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# Benefits of Partnering with MASP

### **Policy Influence**

Through MASP, you'll help improve the lives of youth by advocating for OST. Together, we back equitable access to high-quality afterschool programs statewide. Most recently, MASP led the way in securing \$25 million for afterschool providers across Michigan.

#### **Networking & Relationship-Building**

MASP offers virtual and in-person opportunities for you to meet with more than 4,700 programs, tens of thousands of OST professionals and partners, and others who know how to manage and deliver strong results.

#### **Training, Education & Insight**

MASP regularly delivers professional development, data and tools to help OST providers learn and grow in their profession. We also administer the MI-YDA credential in partnership with MDE.

#### **New Opportunities**

Together, we work on joint initiatives with other state associations that represent youth, OST programs, and partners in education, business and philanthropy. These strategic alliances provide OST providers with valuable insight and local collaborative opportunities.

#### **Program Support**

MASP provides access to national and state OST best practices to enhance the quality of programs and to ensure positive outcomes for youth. In particular, we promote the Michigan Out-of-School Time (MOST) quality standards.



MASP helps you expand your program capacity, ensure quality programming and support youth





diverse field of more than 4,700 providers, MASP fosters a more dynamic system of opportunities for Michigan youth and families.

- We advocate for funding to support OST programs and for policies that support equitable, quality access to OST opportunities.
- · We actively seek to remove barriers that negatively impact OST programs and the youth they serve.
- MASP provides newsletters, email updates and toolkits that help OST providers stay on top of recent developments in the field.

#### How to Partner with MASP

- Sign up for MASP's weekly e-news
- Attend one of MASP's training and educational opportunities.
- Join one of MASP's volunteer committees on policy, quality, conferences, MI-YDA, DEI and much, much more.





MASP shares useable data about the OST field in Michigan to promote a shared understanding of the scope, challenges and opportunities facing OST programs across the state.

MASP research also sheds light on the needs and desires of youth as it relates to before, afterschool and summer learning.

## **MIAfterschool.org**