



Montana Afterschool Conference Presenters April 10-11, 2008

Director's Track

**Working Together to
Increase the
Availability & Quality
of Afterschool
Opportunities
Statewide**

The Montana Afterschool Network is coordinated by the Montana Child Care Resource & Referral Network and includes these partners:

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Montana Parent Teacher Association
Montana Parks and Recreation Association
Montana School Boards Association
Montana State University Early Childhood Project
School Administrators of Montana
The Flagship Program

**Sandi Smith, OPI Education Program Rep.
Becki Koon, Project Director, Darby X-Treme Team
Brian Dennis, Chief Prof. Officer, Boys & Girls Club of Yellowstone County**
Thursday, April 10, 2008 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Program Monitoring and Quality Assessment Tool

The first presentation is for all 21st CCLC Programs. This presentation will give an overview of the Program Monitoring and Assessment Tool developed for self assessment of Montana's 21st Century Community Learning Centers. This tool was adapted from the Colorado Program Monitoring and Assessment Tool and over the course of a year received input from a group of twelve 21st CCLC Program Directions. The tool was tailored to meet the needs of 21st CCLC programs in Montana. The tool is meant to be used by programs to self-assess the quality of their programs and to monitor their progress in creating a quality afterschool program that meets the needs of their community.

Sandi spent many years as a teacher. Later she worked as an educational technology specialist working with teachers and their students to integrate technology into their classroom. Sandi has a home-based web design business working with schools, MHSA, and SAM. She taught computer applications for adult education and for the University of Montana-Helena, Western Montana College and Carroll College before joining the Office of Public Instruction's 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Becki started working in the Darby School district as a volunteer with a Landscape Architectural project and in 1998 became Volunteer Coordinator. Along with this Becki helped coordinate an Art After School program, was the adult leader for Darby's Active & Resourceful Teens (DART), and became an AmeriCorps member. In the fall of 2002, Becki spearheaded the application for the 21st CCLC grant and after subsequent award became the part-time project director. Becki also works for the Bitter Root RC&D which is a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization as Special Project Coordinator. Brian Dennis is the Chief Professional Officer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County, an organization that serves nearly 3,300 members and 650 each day. He has been with the organization for 4 years previously serving as a Unit Director and Director of Operations. Brian is a two time graduate from Montana State University – Bozeman including a Masters in Ag Education with a specialty in program planning and evaluation. He resides in Laurel, MT with his wife and two small children and in his spare time serves on the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.

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Rosalie Buzzas, The Flagship Program
Thursday, April 10, 2008 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Description TBA

Linda Y. Clark, Director, Hopa Mountain StoryMakers

Thursday, April 10, 2008 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

School Children as Language/Literary Mentors to Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers: Reciprocal Rewards

School age children can help prepare preschoolers for success in school and in life – while simultaneously ensuring their own success. Session participants will learn how to facilitate this powerful dynamic.

Linda Y. Clark is a former college English teacher with expertise in very early language and learning, working in early literacy efforts in the Appalachians and the Rockies. Since coming to Montana, she has worked as an education researcher, program evaluator, and test company analyst and writer. In June 2007 she was Montana's representative to Nancy Pelosi's Summit on America's Children in Washington, D.C., a meeting of leading economists and other scientists, legislators, and business and community leaders. The focus of the Summit was the latest research in early brain development, and the implications of that research for individual and community well-being.

She is the developer and director of Hopa Mountain StoryMakers, an early language/literacy program of Hopa Mountain, Inc., a new non-profit with headquarters in Bozeman, Montana.

Claudette Morton, Executive Director, MT Small School Alliance

Thursday, April 10, 2008 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Rural After School Programs: Don't Fence Me In

Participants will focus on the interplay between context and issues in creating, sustaining, and hampering successful after school programs in rural settings. They will also be presented with useful program resources.

Claudette Morton has been working in public education for over forty years and much of the last twenty five in rural education. Dr. Morton has conducted a variety of research on Montana's rural schools and spends time visiting small schools and communities working on professional development and policies. She is a member of the Montana Afterschool Network Steering Committee. Last spring she was chosen as one of Edutopia magazine's "Daring Dozen" for her efforts to improve education in rural areas. Dr. Morton was also featured in Afterwords, an e-newsletter of the National Partnership for Quality Afterschool Learning in July 2007 and is a member of their steering committee.

