Living the Mission of After School

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Game of Popcorn
Best Practice Guidelines for Connecticut After School Programs

• Activities reflect and support the program’s mission:
  – Activities address the academic, physical, social and emotional needs of the children and youth.
  – The program offers project-based, hands-on activities that promote creativity and development of participant self-expression.
  – The program provides opportunities for the development of personal responsibility, self direction and leadership skills.
  – Single purpose programs such as workforce development or academic enrichment programs have additional resources for self evaluation.
What is a “mission statement”?
“Kool Kidz After School Program provides a safe place for children to learn, explore, make friends, have fun, and build skills to last a lifetime.”
Making mission goals a reality

“Practice makes perfect!”
FISH! Philosophy

• Be There.
• Play.
• Make Their Day.
• Choose Your Attitude.
“Through The FISH! Philosophy, we build stronger relationships with the team members we work with, the customers we serve, the students we teach and the people we love.”
Make the commitment stick!

- Proclaim it.
- Live it.
- And...
Celebrate!

“Usually when we prepare for a celebration, we work hard to decorate the physical space with balloons, posters and streamers. What if we put as much effort into decorating our emotional space— with thanks, compliments and encouragement?”
How “fishy” are you?
Quality After School Programming is our goal. To reach that goal we must:

1. Plan activities to meet the mission goals.
2. Create a team of people who are committed to making the mission happen in real time.
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