

# **S.U.C.C.E.S.S. This Summer!**

Connecticut Afterschool Network  
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**Our mission is to connect  
and equip schools and  
community organizations  
to deliver quality summer  
learning programs to our  
nation's youth to help  
close the achievement gap.**



# The Association works to:

- Increase the number of providers offering high-quality summer learning programs to young people living in poverty;
- Increase the number of organizations and policymakers that identify summer learning as a public policy priority; and,
- Increase funding for high-quality summer learning programs for young people who currently lack choices and opportunities.



# SUCCESS this Summer

- **S**et goals
- **U**nderstand what youth and families want
- **C**reate intentional learning experiences
- **C**ommunicate expectations to staff
- **E**ngage kids with creative approaches
- **S**tructure time efficiently
- **S**eek partnerships



# Set Goals

- 3-5 academic, social, developmental goals

## HOW?

- Analyze standards: McREL, Search Institute
- Talk with feeder schools and afterschool programs
- Needs assessment



# Understand what kids and families want

- Be responsive to needs and wants of community

## HOW?

- Surveys and focus groups
- Integrate with your program goals



# Create Intentional Learning Experiences

- Design activities that help youth reach learning goals

## HOW?

- Establish the purpose for each activity
- Connect field trips to learning goals



# Communicate Expectations to Staff

- Help staff understand what it means to be an excellent employee

## HOW?

- Set expectations before hiring
- Staff observation tools
- Reward excellence



# Engage Kids with Creative Approaches

- Offer learning experiences that are unique to summer

## HOW?

- Change the physical environment
- Thematic, project-based or hands-on learning



# Structure Time Efficiently

- A well-organized schedule can contribute to increased program quality

## HOW?

- Lesson plans
- Sequenced activities



# Seek Partnerships

- Collaborate to increase access and participation

## HOW?

- Identify what you can offer and what you need
- Use your network



# Take Action!



# Save the Date!

## “Summer Changes Everything!”

### Conference

**November 9-10, 2010**

**Indianapolis, IN**



*The only national conference dedicated to summer!*



<b>Join the Association!</b>	<b>Friend of Summer Learning</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Organization /District</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Access to open web content including field news, research and interviews with experts</b></li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ability to network with other members through online discussion groups</b></li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discounts on conference, publications, and professional development services</b></li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Two hours of quality program consulting via phone</b></li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Access to curriculum rating tool, and Excellence in Summer Learning Award winner profiles</b></li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Free program planning guide</b></li> </ul>			

# Thank you!

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