Susan Bailey-Anderson, MBI Coordinator

Susan Dotter, MBI Consultant

Friday, April 11, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Success Lies in Video Tapes

This session demonstrates how participating schools have combined video production technology with evidence-based practice to create student and educator-produced videos designed to teach school-wide behavioral expectations. Media productions engage students—getting them excited about learning and demonstrating those expectations, and giving them tools for expressing their knowledge and understanding.

Susan Bailey-Anderson is the coordinator for the Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI) at the Office of Public Instruction (OPI). She has worked at OPI for over twenty years on many projects and programs including the State Personnel Development Grant. She has also taught Special Education in Montana Public Schools. Susan Dotter is an MBI Consultant with the Office of Public Instruction. She has been instrumental in developing training modules for MBI and presents the MBI process at many professional development activities. She has taught in Montana and is currently a guidance counselor at the Helena Middle School.

Mike Jetty, OPI Indian Education Specialist

Justine Jam, GEAR Up Specialist, OPI

Friday, April 11, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Implementing Indian Education For All

Participants will gain an overview of Indian Education for All and be given strategies and resources for implementation.

Justine Jam and Mike Jetty are both working for the Division of Indian Education at OPI and have extensive background experience in working with Indian Education.

Tim Brurud, Director, Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line

Friday, April 11, 2008 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Finding Funding

Funding Diversity is the key to sustainability, well....that or someone leaving your program millions of dollars. Since that isn't likely to happen, in this session we will discuss the types of funding available and how to secure them.

Tim Brurud has been an educator for eleven years, the last six spent in afterschool. Tim is currently the director of the Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line in Havre, Montana.

Deby McNally B.S., CHES, Program Specialist, Child and Adult Food Program

Friday, April 11, 2008 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Benefits of the Child and Adult Food Program

The Child and Adult Food Program is known for supporting childcare centers and after school programs in serving nutritious meals. Come and learn about the many benefits The Child and Adult Food Program has to offer. The workshop will also provide an opportunity to participate in menu planning. Menu planning will focus on creating health appealing snack for children. Come share your ideas. Participant Outcomes: understand the Benefits of the Child and Adult Food Program, identify two resources for menu planning, and develop five new nutritious snack menus.

Deby McNally BS, CHES is Program Specialist in the State of Montana DPHHS Early Childhood Services Bureau.

Direct Staff Track

John Bognar and Janet Lynch, Anasphere, Inc.

Thursday, April 10, 2008 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hands-On Tools and Materials for Weather- and Climate-based Education

This presentation showcases the AnaSonde, Anasphere's simple and inexpensive atmospheric measurement system. It can be assembled, flown, and operated by students and allows them to gather their own scientific data.

Janet is a research scientist at Anasphere. She has a B.S. in Environmental Systems from the University of California, San Diego and a M.S. in Environmental Chemistry from the University of Montana. She has experience with education and outreach from work as a teaching assistant, a coach, and an employee of the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Education and Outreach team. John received a B.S. in Chemistry from Montana State University and a Ph.D. in Analytical/Atmospheric Chemistry from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He started Anasphere, Inc. more than five years ago in hopes of developing and commercializing miniature instruments for analytical applications and atmospheric research. He also has several years of teaching experience as a college chemistry instructor.

John E. Pfister, MSU Extension Agent

Thursday, April 10, 2008 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

GPS & Youth

Participants will learn to operate a GPS unit. There will also be education activities that will be implemented in teaching operations to youth. This workshop will be very hands on and interactive, showing many ways to engage children in your program.

John Pfister works for MSU Extension as the county extension agent for Musselshell and Golden Valley counties. He has worked with GPS/GIS for over fifteen years.

Ria Overholt, Program Director, Keystone to Discovery After School Program

Thursday, April 10, 2008 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Engaging That Last Child in the Woods: With Limited Time, Money, and Space

Summer is the perfect time to link our children to the outdoors and practice place-based learning. Why is it important to do that? How do we accomplish it in small communities with limited resources? Learn how one small community is tackling this challenge and develop a blueprint for your own community.

As a 21st CCLC program director for the past four years and before that a program provider for small, under-funded community programs, Ria is constantly challenged to develop ways of providing enriching experiences on varying budgets, with revolving staff, and fluctuating community resources. All of this is done with the need to balance work life with her life at home with her own two girls.

