

## What is an Afterschool Network?

An afterschool network is a tool for working toward quality youth development opportunities that ensure all students are successfully educated and prepared for life's opportunities. The afterschool network for Wyoming includes all organization and decision-makers that work within or have an interest in youth development. A statewide afterschool network is a critical tool for providing guidance to develop high-quality services in all out-of-school time environments from early childhood through high school and beyond.

## About the National Network of Statewide Afterschool Networks

The national network of statewide afterschool networks brings together established statewide afterschool networks in their collective mission to build partnerships and policies that are committed to the development and sustainability of quality afterschool programs. These partnerships — funded through the support of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation — are focused on actively engaging key decision makers in support of school-based/school-linked afterschool programs, particularly in underserved communities. Currently 38 statewide afterschool networks are funded to coordinate and influence the systems that support the success of children and young people.

The network is centered around three goals:

**Goal 1:** Create a sustainable structure of statewide, regional and local partnerships, particularly school-community partnerships, focused on supporting policy development at all levels.

**Goal 2:** Support the development and growth of statewide policies that will secure the resources that are needed to sustain new and existing afterschool programs.

**Goal 3:** Support statewide systems to ensure programs are of high quality.

## WYAA Financial Supporters

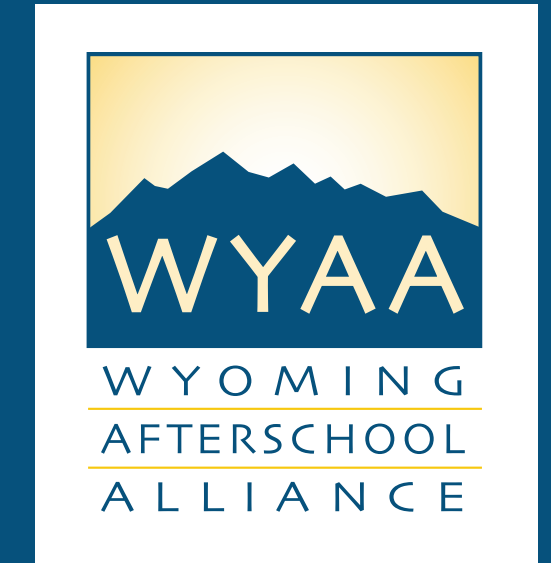
- C.S. Mott Foundation
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- Lights on in Lander
- Parent Education Network, WY State PIRC
- Wyoming Community Foundation
- Wyoming Department of Education
- Wyoming Education Association

## Partners in Education

Committed partners from across the State are helping to achieve the WYAA goals. Join us!

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Working together to increase the availability and quality of school-based and school-linked afterschool programs statewide in order to improve outcomes for all Wyoming youth.

# Afterschool programs keep kids safe and supervised, inspire learning and help working families.



**T**he Wyoming Afterschool Alliance dedicates itself to ensuring equal access to afterschool programs for all school-aged Wyoming youth. The WYAA is a vehicle created to support and promote quality school-based and school-linked afterschool environments and programs focused upon improving positive outcomes for youth and families. The WYAA is developing a continuum of services and resources for youth, aged birth to young adult, by creating a system of strategies and key partnerships based on “like-minded” goals.

The WYAA is firmly committed to implementing statewide strategies that will provide resources and benefit all communities in an effective timely manner by:

- Creating program standards and assessment tools based on proven models that are effective in increasing academic performance and decreasing negative behaviors, particularly in low-income and at-risk youth within grades K-12.
- Promoting training and professional development opportunities for all program providers and the afterschool workforce in the State of Wyoming.
- Providing opportunities for all Wyoming youth and their families to take advantage of low or no-cost afterschool programs that benefit the child and family unit.
- Educating families, communities and organization with respect to the necessity and value of afterschool programs in Wyoming.
- Advocating for shared resources, sustainable funding and policies that protect, strengthen and expand school-based and school-linked afterschool programs.

## **WYAA Purpose and Mission**

To create a structure that will support and promote afterschool programs which improve positive outcomes for youth and their families. Through targeted advocacy, we can ensure sustainability for high quality afterschool programs for all Wyoming youth.

## **WYAA Vision**

All Wyoming youth will have equal access to no-cost or low-cost high-quality afterschool programs that provide enhanced academic enrichment and youth development opportunities in all communities.



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