

Working Together to Increase the Availability and Quality of Afterschool Opportunities Statewide

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"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." Oprah Winfrey

"Carpe diem! Rejoice while you are alive; enjoy the day; live life to the fullest; make the most of what you have. It is later than you think." Horace

SAVE-THE-DATE for the 10th Annual Afterschool Training Conference "Afterschool: Meeting Real Needs"

April 8-9, 2010 at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel in Helena, MT.

Participant Registration forms are now available for download at
<http://www.mtafterschool.com>.

This conference has become one of the largest gatherings of afterschool program professionals and advocates in Montana. Conference attendance provides many opportunities to:

- Learn how afterschool programs provide successful intervention for struggling and at-risk students.
- Learn about successful program ideas from the people who make them work each day.
- Network with over 100 colleagues from across the state.
- Share proven best practices in the afterschool programming field and develop new ones.
- Focus on professional development and the challenge to grow in this profession.

All conference registrations include refreshments, networking reception, recognition dinner and buffet brunch. Please mail registration form with a check to the **Montana CCR&R Network, 903. N. Benton Ave. - Helena, MT 59601.** Registration and payment must be received by **March 5th**.

Please consider joining the Afterschool Coalition!!

Our next conference call is scheduled for:

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 10:30am

Call-in Information 866-740-1260 – Access Code 2289431

This coalition is made up of directors and direct caregivers of afterschool programs and those who are passionate about afterschool programs. The coalition has a quarterly conference call/meeting to discuss relevant topics, national and state trends, training assistance, community resources, and program updates. Email slane@montanachildcare.org for more information.

RESEARCH

18 Million Children Need – But Don't Have – Afterschool Programs

Washington, DC – Despite an increase in the number of children attending afterschool programs over the last five years, today more than a quarter of the nation's schoolchildren are on their own in the afternoons, and the parents of 18 million children say they would enroll their kids in afterschool programs if programs were available. These are among the findings from a new survey of nearly 30,000 households across the United States conducted for the Afterschool Alliance and sponsored by the J.C. Penney Afterschool Fund. ([Click here for the rest of the story....](#))

"Always think outside the box and embrace opportunities that appear, wherever they might be." - Lakshmi Mittal, ArcelorMittal CEO

FUNDING

The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Coming Up Taller Awards.

The awards recognize and support after-school and out-of-school programs that celebrate the arts and creativity of America's young people, provide them learning opportunities and chances to contribute to their communities.

Award recipients receive \$10,000 each, an individualized plaque and an invitation to attend the annual Coming Up Taller Leadership Enhancement Conference. In addition, 35 exceptional youth arts and humanities programs receive a semifinalist Certificate of Excellence.

The awards are presented in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Applications must be submitted by Jan. 29. For more information and an application form, go to www.pcah.gov/cut/2010Nomination%20Application.pdf.

Grant Opportunity for Rural Montana Communities

The Montana Community Foundation is again partnering with The Steele-Reese Foundation to provide 10-12 grants to nonprofit organizations for rural communities in Montana with a population of under 5,000. Grant size is \$500 to \$5,000. Grant application materials can be found on the Montana Community Foundation's website: <http://mtcf.org/rural.html>

Science/Technology [***Nominations Invited for 2010 Tech Awards***](#) **Deadline: March 31, 2010**

Awards of \$50,000 will be awarded to individuals, organizations, and companies from around the world that are utilizing innovative technology solutions to address issues pertaining to health, education, the environment, economic development, and equality.

[ING Unsung Heroes Program Offers Grants for K-12 Educational Projects](#)

Awards of up to \$25,000 will be given to K-12 education professionals working to improve student learning through new teaching methods and techniques. Each year, educators submit applications for an ING Unsung Heroes grant by describing projects they have initiated or would like to pursue. Each project is judged on its innovative method, creativity, and ability to positively influence students. Deadline: April 30, 2010

Since 2002, [the General Mills Foundation](#) has joined with the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Challenge to improve young people's nutrition and fitness. The General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids initiative awards 50 grants of \$10,000 each to not-for-profit organizations that develop programs to help children develop good nutrition and fitness habits. Grant applicants must create a proposal with at least one nutrition objective and one physical activity objective. Also, a registered dietitian or dietetic technician, registered, must be involved or serve as an advisor for the program.

