



Pennsylvania 21st CCLC May 2006 Newsletter

Welcome to the 21st STAT Center!

In April 2006, we launched the *21st Century Community Learning Center Statewide Technical Assistance and Training Center*. This collaborative effort funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education is a joint venture between the Center for Schools and Communities and the Pennsylvania Service Learning Alliance. Our mission is to provide expert training and technical assistance to Pennsylvania's 21st CCLC grantees by providing information and resources to ensure effective high quality programs. We are very excited about this new effort and look forward to working closely with your programs to ensure high quality extra learning opportunities are available to the children you serve.

The new **21st CCLC STAT Center website** is here! <http://www.21stCCLC.org>
The site is in it's initial development stages, with information on resources, technical assistance, and state updates. We are looking for comments and suggestions as to what information and resources you, as a 21st CCLC grantee, would like to see. Please direct comments to Shileste Overton-Morris at smorris@csc.csiu.org or Margit Myers at mar-gitamyers@yahoo.com. While the website is still under development, please also refer to <http://21CCLC.paservicelearning.org> for further 21st CCLC resources.

We just wrapped up the **2nd Annual Statewide Coordinators' Training** in Grantville, PA and we would like to thank you for your participation! Over 200 people attended the conference, which made it a great opportunity to exchange ideas, learn new skills, and network. A pre-conference session discussed the goals of evaluation and outlined the APR form. Numerous workshops were offered throughout the conference covering pertinent topics to your 21st CCLC. The Promising Practices reception highlighted Pennsylvania 21st CCLC programs and their exceptional work in the areas of Academic Achievement, Partnerships and Collaborations, Evaluation, Participant Involvement, Management and Staffing, Contract Management, and Safety, Health and Nutrition. Thank you again for contributing to the success of the conference. We hope you were able to bring back new ideas and resources to your center and staff!

Grant Opportunities

Target Stores Grants (May 31)

Through its Store Grants, Target (<http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001818>) supports local giving in the categories of Arts, Reading, and Family Violence Prevention. Eligible applicants must be nonprofit organizations with 501c3 status, schools, or units of government. Most grants average between \$1000 and \$3000. Visit the website for complete program information and application procedures.

Details can be found at: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/10001791/target>

Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCP) Program. (June 12)

This Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) program supports the creation and maintenance of one-on-one mentoring relationships between children of incarcerated parents and caring, supportive adult mentors. Its purpose is to support the establishment and/or expansion of mentoring programs in communities with substantial numbers of underserved children of incarcerated parents. Details can be found at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-CV-0029.html>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Teleconference Call: High School Programming
May 9, 2006 2PM
<http://21cclc.paservicelearning.org/calls.htm>

Philadelphia Afterschool Peer Networking Meeting
May 18, 2006
Contact John Price from the Out-of-School Time Resource Center
johnep@sp2.upenn.edu
215-898-0793

Teleconference Call: Vendor Partnerships
May 23, 2006 2PM
<http://21cclc.paservicelearning.org/calls.htm>

Youth Workforce Development Conference
June 1, 2006
Pittsburgh, PA
<http://www.youthworksinc.org/EVENTS.HTML>

Out-of-School Time Science Symposium
June 1, 2006
Philadelphia, PA
<http://www.sp2.upenn.edu/iseost/index.html>

North Central Regional Afterschool Training Conference
June 6-7, 2006
Evansville, IN
<http://www.sedl.org/new/calendar.html>

Midwest Regional Conference: The PEAK Afterschool Conference: Practices that Engage and Attract Kids
June 14-16, 2006
Copper Mountain, CO
<http://www.ascentmeetings.com/mcrel.htm>

National Institute on Out-of-School Time Summer Seminars
July 17-20, 2006
Boston, MA
<http://www.niost.org/training/sumsem06.html>

Afterschool Resources

Afterschool Alliance Website Features a new section on Answering Programs' Funding Questions

The Afterschool Alliance has launched a new feature on its website aimed at helping afterschool programs identify and tap into all available funding sources. The "Funding Forum" will answer funding questions submitted by readers, and carry guest columns on sustainability issues from experts in the field. http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/funding_forum.cfm.

Out-of-School Time Policy Commentary (OSTPC) Issue #11: Mentoring

The OSTPC series provides local, state, and national decision makers with research-based reflections on pressing questions related to improving the quality, quantity, and sustainability of out-of-school time opportunities for children and youth. The February 28, 2006 Issue #11 focuses on "People Place and Possibilities: Integrating Mentoring and After-School." This commentary explores the relationship between mentoring and after-school, two fields that have garnered significant policy attention and momentum over the past several years. The question is not which makes more sense—mentoring or after-school—but how can we utilize both strategies to increase the likelihood that young people have the supports they need to thrive. <http://www.forumforyouthinvestment.org/portalcats2.cfm?LID=8C5C7A6B-BE1F-4CC2-8B2A19E4CB0D880D>

Pennsylvania 21st CCLC Advisory Board Corner Guest Writer: Molly Philbin

A CALL TO ACTION

The Afterschool for All Challenge May 23, & 24, 2006

A Pennsylvania advocacy delegation will be traveling to Washington D.C. on May 23rd and 24th to join delegations from across the country to participate in the 5th Annual Afterschool for all Challenge organized by the Afterschool Alliance. The Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of afterschool programs and advocating for quality, affordable programs for all children, sponsors the Challenge to highlight the importance of afterschool to members of Congress. On this highly publicized day, afterschool advocates from across the country march on Capitol Hill to meet their legislators during visits scheduled by the Alliance. During these visits well prepared constituents inform legislators about the importance of after school in the nation, in their state and their districts. To learn more about the Afterschool Alliance, the Afterschool for All Challenge and afterschool resources and issues, visit www.theafterschoolalliance.org

Pennsylvania's 21st Century Advisory Board commends the Afterschool Alliance, the Pennsylvania delegation and its organizers, The Pennsylvania Afterschool Youth Development Network, for their extraordinary advocacy efforts.

Further, the board believes the Afterschool for All Challenge can be more successful if every 21st CCLC project director in Pennsylvania participates. Here are two ways to participate:

1. Fax a "letter of support" to your senators and district representatives during the week of May 24th to demonstrate the strong state-wide geographical support for afterschool programs. Go to www.21stcclc.org to find sample letters of support .
2. Invite your congressperson to visit your 21st CCLC site during their summer break. Also invite them to participate in the nationwide *Lights On Afterschool* gatherings on October 12, 2006. Go to www.21stcclc.org to find sample invitations.

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/v-web/bulletin/bb/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 <http://www.center-school.org/about.php>