

# MISSOURI AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK

Every afternoon when the school bell rings, approximately one million school-aged youth in Missouri have no place to go while their parents finish out the work day. Consequently, the hours between 3-6 p.m. are peak times for participation in juvenile crime, victimization and experimentation with drugs, sex and other risky behaviors, according to U.S. Department of Justice statistics.



“Afterschool programs work to keep youth safe and out of trouble, help working families by providing peace of mind to parents, and inspire youth learning and enrichment outside of the classroom,” said Missouri AfterSchool Network Director Terri Foulkes. “Our goal is to ensure all Missouri youth and their families have access to opportunities through afterschool programs regardless of their geographic location and access to resources.”

The Missouri AfterSchool Network (MASN) is a statewide organization aimed at improving access and availability of high-quality afterschool programs throughout the state. One of 50 statewide afterschool networks funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, MASN shares the common goals of promoting partnerships between afterschool programs and other stakeholders influencing state and local policies to increase the capacity and sustainability of programs, and providing resources to programs to improve the quality of services to children, youth and their families.

MASN aims to achieve its goals by convening stakeholders from

around the state on a regular basis to discuss key issues in afterschool programs. MASN also provides training, technical assistance, and other resources to programs and professionals in the field. MASN’s volunteer committees have created statewide quality systems, including program and professional standards.

The National League of Cities (NLC), in partnership with the Wallace Foundation and Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, has worked with city leaders over the past eight years to help elevate the policy conversation around afterschool and expanded

learning opportunities by hosting leadership summits in states around the country. MASN, the Kansas Enrichment Network (Kansas’ statewide afterschool network), and the United Way of Greater Kansas City were awarded an opportunity to host a municipal summit on afterschool and expanded learning this year.

The summit, entitled “Strengthening Opportunities for Youth, Creating Opportunities for Cities,” will kick-off with a networking reception on June 3 at “The Venue” in Leawood, Kansas City. The all-day summit will follow on June 4 at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Mayoral hosts for the event include Mayor Sly James (Kansas City, Missouri) and Mayor Peggy Dunn (Leawood, Kansas).

Reginald McGregor of the Rolls-Royce Corporation, and long-time supporter and champion for afterschool programs, will provide the keynote address and will be joined by other afterschool experts and panelists from around the region and country.

**For more information about the Missouri and Kansas statewide afterschool networks, and the funders for the municipal summit project, visit the links below:**

**Missouri Afterschool Network:** <http://moasn.org>

**Kansas Enrichment Network:** <http://kansasenrichment.net>

**National League of Cities:** <http://nlc.org>

**Charles Stewart Mott Foundation:** <http://mott.org>

**The Wallace Foundation:** <http://wallacefoundation.org>

“Education, including the availability of meaningful learning opportunities outside of the classroom, is the most important issue facing our region,” said Mayor James. “To be truly great we have to have excellence across the board, including in our citywide afterschool programs. This exciting partnership with the National League of Cities, United Way of Greater Kansas City, Missouri AfterSchool Network, and Kansas Enrichment Network will help us achieve a level of excellence that our kids deserve.”

The summit will aim to educate city leaders about the critical need for afterschool and expanded learning opportunities; engage mayors in helping to inform state policies; connect mayors and other city and community leaders with peers from across their states to improve afterschool and expanded learning through strategic partnerships; and highlight successful approaches in building citywide afterschool systems.

Municipal leaders can play a critical role in developing, facilitating and strengthening coordinated systems of afterschool at the local level by making critical investments in programs or resources, helping to facilitate data-driven decisions, or serving to champion policies at the local, state or federal level.

“The Municipal Summit on Afterschool and Expanded Learning will provide an opportunity to engage local communities in the critical conversation about how we can support youth, families and our communities,” said Foulkes. “As MASN works to increase the availability and quality of afterschool programs, we need partners at all levels – local, regional and statewide. Mayors are a key partner in this work because they see firsthand the need children and families have in their cities.”

Mayors will be invited to bring teams from their cities in order to use the information disseminated

at the summit to develop an action plan for their local communities. Event organizers will be sharing more information through the Missouri Municipal League as the summit approaches. Send questions to Casey Hanson, MASN policy and communications coordinator, at [hansoncb@missouri.edu](mailto:hansoncb@missouri.edu).

Learn more about the Missouri AfterSchool Network at [www.moasn.org](http://www.moasn.org).

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Hosted by Mayor **Sly James**, Kansas City, MO  
& Mayor **Peggy Dunn**, Leawood, KS

Keynote Speaker **Reginald McGregor**, Rolls Royce

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