For complete proposal guidelines, go to

<http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx>

Time Warner Cable Commits \$100 Million to Science, Math Education

[Time Warner Cable](#) has announced a five-year, \$100 million commitment in conjunction with a White House-sponsored campaign to improve math and science education in the United States.

Using its media assets, the cable giant will work to build awareness of the need for better science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education while inspiring students by connecting them with hands-on afterschool opportunities to experience STEM in non-traditional ways. "Lifting American students from the middle to the top of the pack in STEM achievement over the next decade will not be attained by government alone," said President Obama during a White House event earlier this week. "I applaud the substantial commitments made today by the leaders of companies, universities, foundations, nonprofits, and organizations representing millions of scientists, engineers, and teachers from across the country."

Time Warner Cable has pledged to connect a million children with the wonders of science and math. Anchoring the company's initiative is the [Connect a Million Minds](#) Web site, which uses a ZIP-code search to connect students to STEM learning opportunities in their communities. The site also will challenge parents, afterschool program administrators, and community members to help in the effort. On the site, participants will be able to watch video case studies of inventors and technologists talking about their projects and post photos and narratives about their STEM experiences, creating a community of people who share a common interest and passion for scientific pursuits.

According to Time Warner Cable chairman, president, and CEO Glenn Britt, while there is a general understanding that STEM education is important, there is a lack of awareness of what opportunities are available to children. "We have two goals," said Britt. "One, we want to help parents understand the critical importance of their children's math and science education to a

successful future — their own and the country's. And two, we want children to see that math and science can be fun through engaging, hands-on experiences. We hope that will inspire students to pursue higher education and careers in STEM fields, filling a critical but dwindling pipeline in America's workforce."

["Time Warner Cable to Connect a Million Minds."](#) Time Warner Cable Press Release 11/23/09.

TRAINING

** February 19 - 21, 2010 The Reaching At-Promise Students Association will sponsor the Transforming At-Risk to At-Promise Conference in San Diego, California. Participants will be engaged in vital conversations to ensure equitable opportunities for all students and promote successful communities. Special guests and presenters will include Dr. Jesse Jackson III, Adam Palmese, and Bill Habermehl. For more information, click [here](#).*

RESOURCES: Other meetings or training dates to share? Email Stephanie at slane@montanachildcare.org with details.

Community Afterschool Forums

Northwest Region: Cathy Gaiser 837-5327

West Region: Carol Stratemeyer 847-8674

Helena Region: Helen Paulson 324-1260 or for information on Helena Empowering Youth Network (HEY!NET) meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Front Street Learning Center Conference Room. Contact Sandi Smith at OPI 444-3519 or Drenda Carlson with Youth Connections for more information.

Southeast (Billings) Region: Brian Dennis 245-2582; Kristin Lundgren at 406-252-3839 ext 13 or Kristin.lundgren@unitedway.org for information on BOOST and their meetings and events.

Havre Region: Contact Tim Brurud at the Boys & Girls Club of Havre 265-6206 X 306 meets first Tuesday of each month/Quarterly in person

Missoula Region: For the next scheduled meeting for The Youth Development Network, contact Nina Cramer at 406-721-3000 ext 1023. Students, educators, and community members are encouraged to get involved!

Ravalli: Ria Overholt 375-9999

Gallatin: Julie Hancock (Livingston) 222-1231 Megan Brenna (Bozeman) 587-2194

South Central (Great Falls) Region: Peggy Perry 736-5167

North Central (Brady) Region: Tedi Bishop 476-3201 or for information about HOPA Mountain - Bonnie Satchatella-Sawyer bsawyer@theglobal.net

Southwest Region: Sandy Smith 444-3519

Eastern Region: Laura Goffena (pronounced Gofnee) 323-4401

Flathead Region: Chris Ayers 249-2572

"Satisfaction does not come with achievement, but with effort. Full effort is full victory." - Mahatma Gandhi

Fun, Free and Academically Enriching Activities/Resources

<http://www.rif.org/> Reading is fundamental! Read along stories and literacy games.

Reading Planet This site is provided by Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), the nation's oldest and largest nonprofit children's literacy organization.

<http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet.htm> Search for a story, e-postcards, activities and writing prompts.

Voices From the Afterschool Storybook:



*Through The First Tee program, I have traveled throughout our beautiful country playing golf in tournaments and clinics. The program staff works to instill in all participants an appreciation for nine core values that represent positive values connected with the game of golf. Those values are honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment. Thanks to First Tee, I try to adhere to those values in my everyday life. **For the full story, click [here...](#)***