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## Michigan After-School Connections

### Professional Development Survey

Please complete the MASP Professional Development [Survey](#).

MASP wants to support you in your work and needs to know what we can do to best serve you. Your honest feedback is appreciated, and will help us deliver better services to support your work.

**DUE DATE:** All responses should be received by November 6, 2009.

[Start the survey now.](#)

### Save the Date - MASP Annual Meeting

**February 25, 2010, Lansing, MI**



The MASP Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, February 25, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, MI. Explore strategies linking out-of-school time experiences with student success to prepare them for college and work.

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[www.miafterschool.com](http://www.miafterschool.com)

[www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org)

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Opportunities will be available to learn about quality programming, advocacy training, and creating effective partnerships.

## 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. Click [here](#) to get more information regarding the Michigan School-Age Youth Development Certificate and Credential.

## 10th Annual *Lights On Afterschool* - SUCCESS!

Over 185 Light On events across the state of Michigan occurred on Oct 22, 2009. Lights On Afterschool is a nationwide celebration to raise awareness about the value of after-school programs for America's children.



As part of the day, the Ann Arbor Teen Center's Neutral Zone was honored by the MetLife Foundation and the Afterschool Alliance with an Afterschool Innovator Award in recognition of the program's success recruiting and retaining older youth through its unique, youth-driven approach and flexible, student run drop-in program. Neutral Zone is one of only six after-school programs nationwide to be named an Afterschool Innovator.

Governor Granholm also issued a [proclamation](#) declaring, October 22, 2009 as Lights On Afterschool Day. Read more about the Proclamation [here](#).

According to recently released data from the Afterschool Alliance, *America After 3PM*, only 12% of Michigan children are in after-school, which is below the national average of 15% leaving ½ million school age children home alone every day after school. After-school programs protect kids, help working families and help children develop into responsible adults. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Lights On celebration to raise awareness about the importance of after-school.

STEM

## Midwest Afterschool Science Academy

December 2-4, 2009, Kansas City, MO

### Main Topics of Exploration

- Positive Youth Development/Quality After-school Programming
- After-school Science Professional Development
- School/Community Partnerships through Science



### The Academy will help:

- Offer a science-curriculum that promotes positive youth development
- Connect after-school learning with formal academic content in order to support the lessons taught during the day
- Connect with resources that will support science learning and school-community partnerships and sharing best practices

[Download the flyer for more information.](#)

[Register here.](#)

## ASPIRE Act and 21st CCLC funding

MASP recently signed on to two letters supporting after-school at the federal level. The first letter was in support of the *After-School Partnerships Improve Results in Education Act (ASPIRE Act)*. This legislation provides targeted investments for after-school programs serving older youth - programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and support working families. The second letter was sent to President Obama supporting an increase of \$250 million in funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program in the fiscal year 2011 budget.

## Funding and Grants

### [Home Depot Building Healthy Communities Grants](#)

Grants, up to \$2,500, are now available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. who are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools or materials.

**Deadline to apply:** December 15, 2009

### [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](#).