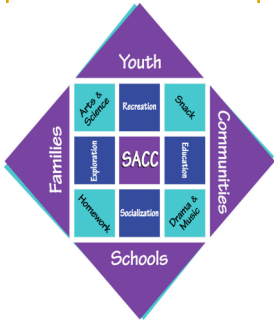


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PENN SACCA CONFERENCE

Conference 2012 Recap

One hundred and forty Out-of-School Time Professionals from all over the state shared in another successful conference. This year's theme was Professional Development Matters. We were able to offer 19 sessions over the two day period. Sessions covered topics in Math, Technology, Science, Theater, Bullying, Communication and Professionalism. Attendees of the two day conference received 14 hours of professional development. Attendees commented: "Speakers were professional and extremely competent", overall experiences was "very pleasant" and "organized", "3rd year here and will be back next year!".

This year we were able to offer the David Spencer Scholarships to two attendees. This scholarship reimbursed the attendees for the cost of the conference, mileage and hotel costs. The first, Stacy Dambaugh, Assistant Director, has been with the Glenwood YMCA for past 8 years. Glenwood maintains a STAR 3 designation. She takes time to spread her enthusiasm of the quality initiative her staff. Children and workers would describe her as fun, fair and understanding. She has established and facilitates a partnership with Big Brother and Big Sisters. She helps identify potential children, secures the required family commitment and the child gets to spend time with their Big Brother or Sister during the program within the Y. She is PQAS certified and is passionate about educating her staff on bullying and demolishing it from her program. The second, Danielle Byers has been working in out of school time for 21 years. She is a Site Coordinator with Hildebrandt Learning Centers School Age Program at Good Shepherd Academy. Danielle is very active in organizations that advocate for children. She is the co-chair of Good Shepherd Academy's Guardian Ambassador Committee where she organizes fundraisers, activities, and family events. Danielle is currently partnering with the school district to educate children, teachers and families on anti-bullying strategies and skills. Danielle is an active member of Pan-Can which raises awareness for pancreatic cancer.

PENN SACCA was also able to offer seven room vouchers this year for attendees who stayed over while attending the two day conference. We were excited to offer this new support. We hope to do the same next year. Please consider this and/or share this information if it is a need for someone you know.

Hurricane Sandy Relief Donation

Each year at our Annual Conference, PENN SACCA holds a basket raffle. The proceeds for this year's raffle went to the Disaster Relief Fund for Hurricane Sandy through the American Red Cross. PENN SACCA gave the Red Cross a check for \$1,000. We raised \$600, plus had a \$50 donation. PENN SACCA contributed the rest of the money to bring the total to \$1,000. Thank you all for your donations and supporting PENN SACCA in our efforts in giving back to our communities.

Member- ship Drive

PENN SACCA MEMBERSHIP drive is underway for 2013.

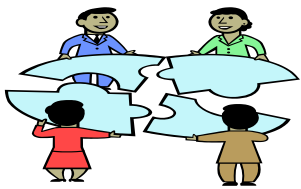
Membership runs from January 2013 to December 2013.

Renew, or become a member today!

Some benefits of membership are: PENN SACCA Conference discount, leadership opportunities, voting privileges, newsletter subscription, NAA membership.

Visit our website for more information.

www.pennsacca.net



Co-Chairs' Corner

Congratulations to Wendy Roush and Chuck Lytle, Conference Co-chairs, for ensuring that we had a strong professional learning experience at our annual conference, "Professional Development is Important!" Motivational speakers, knowledgeable workshop leaders, numerous networking opportunities, and good fellowship all lead to a first-class professional experience! Watch for the dates of next year's conference and plan to be there!

Ambassadors: Congratulations to 5 PENN SACCA members who have been selected to be part of the first class of 16 OST professionals who will represent us and our concerns and needs to our legislators. Proud that you represent us: Mary Blankenmeyer-Rice, Lillian McCuen, Peggy McManus, Heather Oxenford, and Kacy Conley. Please see the article in this newsletter for full details.

NAA Convention! It is time to register for the NAA Annual Convention in Indianapolis, IN, April 7-10, 2013. NAA will celebrate 25 years of passion, hard work and diligence in supporting the development of the profession of Out of School Time. Go to their website and register today! www.naaweb.org. Workshop themes include: designing and developing quality programs, developing afterschool and youth professionals, building partnerships and community relationships, sustaining and growing programs, promoting and advancing health and wellness, engaging and developing older youth, and understanding and engaging diverse cultures.

