



PRACTICAL PARENTING PARTNERSHIPS

Family Involvement in After School Programs

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Welcome!

Welcome to the premier issue of a newsletter written just for out of school time programs on family engagement! From the beginning, PPP trainers have talked with schools about the importance of school staff connecting with school age care programs whether school or community based. What we have come to understand over time is that even though those of you working in school age care often see parents on a daily basis, you too need support in engaging parents in your program. Our PPP Training for After-school training and this newsletter seek to strengthen the relationships between school staff and out of school time staff members; between staff members and families and among home, school and community.

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to anyone who might be interested. There is a button on our [web site](#) to sign up to receive an electronic notice when the new issue of the newsletter is ready on the first of each month.

The monthly format will include an introductory article, a research summary, best practices shared by practitioners like you, and announcements. We will keep to a two- page format so you may easily make printed copies too.

PPP for After-school Training is readily available in Missouri with several dates set for this school year. See the **Dates and Announcements column** for dates and locations. The training is approved for clock hours and is presented by trainers who are in the OPEN Registry. The training is also approved for clock hours in Arkansas. In addition to Arkansas and Missouri, we have trainers available in [Oklahoma](#), [Alaska](#) and should soon have the training available in Oregon. One hour of graduate or undergraduate credit is available through Northwest Missouri State University Outreach Education for the training for an additional charge.

Evidence

Focus on Families! How to Build and Support Family-Centered Practices in After School was published in 2006 by the United Way of MA, Harvard Family Research Project, and Build the Out-of-School Time Network. It is a very useful reference combining research and practice. You may download a copy free of charge from www.hfrp.org/out-of-school-time/publications-resources/focus-on-families!-how-to-build-and-support-family-centered-practices-in-after-school

Best Practice from a Site

This is your spot! We will feature one or more great ideas from school age care sites each month. This will only work if you share your stories with us. E-mail, mail, call or fax your successful practices to us.

Dates and Announcements

- Now through January PPP Regional Meetings – [check the flyer](#) for dates and locations
- October 7 PPP for After School Training through [St Louis 4 Kids](#)
- October 16 Lights On Afterschool <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa.cfm>
- November 14-16 [MOSACC²-Conference](#) in Springfield, MO – PPP will present & Exhibit
- November 20 PPP for After-school -Kirksville
- December 5 Webb City
- January 29 Springfield
- February 26 Maryville
- March 19 Jefferson City

- April 3 & 4 Annual Conference

👏 Congratulations to **Cindy Heislen** who became the Director of Community Education for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on October 1!

👏 PPP has a **great deal** on three-inch polypropylene binders in pale aqua. They are the same size and design as the ones we use for PPP for After-School. They were ordered by mistake and we hate to see them go to waste. We will sell them for \$2 each plus shipping. Call Patty for details!

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