

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

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Prime Time Afterschool Advocate!

Designed to replace our former e-blast format, this new monthly e-newsletter will communicate the latest news, tips, resources, upcoming events and information of value and interest to the Afterschool community in Palm Beach County.

Please let us know what you think. This is your forum and the communications vehicle to promote the activities and happenings at your site. While we can't guarantee that all submissions will be included, we will do our best to feature as many announcements as possible in each issue.

Please send your posting to Paola Cedenó by the 20th of each month for consideration in the next month's issue. We look forward to hearing from you!

Suzette L. Harvey
Executive Director

Afterschool News

On January 12, 2009, Learning Point Associates and the Collaborative for Building After-School Systems (CBASS) released a report titled *Enhancing School Reform through Expanded Learning*. The report discusses how afterschool programs can play a role in supporting our schools by increasing opportunities for youth to engage in meaningful learning experiences. It also calls for education and afterschool leaders to work together in new ways to foster enhanced school reform through better integration with expanded learning opportunities. Of particular interest to Palm Beach County is a case study included in the report that highlights Lantana Elementary School and its partnership with Prime Time, the school's existing Beacon Center and other community-based organizations to help improve the academic performance of Lantana's elementary students. To read the complete report, visit Prime Time's website at www.primetimepb.org.

Afterschool QIS

Prime Time PBC-PQA Online Courses

PBC-PQA online courses, hosted by Prime Time, have been developed to introduce administrators, practitioners and youth serving organizations to the Quality Standards for Afterschool. Through this series of online courses, programs and individual staff can participate in a self-guided quality improvement activity. This informal path of the Quality Improvement System (QIS) allows individuals to immerse themselves in what quality looks like as it's happening for young people at their programs. Individuals directly working with youth or developing activities for youth have



the opportunity to learn how to conduct their own self-assessment as well as to participate in online group discussions about what strengthens interaction and engagement in a youth-centered environment. Through this valuable online resource, Prime Time provides a more accessible tool for youth practitioners to network, share best practices and to continuously learn about strategies used throughout the afterschool field.

For more information or to sign-up for the online courses, please contact Teal Chance at 561-732-8066 or tchance@primetimepb.org.



Mark Your Calendars

Enhancement Programs - Train-the-Trainer Sessions

SPARK Active Recreation Training

Date: Friday, February 6, 2009

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Place: YMCA of Boynton Beach
9600 Military Trail, Boynton Beach, Florida

To Register: Call Sara Jones at 561-536-1432 or e-mail: sjones@ymcaspbc.org

CCE Train-the-Trainer Sessions

Date: Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 11th – May 6th (dates vary)

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Place: Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County
2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, Florida

To Register: Call Tom Runner at 561-805-9927 or e-mail: tomr@cceflorida.org



Prime Time Afterschool Consortium Networking Events

Speed Networking – Building Relationships & Making Connections

Don't forget to bring your business cards!

Date: Friday, February 13, 2009

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Florence DeGeorge Boys & Girls Club
4105 Pinewood Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida



Summer Learning

Guest Presenter: Ron Fairchild, Executive Director – National Center for Summer Learning School at Johns Hopkins University

Date: Friday, March 13, 2009

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Pine Jog EE Center
6301 Summit Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida



Reservations are required for attendance at Prime Time's monthly Afterschool Consortium Networking Events. Reserve online at www.primetimepbc.org or call Paola Ceden0 at 561-732-8066.

Program Opportunities

Looking for a fun, new enhancement offering for your afterschool program?

Project GROW is a comprehensive curriculum-based wellness program designed to demonstrate the benefits of a healthy lifestyle for children in Grades 4 and 5. Launching March 1, 2009, this 12-week 36-session pilot program promotes good nutrition and eating right, emphasizes fun play and non-competitive physical activity, and encourages the use of simple holistic practices as a means of reducing stress and forming positive relationships. Made available by funding from the Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida and the Quantum Foundation, Project GROW is a joint collaborative effort between Prime Time, CCE and the YMCA. For more information, please contact Kimberly Hale, Prime Time's Director of Community Relations, at (561) 732-8066 or khale@primetimepbc.org.

