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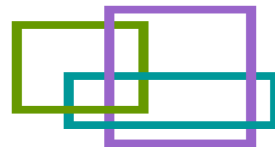
Curriculum for afterschool youth programming, with a strong positive youth development focus.

Supports and Promotes:

- 21st Century Skills
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Experiential Learning
- Positive Relationships
- Social Development
- Personal Development
- Love of Learning
- Youth Engagement

“One thing I liked about this issue is the opinion page, and all the articles we typed and wrote.”

— *Afterschool News participant*



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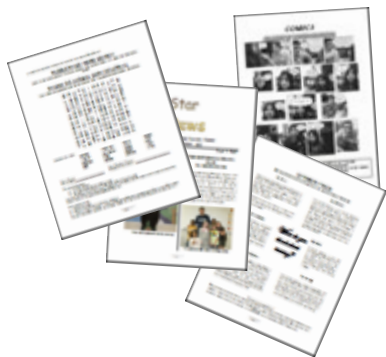
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A fun, engaging activity in which youth work together to make a newspaper about their afterschool program.

Afterschool News fit into your existing afterschool program. In this activity, youth plan, write, edit, and publish a newspaper. The youth themselves determine the content, with guidance from adult leaders.

Afterschool News provides a positive youth development experience that:

- Strengthens youths' self-esteem and sense of accomplishment;
- Builds teamwork skills;
- Provide recognition for youths' creative work;
- Supports literacy and other academic skills while extending school learning into a real-life context—a newspaper.



"I think that <student> did a good job putting details into her story."

— Afterschool News participant

Youth will:

- Work collaboratively in large and small groups to plan and write their news articles.
- Practice and improve their written and verbal communication skills.
- Conduct interviews with youth and adults.
- Learn how to conduct themselves appropriately in a "professional" role.
- Contribute their ideas.
- Listen carefully and respectfully to peers.
- Develop technology skills.
- Learn about journalism, including responsible reporting, factual writing, and expressing opinions in written form.
- Experience the joy of having a say in their own learning and development.
- Have fun while creating something they can be proud of.
- Strengthen connections between school, family, and community.

Program Goals:

- **Provide** quality programming for youth.
- **Develop capacity** of youth workers.
- **Develop capacity** of afterschool programs.
- **Broaden program offerings** at afterschool programs.

What you receive:

- Curriculum binder with lesson plans and handouts.
- In-person training sessions (2 hours) for front-line staff.
- Support services — ongoing phone or email consultation with staff, program visits, assistance putting the paper together.
- Evaluation to ensure that program delivery is high quality and goals are being addressed.
- Optional: Curriculum correlation to academic standards.

What was your favorite part? What went well?

"Going with my partner, walking and taking pictures."

"When we interviewed other people."

"When we passed all of our newspapers out."

"Everybody worked hard. Great stories!"

— Afterschool News participants