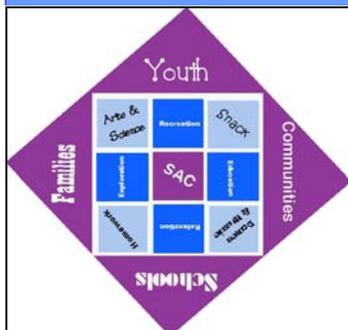


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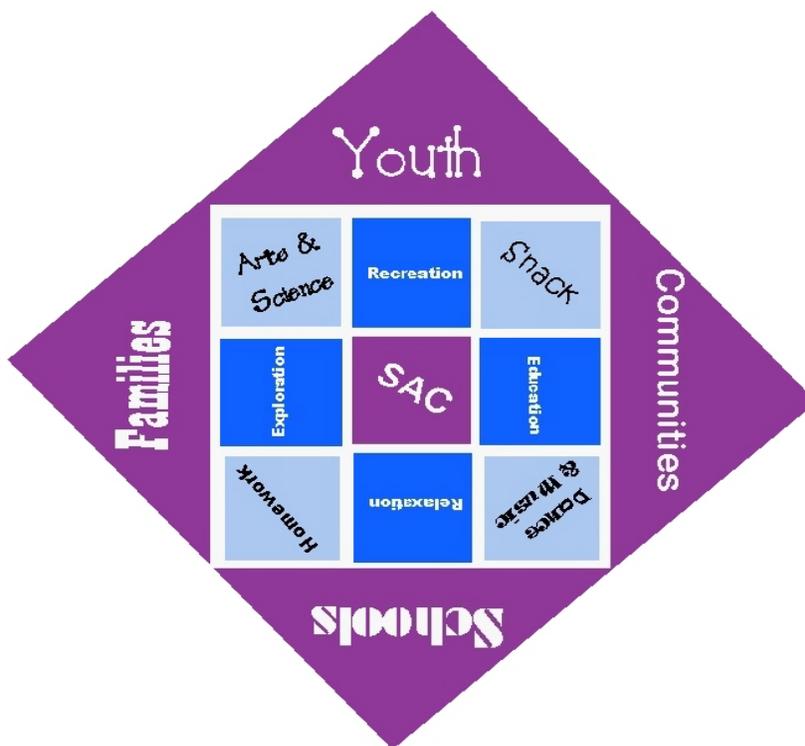
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Conference 2007

THE SAC QUILT: Piecing It All Together

For Kids

Respect for All Children



April 20 & 21, 2007

Penn State Conference Center Hotel

215 Innovation Boulevard

State College, PA 16803-6603

Co-Chairs Corner

In November 2006 the PENN SACCA Board approved a Strategic Plan for 2007 and 2008. We identified four strategic objectives:

- PENN SACCA will hire a paid staff person
- PENN SACCA will increase fundraising efforts
- PENN SACCA will increase marketing and communications efforts to further recognition of brand identity and overall visibility
- PENN SACCA is committed to re-examining its organizational structure to enable maximum efficiency and effective delivery of mission

Our plan is ambitious. And we have already begun to take small steps to address these objectives! We are applying to the PA Department of Health for funding to support our conference. We are exploring the possibility of hosting a National Afterschool Association (NAA) Conference in PA. We are exploring strategies to develop leadership in PENN SACCA that represents all regions in PA.

We are a board of volunteers, facing many of the same challenges that each of you face: staff absence and turnover, caring for our families, children and aging parents, staying healthy, furthering our education, and continuously striving to improve the quality of our programs. We'd like to extend our thanks to former Board Members Pam Kennedy (Western Family YMCA), Leslie Roesler (past PENN SACCA Chair, PA Key) and Lindy Rote (Ambler Area YMCA) for their many years of service to PENN SACCA. We look forward to working with PENN SACCA's emerging leaders who are moving toward leadership roles to insure that every school-age child has access to affordable high quality where everyone is honored and respected, with strong connections to schools, families and communities, and where professionals are highly educated, supported and valued.

Carolyn Hawk and Joyce Lang, PENN SACCA Co-Chairs

WHO IS PENN SACCA?

Our Mission:



PENN SACCA is a membership organization dedicated to the support of school-age professionals and the development of quality school-age programs through advocacy and education.

Our Vision:

Every school-age child in the Commonwealth has access to affordable high quality programs in which:

- The uniqueness of each person is honored and respected.
- There is a strong connection

with schools, families, and all communities, and

- The professionals are highly educated, supported, and valued.

PENN SACCA'S strong network of school-age professionals provides leadership for the future.

VALUES

Communication

Learning

Excellence

Leadership

Engagement

SUBMIT AN ARTICLE

If you have ideas about articles for future editions of this newsletter, or if you are interested in submitting an article, please email Eileen Jones at eiljon@berksiu.org

Submit error free articles between 75 and 150 words in length. Articles should highlight afterschool successes.

Don't forget to send your tips "From the Frontline."



Deadline for all submissions:

August 1, 2007.

National Afterschool Association Conference (NAA) Report

Joyce Lang, PENN SACCA Co-Chair represented PENN SACCA at the 19th Annual NAA Conference in March. This record-setting event attracted more than 3,000 participants from every state and five countries and featured more than 330 professional development opportunities, with an inspirational keynote by LaVar Burton.

