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## Michigan After-School Connections

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[Building Michigan's Workforce: Giving Students the Tools They Need to Succeed in School and Life](#)

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Dr. Adrian K. Haugabrook, Chair, Board of Directors, National AfterSchool Association

February 25, 2010, Lansing, MI



Dr. Adrian K. Haugabrook is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the National AfterSchool Association based in Washington, DC. NAA is the leading voice of the after-school profession dedicated to the development, education, and care of children and youth during their out-of-school hours.

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you can be part of Michigan's efforts to help students succeed.

- Explore strategies linking out-of-school time experiences with student success to prepare them for college and work. Opportunities will be available to learn about quality programming, advocacy training, and creating effective partnerships. [Register Now](#)

Download and forward the [Save the Date postcard](#) to send to others you think should come.

Interested in exhibiting?

Download the [nonprofit](#) or [commercial](#) exhibitor forms. Be sure to read the [Exhibit Policies](#). Deadline to apply to be an exhibitor is Monday, January 18, 2010.

## Michigan School-Age Youth Development Certificate and Credential

The choice to work with school-age youth is an important career decision. A school-age/youth development professional is an extraordinary individual who helps guide youth to master skills, develop relationships, become more independent, and move to new levels of thinking and understanding about themselves and the world. Sign up to attend informational workshops at the 2010 MASP [Annual Meeting](#) or click [here](#) to get more information regarding the Michigan School-Age Youth Development Certificate and Credential.

## STEM

### Upcoming STEM Events

#### January is National Mentoring Month

Created by the Harvard School of Public Health and MENTOR, National Mentoring Month (NMM) focuses national attention on the need for mentors to assure brighter futures for young people. Take time on January 25th, 2010 for Thank Your Mentor Day. Learn about ways to pay tribute to those that have been influential in your life on the National Mentor Month [website](#).

#### Integrating STEM in the Elementary Years: Why It's Critical to Start Early

January 19, 2010 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST

NGCP National Champions Board member, Celeste Baine, along with Diana Laboy-Rush from <http://www.learning.com>, will be presenting a webinar to provide information on why the elementary years are important for engaging students in the STEM disciplines. Learn how to articulate to your teachers and parents the importance of STEM and how to see its relevance to real world problems. This

webinar will also give you the tools and resources to implement an integrated STEM approach in your school or district's science, technology, and math curriculum.

<http://learningdotcom-blast1.eventbrite.com>

### **National Lab Day for Role Model Opportunities**

As a part of the new federal "Educate to Innovate" initiative, National Lab Day has been created to bring hands-on learning to 10 million students. The [website](#) is a hub for educators and volunteers to find one another and collaborate on projects in their communities. To sign up as a volunteer or mentor, please use the link below. Using this [link](#) will help track the volunteers that sign up through the NGCP community.

### **New Report: State Budget Cuts: America's Kids Pay the Price**

Every Child Matters along with partners, the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA), and Voices for America's Children, have just released a new report, State Budget Cuts: America's Kids Pay the Price. The document urges the federal government to expand children's programs that will create new jobs while providing long-term benefits for children. This will both help protect children's interests, and give the economy a much-needed boost.

Plagued by record-setting revenue losses, the housing and credit crisis, and high unemployment, state budgets are suffering tremendously. Although children did not cause the recession, this report shows that millions of children are feeling the effects as states cut basic services and programs. As President Obama's next budget is developed and the FY2011 budget is debated in Congress, Every Child Matters and its partners will continue to press for new investments in children's programs.

The report was developed through a national survey of Child Care Resource and Referral agencies. It includes the personal stories of many families who have been hurt by the economic downturn. To download a copy of this report download this [pdf](#). For more information on the economic recovery efforts, please visit [NACCRRA's Economic Stimulus Briefing Room](#).

### **Funding and Grants**

#### **[Disney Friends for Change Grants](#)** (Deadline: January 29)

Disney's Friends for Change is a program that encourages kids everywhere to take steps together with their friends to help the planet. The Friends for Change Grants will fund kids' projects that help the environment and will look to engage children ages 5-18 as leaders in their communities. Disney, working with YSA, will award 150 \$500 grants throughout 2010. Disney's Friends for Change Grants are open to schools, organizations and individuals planning service projects and will focus on projects implemented by children and youth ages 5-18. The goal of each grant is

to inspire children to work with their families, friends, schools and communities to address critical needs in their local, national and global communities. To be eligible, projects will need to be done any time during 2010 and should include one service or celebratory component on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, an annual campaign that mobilizes young people around the world to make a positive impact in their communities.

**[Get Ur Good On Grants](#)** (Deadline: February 22)

Get Ur Good On Grants are available for youth-led service initiatives on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, 2010. Available to children and youth around the world, YSA's Get Ur Good On Grants will award 100 \$500 grants to support projects addressing critical community needs such as poverty, education, and environmental sustainability. Grant applications are due February 22, 2010. To learn more about Get Ur Good On Grants and to take the eligibility quiz, visit [www.YSA.org/grants](http://www.YSA.org/grants)

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**[Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge](#)**

The Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge gives students the opportunity, tools and inspiration to become those agents of change. Beginning August 19, 2009 through March 15, 2010, middle school student teams from across the country will be challenged to create sustainable, reproducible environmental improvements in their local communities. Top prizes will include a chance to appear on Discovery Network's Planet Green, a share in thousands of dollars in savings bonds, a Discovery Adventure trip and more.

**Deadline to apply:** January 31 for Elementary Schools; March 15 for Middle Schools

Remember to check the [funding and grants page of MASP's Web site](#) for more information.

Share your good programming ideas!!! Michigan After-School Partnership would like to share ideas that are working well. Please share your good ideas by sending an email to [Erin](#) or by filling out the form on our [Web site](#).