Patricia Bean, TerraPod Manager, Montana State University

Thursday, April 10, 2008 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Science and New Media

Terrapod is a web-based social community and curriculum designed to teach pre-teens and teens science, engineering, and technology (SET) skills through the art of film-making and free-choice learning. Through resources, chat rooms, forums and podcasts, youth learn about science topics through a discovery process driven by their desire to make their own films. TerraPod uses the hands-on, experiential learning process of helping youth learn about science and technology while also having fun learning how to plan, produce, edit and upload an original 3-5 minute movie on a science or nature topic.

Patricia Bean is co-creator and current manager of TerraPod: Science and the New Media. Working with Montana State University's Media and Theatre Arts Master's of Science and Natural History film making program and graduate students and Montana 4H, the TerraPod team has created a cutting edge web-based social community and curriculum designed to teach pre-teens and teens science, engineering, and technology (SET) skills through the art of film-making and free-choice learning. Patricia's educational background includes undergraduate work in biology, physics and education at the University of Montana and graduate work at the University of Denver with an emphasis in biological sciences and ecology. She has taught in and developed math and science curriculum for public schools and after school programs and is currently principal owner in Insights, Etc., which has worked with organizations including Canon USA, Yellowstone National Park, Yellowstone Business Partnership, United Airlines and a variety of groups within Montana State University.

Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Staff
Thursday, April 10, 2008 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Fish & Wildlife Education

This workshop is designed to be a hands-on learning session where participants will increase their knowledge and awareness of Montana's fish and wildlife resources through tried and proven activities that promote science and math student learning. Instructional teaching tools will be shared with participants.

FWP's education staff and partners will conduct this presentation

Nikki Dixon, Museum of the Rockies Secondary Educator
Jenny Schnaidt, Museum of the Rockies Elementary Educator
Friday, April 11, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Museum of the Rockies Educational Trunks

Museum of the Rockies education staff will present a variety of our educational trunks available for rental throughout the state of Montana. MOR staff will explain and demonstrate activities from each of the following trunks: Dinosaur Trunk, Planets Trunk, Space Odyssey Trunk, and Traditional Native American Games Trunk. Participants will learn how students can benefit from the educational activities included in MOR trunks.

Nikki Dixon is currently the Secondary and Adult Education Specialist at the Museum of the Rockies. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Education at MSU Bozeman. Jenny Schnaidt is currently the Early and Elementary Education Specialist at the Museum of the Rockies. She received her Masters in Curriculum and Instruction and a Bachelor of Science in Education at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Kyle Hunter, Exploration Works
Friday, April 11, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Teaching from Exhibits: Hands on Science

In this presentation you will experience interactive exhibits and exposure on how we use them to enhance learning. You will also learn some simple science experiments that are easy, inexpensive, and provide strong foundations for further exploration.

Kyle Hunter received his undergraduate degree from Montana State University on Biological Sciences and then went on to Graduate School in Portland, Oregon. There he obtained a Masters of Arts degree in Teaching. Kyle has worked with students of all ages in various settings and has thoroughly enjoyed all of his experiences.

Hal Schmid, Project Director, *Making Connections*
Wendy Arlint, Activities Coordinator, *Making Connections*
Friday, April 11, 2008 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Student to student: Creating community-based web pages with afterschool students

The presenters will show the Kid Connection web site they created with 4th- and 5th-graders in St. Ignatius. Workshop participants will then create a simple student web page using Word and photos. Please bring a laptop or plan to work with a partner.

Wendy Arlint is Activities Coordinator at *Making Connections* AfterSchool and Summer Programs. She has elementary certification. Hal Schmid is *Making Connections* Project Director.

Jean Wallace, Regional Assistant, Federation of Galaxy Explorers

Friday, April 11, 2008 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hands on Science and Math with the Federation of Galaxy Explorers

Learn about this unique NASA affiliated program to spark interest in science and math. Attendees will participate in a lesson about Space Suits, and learn how to implement a Federation of Galaxy Explorers program in an after school setting.

Jean Wallace has a Masters of Education degree and was the Director of the Harlowton Advantage Program for Youth for four years. She started the first FoGE Mission Team in Montana last year and currently serves as Mission Team Leader and Regional Assistant for FoGE.