The 2013 membership year begins in January. Consider ways in which you can contribute to the mission and vision PENN SACCA as a volunteer committee member or as a candidate for Board Director. We benefit from the richness that your experience and ideas bring to our collective work. For example, did you know that PENN SACCA has representatives participating on the PSAYDN Steering Committee, SA Credential Work Group, QRIS (for middle and high school OST programs) Work Group, PA SACC Leaders Group, Early Learning Opportunity Conference Planning Group, and more! There are many opportunities for your voice to be heard!

Finally, our warmest thanks to Joyce Lang, past co-chair, as she finishes 6 years of leadership as a co-chair of PENN SACCA. While Wendy and I are looking forward to the challenges of the new year, we are grateful for the firm foundation laid by Joyce and her predecessors, Carolyn Hawk and Robin Foltz. PENN SACCA is stronger, more grounded in our mission, and prepared to move into the new year with focus and vision.

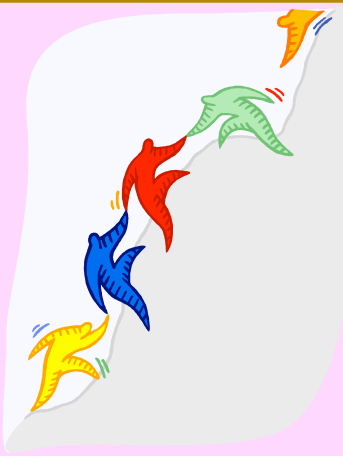
Thank you to each of you to the difference you make in the lives of our school-agers each day!

Wendy Roush and Sharon Schweningen, Co-Chairs and Joyce Lang, Past Co-Chair

Ah, the start of new year, 2013. Everyone is talking about resolutions. I usually do not bother making resolutions, because I never follow through with them. But I did hear of one resolution that I believe even I can follow. That is to each day think of three things for which you are grateful. Just a few seconds of your day and list three things that make you grateful.

As we talk with our children about resolutions I believe we can introduce this concept to the children. Talking to our children about things they are grateful for can help children develop empathy and think about the feelings of others. Teaching children about gratitude makes for happier and healthy children. Each day have your children write three things for they are grateful. Ask the children to not repeat any one thing over the course of a week.

Here is my first list: I am grateful I work with children, I am grateful to be a PENN SACCA Board Member, and I am grateful for my beautiful family. - Valerie Clark



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Valued Members...

PENN SACCA is looking for dedicated members with skills and expertise they would like to share on the following committees: Advocacy, Board Development, Communications, Finance, Governance, Membership, Professional Development.

This is the perfect opportunity to become an active PENN SACCA member. Choose the committee of most interest to you and help to fulfill our mission to guide, champion, and represent out-of-school-time professionals.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Visit our website for more information on committees and how to volunteer.

www.pennsacca.net

PSAYDN Launches Afterschool Ambassador Program

In these [uncertain times](#), policymakers at the state and federal levels have failed to recognize the importance of children and youth having safe and engaging places to go when the school day ends. Local school district and county budgets are stretched just to maintain educational and human service programs. Proponents and providers of afterschool in Pennsylvania need a more proactive approach to raise the visibility of afterschool in the public policy arena and ensure that elected officials understand how their decisions impact afterschool opportunities for children.

In response to this growing need, the PA Afterschool Youth Development Network (PSAYDN) worked with PA Partnerships for Children (PPC) to create the Afterschool Ambassador program. The purpose of this program is to prepare sixteen individuals from across Pennsylvania to build relationships with their State House and Senate members and/or congressman to offer policymaker engagement strategies that will allow them to build their elected officials understanding of the importance of afterschool in their community.

Five PENN SACCA members are participants in this program: Board members [Kacy Conley](#), PSAYDN Director; [Heather Oxenford](#), Director of LifeSpan's before and after school program and summer camp; [Lillian McCuen](#), Executive Director Education Networks, Inc.; and members [Peggy McManus](#), Administrator, Cheltenham Township School District's C.L.A.S.P. program and [Mary Blankenmeyer-Rice](#), Asst. Director of Children's Services, Lancaster Recreation Commission.

Every month, each Ambassador will have an action item to complete with a targeted state or federal legislator. In December, an introductory letter to their targeted legislator is to be mailed describing the Ambassador's organization and what they do. A discussion about the importance of afterschool in their community and an example of a success story will be shared. In early January, each Ambassador will schedule an introductory meeting in the member's district office. Building strong relationships is a key component of this program.

The goal of the Pennsylvania Afterschool Ambassador program is to develop strong champions for afterschool who will support quality afterschool programs both in the state house and senate and with congressional leaders. We encourage PENN SACCA members to consider applying for the Afterschool Ambassador program next year.

NAA 25th Anniversary Annual Convention

Celebrating 25 years of commitment, dedication and a passion for making a difference. Come be a part of the ONLY National Convention for afterschool professionals. This event contains the most comprehensive program of professional development opportunities for afterschool professionals anywhere in the United States. For our 25th Anniversary, we will be recognizing past leaders, milestones, hosting an 80's themed reception, and taking a look ahead to our future and the next 25 years!

