



GEORGIA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK

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The **Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN)** plays a pivotal role in advancing Georgia's afterschool and youth development field by engaging new and existing partners, supporting quality improvement and professional development, and working toward the sustainability of the field through policy and advocacy.

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2018 INCLUDE:

Quality Program Supports



Co-hosted the 2018 Georgia Afterschool & Youth Development (ASYD) Conference with more than 600 attendees, 92 workshops, 53 exhibitors, and three sponsors.



Grew and strengthened our technical assistance (TA) system aligned to the ASYD Quality Standards and provided support and coaching to 13 programs.



Secured a new contract from the Department of Early Care and Learning to provide TA to six school age child care programs.

Sustainability



Grew to four full-time staff with additional support provided by an Americorps VISTA member and MSW intern.



Secured funding from three new donors to help expand and support our existing work.



Became the National Afterschool Association (NAA)'s state affiliate to provide benefits and resources to Georgia's afterschool providers.

Policy and Advocacy



Partnered with the United Way of Greater Atlanta on a systems building initiative around summer learning, hosting four workgroups with individuals from 43 organizations represented.



Successfully advocated for five of GSAN's comments to be included in Georgia's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan.



Published a report on the return on investment of Georgia's afterschool programs showcasing the variety of benefits to students, families, and society.

Network Building



Launched an Afterschool Community Champion Program and the first Afterschool Day at the Capitol to raise awareness of afterschool across the state.



Hosted the inaugural Afterschool Awards to highlight outstanding afterschool programs, professionals, youth, and advocates.



Hosted four community conversations in Macon, Atlanta, Columbus, and Rome to educate and build connections around afterschool.

Serving as Georgia's statewide afterschool network since 2004, GSAN has:

- ▶ Collaborated with the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services and Departments of Education and Public Health to develop and release the Georgia ASYD Quality Standards, Georgia's first out-of-school time standards.
- ▶ Provided 32 summer learning programs with high quality STEM programming through the Zero Robotics program over the last seven years.
- ▶ Supported the Georgia ASYD Conference in 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2018 reaching more than 600 participants each year.
- ▶ Provided quality professional development opportunities including two multi-day Georgia Afterschool Institutes and several one-day training sessions.
- ▶ Hosted Mayoral Summits on afterschool in Atlanta, Milledgeville, and Hinesville in partnership with the Georgia Municipal Association.

By supporting afterschool and summer learning programs in Georgia, we're preparing our future leaders for tomorrow and helping our families, businesses, and communities thrive.

About Us

The Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN) is a public-private collaborative that envisions a day when **all communities in Georgia** provide exceptional afterschool programming. Our mission is to **advance, connect, and support** quality afterschool programs to promote the success of children and youth throughout Georgia.

GSAN is one of 50 statewide afterschool networks supported by the C.S. Mott Foundation. Since 2013, Voices for Georgia's Children (Voices), a nonprofit child policy and advocacy organization, has served as the fiscal sponsor of GSAN.

What Do We Do?

Providing access to professional development, best practices, and enrichments for out-of-school time programs.



Supporting the development of policy priorities and advocacy strategies at the local and state level.



Engaging families, communities, businesses, and local and state leaders while educating them on the positive impacts of afterschool programming.



Our Leadership Team

The following organizations are represented on GSAN's Leadership Team:

- ▶ Atlanta Community Food Bank
- ▶ Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta
- ▶ Future Foundation
- ▶ Georgia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
- ▶ Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power & Potential
- ▶ Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities (DBHDD)
- ▶ Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)
- ▶ Georgia Department of Education
- ▶ Georgia Department of Public Health
- ▶ Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS)
- ▶ Georgia Family Connection Partnership
- ▶ Georgia Recreation and Parks Association
- ▶ GUIDE, Inc.
- ▶ J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development
- ▶ United Way of Greater Atlanta
- ▶ Voices for Georgia's Children
- ▶ VOX Teen Communications
- ▶ YMCA of Metro Atlanta

Funding for the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network

\$200,000 +	C.S. Mott Foundation	Multi-year grant to support statewide, regional and local partnerships that build and sustain high-quality programs
	United Way of Greater Atlanta	Multi-year grant to strengthen, connect, and support afterschool and summer programs in the greater Atlanta area
	Goizueta Foundation	Multi-year grant to strengthen and scale GSAN's TA system
	C.S. Mott Foundation	Multi-year grant to strengthen Georgia's school-age child care policies
\$100,000 - \$199,999	DFCS (Sub-contracted from GUIDE, Inc.)	To provide technical assistance to youth development programs funded through the Prevention and Community Support Section
Under \$100,000	State Agency Collaborative	To support the Georgia ASYD Initiative including the conference, training, events, communications, and awards
	DBHDD	To assist afterschool programs in supporting the social-emotional development and behavioral health of the youth they serve
	DECAL	To provide six school age child care programs with TA and coaching
	Harland Foundation	To support the Goizueta Foundation grant in strengthening GSAN's TA system
	National Youth Leadership Council	To provide training to afterschool providers on how to incorporate service learning in their programming
	Afterschool Alliance	To promote STEM policy that is supportive of afterschool and expanded learning
	Innovation Learning Center	To support Atlanta-area summer programs in providing hands-on STEM learning to middle school students

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