM**     **STEM OVERDECK STATES MEETING**  
MADISON ROOM, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL

**9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**     **STATE NETWORK LEADS MEETING**  
ASHLAWN ROOM, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL

**11:00 AM – 2:30 PM**     **STEM HUB MEETING**  
ASHLAWN ROOM, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL

**11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**     **YOUTH PROGRAM**  
MONTPELIER ROOM, MEZZANINE LEVEL

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**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**     **MORNING WORKSHOPS**

#### SUPPORTING THE AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING WORKFORCE

**SAGAMORE ROOM, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL**

Afterschool and summer program staff are critical to the success of their programs and the young people they serve. This session will discuss new resources and tools developed to support and strengthen the workforce including the Afterschool and Summer Workforce Solutions Database, Workforce Policy Recommendations, and more. New research and outreach efforts including the National AfterSchool Association's Thriving Workforce Initiative will be featured.

**FEATURING:** Leslye Lugo and Malia Villarreal, California AfterSchool Network; Brent Wake, Indiana Afterschool Network; Gina Warner, National AfterSchool Association; Trudy Morgan Tetteh, New York State Network for Youth Success; Sophie Kidd, Jillian Luchner, and Nikki Yamashiro, Afterschool Alliance

## **STUDENT MENTAL WELL-BEING AT THE FOREFRONT**

**EXECUTIVE ROOM, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL**

Children’s Funding Project will lead a session focusing on the ability of positive youth development programs and afterschool and summer learning providers to protect and improve youth mental health. The session will explore pending legal action and lawsuits involving Meta, YouTube, TikTok, and others and the opportunity for out-of-school youth programs to serve as a remediation strategy to buffer the more negative effects of social media use by supporting youth mental health.

**FEATURING:** Elizabeth Gaines, Children’s Funding Project; Ken Anthony & Ashton Gauthier, Connecticut Afterschool Network; Jenna Courtney, Texas Partnership for Out-of-School Time; Dan Gage, Wisconsin Afterschool Network; and Dan Gilbert and Jen Rinehart, Afterschool Alliance

## **LEVERAGING 21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TO SUPPORT YOUTH SUCCESS**

**HERMITAGE ROOM, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL**

After 25 years, the 21st Century Community Learning Center program remains the primary source of federal funding for quality afterschool and summer learning programs and has the potential to continue supporting innovation and infrastructure for the afterschool field. We will discuss the latest research and evaluations of the program, the process for determining reauthorization recommendations for 21st CCLC, the latest on the updated non-regulatory guidance, how to make the case for additional 21st CCLC funding, and more.

**FEATURING:** Cecelia Armstrong, Sunrise of Philadelphia; Deanna Dugan, Propel Schools, Penn.; and Erik Peterson, Afterschool Alliance

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**12:30 PM – 1:00 PM GRAB & GO BOXED LUNCH**

**BALLROOM FOYER, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL**

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**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

## **IN CONVERSATION WITH YOUTH: IMPACT OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**SAGAMORE ROOM, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL**

At the heart of afterschool and summer programs are the people directly impacted by them— youth. Youth voices need to be heard, and they have a lot to say. Join Afterschool Alliance Youth Ambassadors for a conversation around the impact that afterschool programs have on young people and learn why advocating for increased investments in afterschool programs is important to them.

**FEATURING:** Youth Ambassadors Ava Havidic (Florida), Brandon Tibbs (Illinois), Edgar Euceda (Texas), Jamora Arroyo-Jefferson (Florida), and Willany Sayles (Alabama) with Elizabeth Bannan and Leah Silverberg, Afterschool Alliance

## **SUSTAINING AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAM THROUGH STATE FUNDING**

**EXECUTIVE ROOM, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL**

Twenty-three states now provide state funding streams for afterschool and summer learning programs through various funding mechanisms. Hear success stories from recent advocacy pushes to increase state funding, as well as the latest ideas and campaigns to both increase existing state funding and develop new state funding streams.

**FEATURING:** Tracye Strichik & Felicia Simpson, Alabama Expanded Learning Alliance; Emma Giamberdino, Illinois ACTNow; Jenna Courtney, Texas Partnership for Out-of-School Time; Blaire Denson, Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time; and Chris Neitzey, Afterschool Alliance

## **MAXIMIZING CHILD CARE FUNDING TO SUPPORT QUALITY AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING**

**HERMITAGE ROOM, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL**

The Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) supports school-age afterschool and summer programs in all 50 states. 45% of children served by this \$12 billion annual appropriation are school-age youth. This is a big year for CCDBG: state plans will be finalized July 1; new federal regulations are being implemented; and Congress can again increase funding. We will discuss ways to maximize child care funds to support school-age participation and quality through policy, data, and collaboration.

**FEATURING:** Stephanie Barker, Kentucky Out-of-School Alliance; Nicole Miller, Vermont Afterschool; Tami Jo Wilt and Susan Gamble, West Virginia Statewide Afterschool Network; and Jillian Luchner, Afterschool Alliance

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**2:30 PM – 3:00 PM      NETWORKING SNACK BREAK**  
**BALLROOM FOYER, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL**

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**3:00 PM – 5:00 PM      HILL PREP: SHARING YOUR STORY WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**  
**ATTENDANCE REQUIRED; GRAND BALLROOM (I & II), LOWER LOBBY LEVEL**

Hear from policy experts and experienced advocates as you prepare to take your story to Capitol Hill. Youth advocates will join the session at 4 pm so that state teams can practice and refine plans for each of their congressional meetings.

**FEATURING:** Jodi Grant, Afterschool Alliance and Gina Warner, National AfterSchool Association; with sharing by Della Cronin, Bose Public Affairs Group and Afterschool Alliance staff: Anita Krishnamurthi, Jillian Luchner, Chris Neitzey, Erik Peterson, Jen Rinehart, and Maria Rizo

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**5:30 PM – 7:00 PM      RECEPTION**  
**ATRIUM BALLROOM, MEZZANINE LEVEL**

## CAPITOL HILL DAY – TUESDAY, JUNE 11

**7:00 AM – 9:00 AM**     **REGISTRATION**  
**LOWER LOBBY LEVEL FOYER, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL**

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**7:30 AM – 8:30 AM**     **BREAKFAST & FINAL HILL PREP SESSION**  
**GRAND BALLROOM I & II, LOWER LOBBY LEVEL**

Breakfast and time for state teams to do a final walk-through of their meetings.

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**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**     **CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS**

State teams follow their schedule of meetings on Capitol Hill. See the AdvocacyDay App for details on your schedule (*available June 6*).

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**2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**     **AFTERSCHOOL SHOWCASE ON CAPITOL HILL**  
**HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 902**

Celebrate the power of afterschool programs on Capitol Hill with members of Congress, their staff, and amazing local afterschool programs.

- Alternatives Inc: Hampton, VA
- Edu-Futuro: Arlington, VA
- BEST Kids: Washington, DC
- DC Scores: Washington, DC
- East of the River Steelband: Washington, DC
- Life Pieces to Masterpieces: Washington, DC
- Wide Angle Media: Baltimore, MD
- Digital Harbor Foundation Tech Lab: Baltimore, MD
- Y of Central Maryland: Towson, MD