NAA Annual Convention in Indianapolis, IN, April 7-10, 2013

Visit naaweb.org for more information.

PENN SACCA...a birthplace for leaders!

PENN SACCA has been the proving ground for many school-age leaders in Pennsylvania. In each issue of our newsletter, we'll highlight the humble beginnings, accomplishments and leadership roles of those who have made a difference for out-of-school-time professionals and the children and families they serve.

Carolyn Hawk: Hometown Hero

Back in the 1990's, Carolyn Hawk, then the School-Age Program Director for Lycoming Child Care Services with 500 children enrolled, was elected to the PENN SACCA Board of Directors. Carolyn's dedication and commitment supported her growth as a leader and ultimately her election as Co-Chair of the PENN SACCA Board in 2006, where she served until 2010.

While a PENN SACCA Board member, Carolyn began to share her leadership skills back home, too. She joined the Central Susquehanna Association for the Education of Young Children (CSAEYC) Board in 2002. A rising star whose light continues to shine, Carolyn served as Chair of the CSAEYC Board from 2010 – 2012 and was just elected Secretary of the CSAEYC Board for 2013 -2015.

More local leadership opportunities were on the horizon for Carolyn. From 2003 – 2012 she led early learning community education and outreach efforts as Chair of the Community Engagement/LEARN Team in Lycoming County. By then the United Way had its eye on Carolyn, recruiting her to serve as the Lycoming County United Way Panel Vice Chair from 2008 – 2011. She just became the Panel Chair in 2012.

Carolyn left the PENN SACCA Board in 2012 returning to her roots and focusing her leadership efforts locally. So where is Carolyn today? From her home base in Williamsport, she's looking out for more than 1000 children as the Child Care Director for the River Valley Regional YMCA, taking minutes for CASEYC, guiding policy for the Nurse Family Partnership and leading funding decisions for the Lycoming County United Way. Carolyn is indeed a Hometown Hero!

PENN SACCA is looking for Board Members.

Is your New Year's Resolution to become more involved in the school-age care profession, to become a Hometown Hero? Becoming a Board Member for PENN SACCA can help you actually keep a resolution.

The board usually meets seven times a year, two of those meetings are conference calls from your own desk. We meet face-to-face the other times. Once on the board you will work with other board members on committees of your choice to help PENN SACCA support our mission, vision, and values. In addition to meeting your New Year's resolution, being a PENN SACCA Board Member satisfies Keystone STARS requirement for becoming involved in a professional organization.

For more information, email Valerie Clark at vaclark@comcast.net.

OUR MISSION *To guide, champion, and represent out-of-school-time professionals.*

Our Vision *By 2016, every out-of-school-time teacher is a professional and is recognized as such in the community, as evidenced by a 50% increase in education levels, pay, and retention.*

It's All About Community Service

It is far better to give than receive. At Neshaminy Kids Club, we believe it is vitally important to instill a sense of community in our children. We also believe the best way to teach is through example. We should all be positive role models for our children.

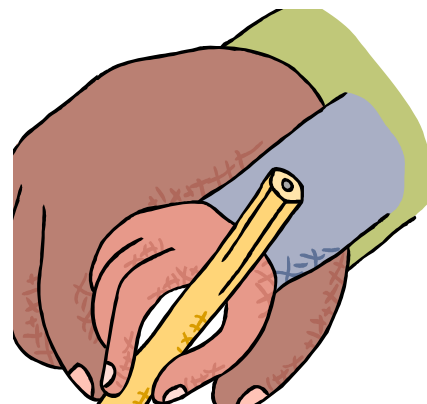
We had a very successful Secret Santa for Woods Services Foundation. The generous donations from our parents enabled us to provide 316 residents with gifts for the holiday season. Kids Club was able to thank the parents with a drawing and 6 families won a free week of before/after school care.

We exceeded our donation from last year and were able to collect 732 pounds of food for local families in need. We could not have done this without the help and support of the wonderful families in our program. The children at Herbert Hoover collected the most food. Mr. Chuck was true to his word and he allowed the children to shave his head!

The children at some of our programs also wrote thank you cards and letters to the military service men and women at a boot camp in South Carolina. The children at one of our sites made Valentines' Day cards for Veterans in our area.

Joanna Kornea, Neshaminy Kids Club

PENN SACCA Reports is always looking for articles and ideas from our members. If you have an article, or want to feature a successful activity you recently completed, please email vaclark@comcast.net. As an added bonus, if you write an article for the PENN SACCA Reports, it will count as a professional development activity for Keystone STARS!



