

Pennsylvania 21st CCLC August 2006 Newsletter



Welcome to the 21st STAT Center!

Greetings! This is the monthly newsletter of the *21st Century Community Learning Center - Statewide Technical Assistance and Training Center*, or as we like to call it, the 21st CCLC STAT Center.

Many of our staff and grantees attended the **21st Century Summer Institute** July 10-12 in San Diego, California. It was an excellent opportunity to network, share ideas, and learn new skills. Copies of the presentations and handouts from the speakers are available for you to view or download in PDF format at: www.sei2003.com/21stcentury/presentations.htm

This month, the PA 21C **state advisory board** will be meeting in State College, PA on August 1-2. There will also be a **Cohort 3 Coordinators' Training** August 10-11 in State College, PA.

As you are winding down your summer programs and gearing up for fall, take a minute to reflect upon your accomplishments while letting us know about your successes! **We would like to highlight programs who are doing innovative things** in one of the seven promising practices categories. For more information on the components of a promising practice, visit <http://www.aed.org/ToolsandPublications/upload/promisingpractices.pdf#search='seven%20promising%20practices%20in%20afterschool'>. Please submit your stories and successes to Margit Myers at margitamyers@yahoo.com to be included in future newsletters.

Please take time to visit the **STAT Center website**, <http://21stcclc.org/>, as new things are frequently added. Resources include powerpoint presentations, upcoming events, and technical assistance information.

Grant Opportunities

Grants for Arts, Education, and Health Projects (Deadline: N/A)

The Milagro Foundation seeks grants applications from community-based, grass-roots organizations that work with underprivileged children and youth in the areas of arts, education, and health. Maximum Award: \$5000. Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations
<http://www.milagrofoundation.org/apply.asp>

Mix It Up Youth Grants (Deadline: ongoing)

Have a great idea about how to challenge social boundaries and bring down the walls that divide your school? We want to help, and, to prove it, we give \$500 grants to support youth-directed programs and projects that address social boundaries in schools or communities.
<http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>

Family Literacy Grants (Deadline: Sept 8)

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy's grantmaking program for 2007 seeks to develop or expand projects designed to support the development of literacy skills for adults who are primary caregivers, as well as their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 in grants will be awarded. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. EST on September 8, 2006. For more information, visit www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

PA 21st CCLC State Advisory Board Retreat
August 1-2, 2006
State College, PA

PA 21st CCLC Cohort 3 Coordinators' Training
August 10-11, 2006
State College, PA

7th Annual Lights On! Afterschool
October 12, 2006
Nationwide www.afterschoolliance.org/lights_on.cfm

Northwest Regional Conference The Bridge from School to Afterschool and Back
October 23-24, 2006
Vancouver, WA

<http://schoolsoutwashington.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page§ionid=60>

Midsouth Regional Conference: Afterschool Training Roundup
October 23-24, 2006
Oklahoma City, OK
http://www.sedl.org/afterschool/training/regions_midsouth.html

32nd Annual Family Involvement Conference
October 24, 2006
The Resort at Split Rock in the Poconos, PA
www.familyinvolvementconference.com

Afterschool Resources

Out-of-School Time Standards/Monitoring Tools

In the field of out-of-school time, quality standards are often accompanied by or synonymous with (external and/or self) monitoring tools. “Best practices” or “promising practices” are sometimes used to describe quality standards as well. The Out-of-School Time Resource Center compiled resources which include program-specific, city-specific, state-specific, and national sets of standards.

<http://www.sp2.upenn.edu/iseost/resources.html#ost>

Media-Smart Youth: Eat, Think, and Be Active!

MSY helps young people acquire knowledge and skills in four key areas: media awareness, media production, nutrition, and physical activity. The Media-Smart Youth kit includes a Facilitator’s Guide for the 10 lesson-curriculum, which features helpful resources for implementing the program. For program information, including the Facilitator’s Guide, visit: www.nichd.nih.gov/msy.

The Pennsylvania 21st CCLC Advisory Board Corner

A Note from the Advisory Board

By Co-Chair Darryl Bunridge

This month, we will be convening at our state advisory board retreat in State College, PA. Our goal is to focus on the direction of the advisory board. We will reflect on our work over the past year, look at our mission statement, organizational structure, work of committees, and question what next steps we should take and how they will be most helpful to the grantees.

The work being done in the committees will be most important. Efforts to develop standards, tools for evaluation and assessment, ongoing and various forms of professional development (local, regional, and online) as well as continued efforts to advocate for afterschool funding and its benefits will all be up for discussion.

The possibility of adding board members and determining what assets they will need to bring to improve the board will be looked at as well. We will also review the manual that Tom Robel (chair of the Membership subcommittee) put together to orient and guide new and continuing board members.

21st CCLC STAT Center Resources

Message Board

Visit our messageboard for resources and to check out upcoming events. Be sure to share your resources and ideas! <http://www.paservicelearning.org/forum/index.php>

Workshops

We offer a variety of professional development opportunities **free of charge** to PA 21st Century Community Learning Centers! <http://www.paservicelearning.org/PSLA/Workshops.htm> and