

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

Thanks for all of the positive reader feedback on our inaugural e-newsletter. Remember, we created this communications tool for you – the afterschool practitioner - so we hope that you will continue to share your thoughts with us and let us know what you would like to see included in future issues.

You've spoken and we've listened to your great ideas and suggestions for our monthly Afterschool Consortium events. February's "Speednetworking" session was created as a direct result of numerous requests for more networking and, based on the evaluations we received, our participants experienced tremendous value in the activity! Since our goal is to provide you with engaging and enriching experiences at these monthly gatherings, we know that you especially won't want to miss our March event on *Summer Learning*, our most frequently requested program topic.

We hope to see you there!

Suzette L. Harvey
Executive Director

Staff Announcements

Welcome to the newest members of the Prime Time Professional Development Team!

Nicole Edwards

Nicole arrives with extensive professional counseling experience as well as proficiency in the development and design of goal-centered education-based training and guidance. Having worked with youth in various settings throughout her career, she will be serving as a Prime Time Trainer and Career Advisor.



It's a Girl!

Kylie Sylvia Gopie
Born – February 2, 2009
to Katherine Phillips-Gopie
and Damon Gopie
Weighing - 5 pounds, 2 ounces
Measuring - 18 inches



Afterschool QIS

Quality Advising for QIS

Prime Time's QIS program offers an established system of supports to its participants, including the vital assistance of Quality Advisors, who are specially assigned to help them achieve their program improvement goals. Each advisor spends about 24 hours per week working with programs to engage and support site directors and staff in developing program improvement plans and strategies; implementing skills acquired through training; and, deciphering program assessment data to impact change. They maintain documentation on each site, provide feedback to providers on their progress in meeting improvement plan goals and also contribute to other program activities that foster the improvement of the overall system.

The ability to build positive relationships and a thorough understanding of the afterschool structure are important characteristics of a Quality Advisor. Not only do they have firsthand knowledge of the youth development field but they also possess management level experience while having worked directly with youth. Their experience and expertise is invaluable to guiding programs through QIS.



Prime Time's Quality Advisor Team – (left to right) Debra Rivera-Colunga, Teal Chance, Lynn Stanavitch

Afterschool News

Impact of 2009 Stimulus Package on Afterschool

President Obama recently signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) into law but do you know how this unprecedented stimulus package will impact afterschool? The Afterschool Alliance has put together some quick and easy bullet points to help us better understand this economic initiative:

- **\$2 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG);** about one-third of this will be used to support children in afterschool programs.
- **\$10 billion for Title I** to help disadvantaged students reach high academic standards—some of these funds can be used to support afterschool programs.
- **\$3 billion for School Improvement** which will result in higher quality facilities for the many afterschool programs operating in schools.
- **\$1.2 billion through the Workforce Investment Act** that is designated specifically for creating summer jobs for youth, expanding staffing opportunities for afterschool programs.
- **\$50 million for YouthBuild** which offers education and occupational training to at-risk youth for building affordable housing which could benefit afterschool programs serving older youth.
- **\$160 million for AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps VISTA programs,** a key staffing component for afterschool programs.

For more information on the ARRA, please visit the Afterschool Alliance's Policy and Action Center at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Prime Time Afterschool Consortium Networking Events

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 Environmental Education Ctr.
6301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL

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.primetimepbc.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.
Place: Kravis Center for the Performing Arts
701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL
To Register: Request a registration form from the Kravis Center at 561-651-4366 or e-mail: rehm@kravis.org.

Papermaking, Clay, Bead-making, Cartooning, Classroom Transformations, and Drawing (Offered by CCE)

Date: Wednesdays through 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 Rd., Boynton Beach, FL
To Register: Call Tom Runner at 561-805-9927 or e-mail: tomr@cceflorida.org



Program Opportunities

New Aquatics Enhancements – Basic Swimming & Water Safety for Non-Swimmers (ages 5-14) and Water Polo (ages 6-14) are now available from the YMCA of South Palm Beach County. For more information, please visit www.primetimepbc.org

Calling All Afterschool Artists - The Afterschool Alliance is seeking artwork entries for its 2009 *Lights On Afterschool* poster. Submissions should be sent by March 31, 2009 to: Afterschool Alliance, 1440 Broadway, Floor 16, New York, NY 10018. For more information, please e-mail lightson@afterschoolalliance.org or call Susan Rohwer at 646-943-8663.

2009 Summer Programming

Mystical Lands - Academic Enrichment Curriculum. Training, curriculum, literature and support provided by the Palm Beach County School District's Department of Afterschool Programming. For more information, contact Kathleen Moore at moorek@palmbeach.k12.fl.us.

Summer Sports and Wellness Enhancements - Requests are now available on a first-come, first serve basis through the YMCA of South Palm Beach County. For more information, please visit www.primetimepbc.org.