School Age Resources—On the Web

Member Favorites

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| After School Lesson Plans | www/sedl.org/afterschool/lessonplans |
| KwikCrafts | kwikcrafts.com |
| Thinkfinity-Verizon | thinkfinity.org/at-home-and-afterschool |
| Ooey Goey | www.ooeygoey.com |
| Discovery Education | www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers |
| 4-H Afterschool | 4-hafterschool.org |
| Spark | pasparkpe.org |
| ZOOM PBS Kids | pbskids.org/zoom |
| Blog: What the Teacher Wants | whattheteacherwants.blogspot.com |
| Keystone Kids Go! | panen.org/keystone-kids-go |
| Disney Family Fun | spoonful.com/family-fun/games-by-age/school-age-game-activities |
| Kid's Activities | kidactivities.net/post/Gym-Games-for-School-Age-Kids!.aspx |

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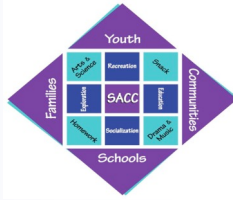
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| National Afterschool Association | naaweb.org |
| PSAYDN PA Statewide Afterschool Youth Development Network | psaydn.org |
| Afterschool Alliance/Lights On Afterschool | afterschoolalliance.org |
| Afterschool.gov | afterschool.gov |
| Promising Practices Network | promisingpractices.net |
| School Age Notes | schoolagenotes.com |
| Kids Care Clubs | kidscare.org |
| What Kids Can Do | whatkidscando.org |
| National Youth Leadership Council | nylc.org |
| Afterschool.org-Where Afterschool Lives | afterschool.org |
| Out-of-School Time Resource Center | sp2.upen.edu/ostrc |
| Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children | papartnerships.org |

Information & Resources

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| Pennsylvania 21st Century Learning Centers | 21stcccl.org |
| Pennsylvania Grant Watch | pennsylvania.grantwatch.com |
| Design It! Engineering in Afterschool | ltd.edc.org/science |
| National Institute on Out-Of-School Time | niost.org |
| BOOST Collaborative | boostcollaborative.org |
| Scholastic Books | scholastic.com/home |
| The Coalition for Science Afterschool | afterschoolscience.org |
| Exploratorium Afterschool | exploratorium.edu/afterschool |
| ASAP Philadelphia Afterschool Partnerships | phillyasap.org |
| CAP4KIDS | cap4kids.org/Philadelphia |

Kid Favorites

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| KIDSITES Guide the Best on the Web | kidsites.com |
| FUNBRAIN | funbrain.com |
| National Geographic—Kids | kids.nationalgeopgraphic.com/kids |
| PRONGO Interactive Website for Kids | prongo.com |
| Nourish Interactive | nourishinteractive.com |
| Math Playground | mathplayground.com |
| Crayola | Crayola.com |
| Haring Kids (art) | haringkids.com |
| The Incredible Art Department | princetonol.com/groups/iad/index.html |
| BRAINPOP | brainpop.com |
| Kids.gov-Official Kid's Site of the US Government | kids.gov |



The Pennsylvania School-Age Child Care Alliance (PENN SACCA) invites you to submit a workshop proposal for its annual **statewide school-age conference** scheduled for Friday and Saturday, **November 8th and 9th, 2013** at Holiday Inn at Grantsville (Hershey). Our theme is "Quality Improvement through Professional Development"

Our mission is to guide, champion, and represent out-of-school-time professionals. One of our values is that out-of-school-time professional development matters. We welcome proposals revolving around the National AfterSchool Association and Pennsylvania Keystone STARS Standards for Quality School-Age Care. They include the following categories:

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| Human Relationships | Core Body of Knowledge |
| Indoor Environment | Professional Development Plan |
| Outdoor Environment | Keystone STARS Standards |
| Activities | Funding Sources of SACC programs |
| Continuous Quality Improvement | School Age Systems Building |
| Safety, Health, and Nutrition | Administration |

All workshops must be relevant to the school-age child care population. Proposals should be mailed, faxed, **or emailed (preferred)** to us by **April 15, 2013** at the address below. If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 814-602-1076. You will be notified no later than April 30, 2013 if your proposal has been accepted.

Don't miss this great opportunity for statewide exposure to the school-age care population! We are expecting a great number of participants!!

Chuck Lytle

PENN SACCA

Phone: 814-602-1076

Email: chuckl@nwir.org

Here are some responses from happy attendees to the 2012 PENN SACCA Conference:

'Thanks for everything! The caliber of presenters at this conference was exceptional! Keep up the good work!'

'Loved Lisa Murray!'

'Speakers were professional and extremely competent!'

'My 3rd year here and I will be back next year!'

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