The ASYD Quality Standards are based on research from a variety of fields including education, child development and psychology, organizational psychology, business management and public health. Each standard aims to encourage positive short-term and long-term outcomes in youth based on best practices found through this research.

EVIDENCE-BASED, RESEARCH-DRIVEN:

- Programs can utilize this as a tool for quality awareness and improvement, facilitating important conversations and setting goals among staff.

SELF-ASSESSMENT, NOT PUNISHMENT:

- Serve children and youth between ages 5 and 18
- Serve youth who attend regularly and over a long period of time
- Are well-established
- Offer youth a range of enriching experiences

DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR PROGRAMS THAT:

- Studies show that programs that use a continuous quality improvement system are likely to see improvements in the quality of instruction delivered by staff members and even retention levels of short-term staff.

A TOOL FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT:

Georgia joins 32 other states, including Arkansas, Florida, Nebraska and Indiana, which already have quality standards for their afterschool programs.

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The Standards Promote Education, Families and Health

SUPPORTING EDUCATORS AND STUDENT LEARNING

• Keep open and frequent lines of communication between program staff and school faculty
• Utilize and base activities on Georgia state academic standards
• Offer hands-on activities that further engage students in content from the school day
• Incorporate homework help and tutoring
• Teach students skills that will help them become academically successful, such as time management and teamwork

STRENGTHENING FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS

• Hold orientations for families to learn about the program
• Encourage families to visit and observe the program
• Share positive information and constructive feedback with families regularly through written notes, phone calls and face-to-face conversations
• Ask families for feedback about how to improve the program

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

• Prevent bullying and harassment
• Teach healthy eating and cooking choices and offer healthy snacks
• Incorporate physical activity
• Communicate with and provide resources to families about health

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit the Georgia ASYD Website: www.georgiaasyd.org
Visit GSAN’s Website: www.afterschoolga.org

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