

The Center for Community School Partnerships (CCSP) in the School of Education, at the University of California, Davis, is pleased to announce the formation of the

California Afterschool Network

a new and broad coalition of stakeholders that will help to chart the course for California's afterschool programs.

The California Afterschool Network aims to bring a variety of perspectives, including those of policymakers, educators, childcare providers, youth development workers, advocates, parents, state agencies, philanthropy, and afterschool programs to the table to ensure that our children have access to safe and enriching afterschool opportunities.

The Network works at the state, regional and local levels in developing relationships with both public and private agencies interested in quality after school programs as it works to fulfill its mission of influencing policy by coordinating local and statewide efforts that support out of school time opportunities for young people.

As the lead agency for the Network, UC Davis CCSP's role is to serve as the fiscal sponsor, network coordinator, and neutral convener of the Network. California's network joins 30 other state initiatives that are committed to expanding quality afterschool programs. The establishment of the California-based network is supported by generous grants from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Evelyn and Walter, Haas, Jr. Fund, and the David and Lucille Packard Foundation.

Network Goals

- To establish a diverse, formal statewide collaboration that will actively engage key decision makers in support of school-based and school-linked after school programs
- To support a system that provides high quality programs that are fully funded and accessible for all California children and youth
- To support the development and growth of statewide policies that will secure the resources that are needed to sustain new and existing after school programs

First Steps

Over the next three years, the Network will work with a diverse group of networks, organizations, and individuals to build coalitions and partnerships at the local, regional, and statewide level. This work will include actively engaging the network constituency, as well as influencing the development of statewide policies that ensure successful, high quality implementation of the state's investment in afterschool programs.



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