

Create a statewide network by bringing together policymakers, educators, childcare providers, youth development workers, advocates and others interested in improving outcomes for children and youth through school-based/school-linked afterschool programs.

WASHINGTON AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK GOALS

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

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

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

KEY GROUPS

Partnership Group

Statewide advisory and workgroup

Steering Group

Agencies/Orgs. making financial commitments

Panel of 50

Esteemed leaders for advice and guidance

Children's Action Network

Email alert svstem

Key Activities

- Create a comprehensive approach that will increase AYD program involvement and community awareness around supporting healthy youth behaviors.
- Advocate for funding and policy changes that support the statewide plan: *Afterschool In Washington A Smart Strategic Investment* created in 2004 and recommendations from subsequent reports: *A Well Prepared Workforce brings out the best in our kids: A Framework for a Professional Development System for the Afterschool and youth Development Workforce in Washington State* and *Afterschool Programs in Washington; Aligning Capacity with Family Needs; A Study of the Supply of and Demand for Afterschool and Youth Development Programs in Washington.*
- Recruit individuals to engage at a variety of levels including the Panel of 50, the Partnership Group and the Children's Action Network.
- Continue work on sharing best practices, encouraging the use of quality program assessment tools and facilitating professional development opportunities for the workforce.