Join Us

Receive E-mail Updates & Newsletters

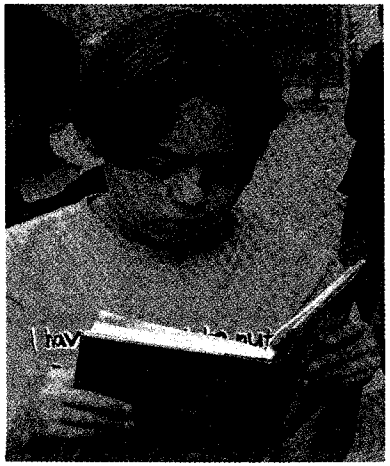
- On training opportunities, new research, funding sources and more. Visit our website to join our mailing list and listserv: **www.mtafterschool.org**.

Engage in Local Public Education Efforts

- Visit our website for talking points, fact sheets and other outreach tools to educate your community on the need for afterschool programming.
- Use the Montana Annual Afterschool Supply and Demand Capacity Maps on our website to tell key decision makers about the needs in your county.
- Be a local champion. Help others learn about the value and impact of afterschool programs.

Help the Montana Afterschool Network Develop:

- *Quality:* Program assessment, professional development and continuous improvement
- *Partnerships:* Statewide, regional and local coalition building
- *Resources:* Sustaining new and existing afterschool programs.



Join These Montana Afterschool Network Partners

Junior Achievement Programs of Montana

Girl Scouts of Montana

Montana Child Care Resource and Referral Network

Montana Department of Justice, Board of Crime Control

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

Montana Office of Public Instruction - 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Montana Council Boy Scouts of America

Montana Parent Teacher Association

Montana School Boards Association

Montana State University Extension Service/4-H

Office of the Governor of the State of Montana

Montana Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Montana

Montana State University - Early Childhood Project

MEA/MFT

School Administrators of Montana

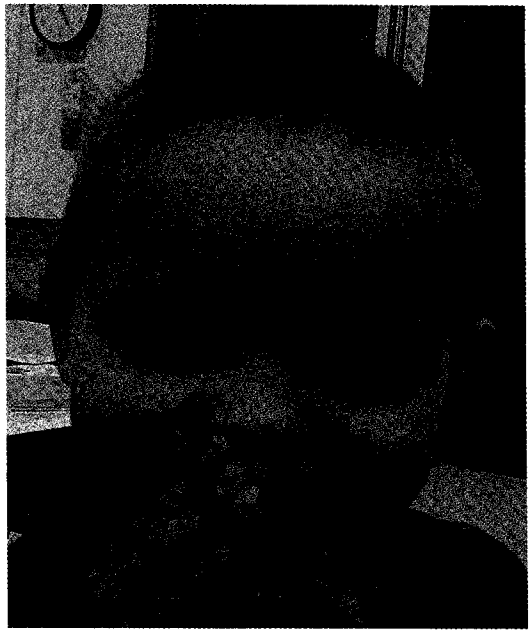
Montana Afterschool Network
c/o MCCR&R Network.
127 East Main St., Suite 217
Missoula, MT 59802
www.mtafterschool.org

The Montana Afterschool Network is coordinated by the Montana Child Care Resource and Referral Network with support from the C.S. Mott Foundation, First Interstate Bank Foundation, Homer A. and Mildred S. Scott Foundation, The Steele-Reese Foundation, Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, and the Montana Office of Public Instruction.

This brochure was funded with $160 of government monies or 46% of the total.

SENATE EDUCATION

MONTANA AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK



Working Together t Increase the Availabi and Quality of Aftersc Opportunities Statew

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
EXHIBIT NO. 8
DATE 1-10-07
BILL NO. SB 123

Afterschool Programs Keep Kids Safe

- 64% of children who participated in an afterschool program reported spending more time doing sports, exercise or recreational activities.
- The chances a child will become a victim of a violent crime more than triple between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Afterschool Programs Help Working Families

- 72% of Montana's elementary school students live in working parent households.
- 60% of parents say they missed less work when their child was in an afterschool program.

Afterschool Programs Inspire Learning

- Afterschool programs are associated with better school attendance, improved grades and reduced dropout rates.
- Afterschool programs can serve as an entry point for children to develop 21st century skills and expand their exposure and ability to navigate new forms of technology.

Who We Are

The Montana Afterschool Network believes all Montana children should have the opportunity to participate in accessible, high quality and affordable afterschool programs.

Making Our Vision a Reality

We Provide

- Information and resources for afterschool issues through email updates, newsletters, website resources and networking opportunities.
- Access to training, technical assistance and professional development for afterschool program directors and staff.

We Advocate

- For additional state and federal investment in afterschool programs by communicating with policy makers about how afterschool programs serve Montana.
- For families and communities by listening to the afterschool needs of towns and cities across the state.

We Connect

- Afterschool programs and providers to training, research, curriculum and best practice resources.
- People across Montana to information and resources about afterschool issues.

Get Involved

Share...

- Your experience, resources and talents with others.
- The benefits of a statewide afterschool network.
- The power of a collective voice.

Empower...

- Your program by connecting with the network's resources.
- Your community with afterschool programs that help Montana youth, serve working families and benefit the community.
- Students' curiosity, imagination and achievement with high quality afterschool programs.

Discover...

- Our website for the latest news, research and best practices: **www.mtafterschool.org**.
- Our growing network of partners.