One issue of national concern is the relationship between the NAA Affiliates and the Mott Foundation funded state afterschool networks. The Mott Foundation funded network in PA is PSAYDN (Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool/Youth Development Network). PENN SACCA and PSAYDN are working closely together to support our mutual interests. Kisha Bird, PSAYDN Director, is a member of PENN SACCA and several PENN SACCA Board Members serve on PSAYDN committees. If you'd like to learn more about PSAYDN, go to <http://www.psaydn.org/>.

If you were unable to attend the national conference, handouts from many workshop presentations are available on www.afterschoolconference.org/speakerpapers.htm). Papers are being added as they are received from the presenters. This very generous extra-contribution from the presenters is a great resource for the afterschool professional community.

PENN SACCA SALUTES FRONT-LINE STAFF

Summer is upon us...new children, new parents, new staff. The following idea, shared by **Angie Smith, Director of the Schuylkill Valley School Age Center**, created an innovative opportunity for children to learn each other's names while having fun.



Angie and her staff created a **"Guess Who?"** game. Staff purchased a variety of props at a dollar store and children dressed up, some wearing different styles of sunglasses, others sporting boas or summery tops, others wearing fake nose pieces or jewelry. Each child was photographed and duplicates were made. The pictures were glued onto construction paper and laminated. The games began. Because the children were involved in the process, the activity soared to great heights in the center.

A long, healthy, and happy life is the result of making contributions, of having meaningful projects that are personally exciting and contribute to and bless the lives of others.

—Hans Selye

CHALLENGING SCENARIOS TO STIMULATE CHILDREN'S IMAGINATIONS

Have children:

1. Design a cruise ship just for kids.
2. Design a game that combines the skills of soccer and football.
3. Create a mascot for your childcare center. Draw it. Name it. Create an oral or written history for the mascot.
4. Using toothpicks, pipe cleaners, tinfoil, wax paper, paperclips, and/or golf balls, move a sheet of paper from one table to an adjacent table separated by two feet. Use your items to assist you in the process, but you may not touch the paper as it moves between the tables.
5. Using the materials in #4, create a design for a gymnasium.

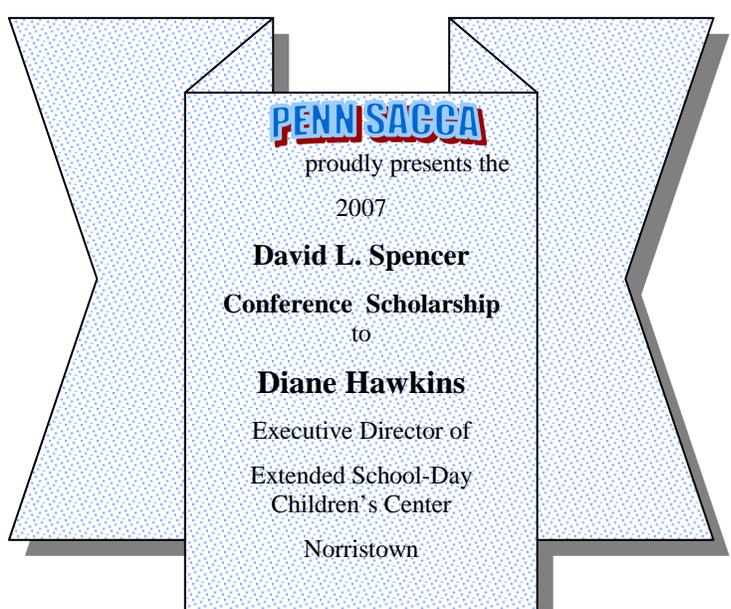
The above ideas are from "101.3 ways to Create Imaginative Solutions", a booklet published by MindWare. Visit MindWare at www.MINDWAREonline.com.

"To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children, to earn the approbation of honest critics; to appreciate beauty; to give of one's self, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived--that is to have succeeded." --Ralph Waldo Emerson

National AfterSchool Association's Pennsylvania's Accredited Programs		
DDSP SAS Defense Distribution Depot School Age Services New Cumberland	Joseph Ferderbar Kid's Club Joseph Ferderbar Elementary School Feasterville	Montgomery Early Learning Centers-Plymouth Plymouth Meeting,
Envisions Enterprises Neff Elementary Lancaster	Lois Learning Tree 422 South 52 nd Street Philadelphia	School-Age Services Carlisle Barracks Carlisle Barracks
Family Support Services-Wayne Wayne	Montgomery Early Learning Centers-Belmont Hills Bala Cynwyd	The After School Center Philadelphia
Hiland Child Care Pittsburgh	Montgomery Early Learning Centers-Jenkintown Jenkintown	Tobyhanna Army Depot School-Age Services Tobyhanna
John Beck EBKC & ASK Lititz	PENN SACCA salutes the hard work and dedication staff have extended on behalf of Pennsylvania's children.	

PENN SACCA recently held an election for the Board of Directors.

Thanks to the membership for your participation in this very important process. **PENN SACCA** seeks qualified representatives from all geographical areas of the state. If you would like to know how you can serve, please email one of the officers listed below or speak to one of the directors.



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2007 Calendar of Events

May 15: Pennsylvania Primary Election

October 10-12: PACCA Conference
www.pacca.org

October 18: Lights on Afterschool
www.afterschoolalliance.org