

POLICY AGENDA

The NYS Network for Youth Success envisions the development of a coordinated system of expanded learning opportunities that makes afterschool, summer, and other expanded learning programs available to all students and families who would want to participate. With this in mind, the Network will work to lead and promote efforts that:

MAKE AFTERSCHOOL ACCESSIBLE TO EVERY CHILD IN NEW YORK

- ◆ Lead advocacy and policy efforts towards equitable access to high-quality afterschool, summer, and other expanded learning programs for every school-age child in New York
- ◆ Raise awareness among decisionmakers and stakeholders about the availability, value, and impact of afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs
 - Center youth and family voice in policy and advocacy work
 - Engage Afterschool Regional Networks to strengthen local afterschool advocacy and policy development
- ◆ Expand access to afterschool, summer, and other expanded learning opportunities:
 - Increase state and federal funding for afterschool to meet demand
 - Leverage existing federal dollars, including CCDBG to support afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs
- ◆ Promote an aligned, coordinated, and accessible child care system that prioritizes all children, including school-age children
- ◆ Elevate equity-centered legislation and policies that improve outcomes for youth statewide

ENHANCE HIGH-QUALITY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

- ◆ Align the per student rate for afterschool grants towards true programming costs
- ◆ Convene and coordinate partners around a common agenda focused on partnership development, policy development, and capacity building
- ◆ Promote common policy and implementation frameworks between schools and afterschool partners for effective coordination.
- ◆ Promote the Network as a critical partner in the development and implementation of high-quality programs, and provision of technical assistance, capacity building, and quality supports
- ◆ Promote widespread adoption and use of quality standards among afterschool programs statewide



STRENGTHEN THE AFTERSCHOOL WORKFORCE

- ◆ Achieve competitive wages, benefits, and policies that promote afterschool work as a viable and sustainable career path
- ◆ Expand support for curricular and professional learning opportunities for afterschool, summer, and expanded learning program staff
 - Increase investment in the Educational Incentive Program, a scholarship program that helps child care providers pay for training and educational activities with the intent to build provider knowledge, skills, and competencies in order to improve the quality of child care
 - Promote the school-age care (SAC) credential as a valuable tool for providing standards for training, evaluation, and recognition of afterschool professionals
- ◆ Support efforts that advance equity (especially racial equity) and address inequities faced by the afterschool workforce

BUILD AND SUSTAIN A STRONG AFTERSCHOOL SYSTEM

- ◆ Expand access to quality technical assistance
- ◆ Address barriers to accessing afterschool funding and meeting required regulations
 - Streamline RFP and contracting process necessary to access afterschool funding
 - Eliminate redundant and duplicative administrative burdens afterschool providers face
- ◆ Sustain quality supports for afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs
 - Promote evaluation of the impact of afterschool programs in New York
- ◆ Promote accountability and operational quality that ensures strong administration of afterschool programs

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