

Prime Time Afterschool Advocate

The Voice of Prime Time Palm Beach County



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About Prime Time

Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc. is a non-profit, intermediary organization dedicated to quality school-age afterschool programs. Since its inception, Prime Time has gathered support and momentum among key stakeholders in our county by reaching out into the community, convening meetings and forums among providers, parents, educators and donors, and determinedly broadcasting the need for accessible, affordable, quality afterschool programs.

Our Mission

Prime Time's mission is to be the leader in strengthening community capacity to provide a range of quality afterschool programs to all children and youth in Palm Beach County through an integrated system of standards and supports.

Our Funders

Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc. is funded by the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, The Picower Foundation and The Sun-Sentinel Children's Fund.

Message from the Director

Although spring has just arrived, planning for summer camp is already underway. We hope you gained some useful information to help you with your summer planning at the March Afterschool Consortium networking event. Ron Fairchild from the National Center for Summer Learning from Johns Hopkins University gave a great presentation on successful summertime strategies and several of our community partners were also on hand to share their summer enhancement offerings. In April, Prime Time will go to the core of our work and offer an interactive session focused on program quality. Whether you are a director, frontline staff, an enhancement provider, administrator or working in another capacity in youth development, you won't want to miss this one. So save the date and see you on April 28th!

Suzette L. Harvey
Executive Director

Afterschool QIS

PBC-PQA Quality Assessment Tool

Prime Time's Quality Improvement System is used to pinpoint areas for afterschool program improvement and to identify specific professional development opportunities that address the needs of Palm Beach County's afterschool community. To facilitate this process, we employ the Palm Beach County-Program Quality Assessment (PBC-PQA), a validated assessment tool designed by the High/Scope Educational Foundation to measure quality in afterschool programs. While the High/Scope tool is utilized nationally, Prime Time has partnered to develop a modified version that aligns with Palm Beach County's Quality Afterschool Standards.

The PBC-PQA measures the staff and youth interaction at the point-of-service. The instrument contains quality rating scales that focus on safety, support, peer interaction, and youth engagement and voice. Notes, observations, and interview data are combined to create an overall program quality profile. Analysis of this information helps us to identify gaps in support and recommendations for professional development for afterschool program staff.

Program Opportunities

Need Afterschool Resources?

Prime Time offers a comprehensive collection of resource materials to support interesting, fun and challenging afterschool activities. And, our Resource Center provides opportunities for afterschool practitioners to gain access to on-site computer resources and other helpful tools to complete afterschool-related research and creative applications. Both are open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Paola Cedeno at (561) 732-8066 for details.

Teen Time® provides youth (ages 12-17) with the essential life skills needed to make responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health through educational presentations and medical services. To learn more about Teen Time and its programs that address human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual health and behavior, please visit: www.teentime.org or call (561) 848-6402.

2009 Summer Programming

Center for Creative Education (CCE) has announced that all instructional unit requests for summer must be submitted by April 20, 2009. Once received, CCE will notify sites with the names of artists and times by May 1, 2009.

Kravis Center for the Performing Arts is offering a Summer Week Intensive from July 13-17, 2009 (space is limited) for youth in grades 3-5 that are interested in the performing arts. For more information, call Ali Rehm at 561-651-4376 or e-mail: rehm@kravis.org.

Afterschool News

Summer Learning Strategies

At Prime Time's March Consortium Networking Event, Ron Fairchild from the *National Center for Summer Learning* (NCSL) reminded us that summer programming can mean a lot more to youth than a safe place to have fun with friends. Consider the following facts:

- Youth typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of the summer than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer.
- Most youth lose about two months of grade-level equivalency in math skills over the summer months. Low-income youth lose the same amount in reading achievement.
- Two-thirds of the ninth-grade achievement gap between lower and higher income youth can be explained by unequal summer learning opportunities.

At a time when afterschool providers are scrambling to put the finishing touches on their summer programming, NCSL's recipe for **SUCCESS** should be kept in mind.

- **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

For more information about the National Center for Summer Learning, please visit www.summerlearning.org.

From the Field

Currently in full production, Youth Speak Out Television (YSO TV) is working with six participating afterschool programs to report community news stories as they happen, where they happen. Ready for airing on cable television by May 2009, YSO TV's coverage includes such innovative news stories as the Kids Read-N-Run Marathon Mile, Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, Community Health Fair in Riviera Beach, and the 2008 presidential election.



Mark Your Calendars

Prime Time Afterschool Consortium Networking Events

What Quality Looks Like

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2009
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Palm Beach Community College
3000 St. Lucie Ave., Boca Raton, FL



Reservations are required for attendance at Prime Time's monthly Afterschool Consortium Networking Events. Reserve online at www.primetimepb.org or call Paola Cedeno at 561-732-8066.

Enhancement Programs - Train-the-Trainer Sessions



Word Painting: Mastering Reading Fluency and Oral Expression through Music

Date: April 25, 2009
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Acting Right: Drama as a Classroom Management Strategy

Date: May 9, 2009
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Workshops will be held at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. To register, call 561-651-4366 to request a registration form or e-mail: rehm@kravis.org.

Staff Announcements

Stace Silverman has joined Prime Time as a Quality Advisor. Stace's professional experience includes work as a training consultant for the Center for Youth Program Quality, an afterschool program assessor with Family Central, Inc., and as a course director and instructor with Outward Bound. A native of Michigan, he is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Welcome Stace!



Prime Time's Executive Director **Suzette L. Harvey** was recognized recently as one of the top 50 Most Powerful Black Professionals of 2008 by *Success South Florida* magazine. Congratulations Suzette!

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