

# Philadelphia's Out-of-School Time Landscape

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## Summary

Philadelphia does not have a single coordinated OST “system.” Instead, children and youth may participate in a variety of OST, afterschool, and youth development activities. Some are stand-alone programs, which reflect the needs and interests of their communities. Others belong to larger local and national OST networks. These larger networks include (but are not limited to):

**Pennsylvania Department of Education Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers**, which provide underserved students with academic enrichment during non-school hours.  
<http://www.21stcclc.org/index.cfm?pageid=4242>.

**Philadelphia Department of Human Services' Out-of-School Time Programs**, which are administered by the Public Health Management Corporation and strive to increase academic achievement and decrease risk behaviors. [www.phmc.org/site/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=135:out-of-school-time-program&catid=19:intermediary-services&Itemid=1537](http://www.phmc.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=135:out-of-school-time-program&catid=19:intermediary-services&Itemid=1537)

**Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation's After School Programs**, which provide safe places and structured activities in which children can learn and grow.  
[www.phila.gov/recreation/After\\_School\\_Program.html](http://www.phila.gov/recreation/After_School_Program.html)

**Free Library of Philadelphia's LEAP Program**, which offers homework assistance, computer literacy, library skills, and multicultural enrichment activities for school-age students. [www.library.phila.gov/libserv/leap.htm](http://www.library.phila.gov/libserv/leap.htm)

**Philadelphia Youth Network's Workforce Development Programs**, which help prepare Philadelphia youth to enter and thrive in a regional and global economy. [www.pyninc.org](http://www.pyninc.org)

**United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey**, which supports hundreds of afterschool, youth development, summer, and mentoring programs.  
[www.uwsepa.org/HowWeHelp\\_InvestingInResults\\_children.asp#G4A](http://www.uwsepa.org/HowWeHelp_InvestingInResults_children.asp#G4A)

## Helpful Document

**Delivering Youth Services in Philadelphia: The Integrated Youth Services Project** (Fels Institute of Government, 2008). Details the challenges and opportunities facing the diverse collection of youth services providers and funders in Philadelphia. [www.fels.upenn.edu/Projects/Fels\\_Youth\\_Services\\_Report.pdf](http://www.fels.upenn.edu/Projects/Fels_Youth_Services_Report.pdf)

## Helpful Website

**After School Activities Partnership** offers a comprehensive directory of Philadelphia OST programs.  
[www.phillyasap.org/Directory.aspx](http://www.phillyasap.org/Directory.aspx)

## OSTRC Resources

**OSTRC Document Library:** Documents pertaining to citywide OST systems:  
[www.sp2.upenn.edu/ostrc/doclibrary/pma.html#c](http://www.sp2.upenn.edu/ostrc/doclibrary/pma.html#c)

**OSTRC Useful Websites:** Links to Philadelphia youth-serving organizations and agencies:  
[www.sp2.upenn.edu/ostrc/links/Philadelphialinks.html](http://www.sp2.upenn.edu/ostrc/links/Philadelphialinks.html)