



GEORGIA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK



2019 AT A GLANCE

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 2019 INCLUDE:

Quality Program Supports



Provided support and coaching to 18 programs and developed a database to track progress and outcomes.



Hosted a service-learning summit, training 40 professionals on how to implement a project in their community.



Hosted workshops across the state on topics such as Creating Inspiring Environments and Best Practices in Youth Development.

Sustainability



Finalized a new strategic plan setting the direction for GSAN through 2024.



Increased our revenue to help expand and support our existing work.



Served as the National Afterschool Association (NAA)'s state affiliate, providing resources and benefits to Georgia's afterschool providers.

Policy and Advocacy



Partnered with the United Way of Greater Atlanta to publish a report on the landscape of summer learning in the Greater Atlanta region.



Released two *Afterschool Issues* highlighting the importance of STEM learning and the connection between afterschool and health and well-being.



Provided testimony at legislative committee hearings and met with Georgia's Congressional delegation about the value of afterschool.

Network Building



Selected GSAN's second cohort of Afterschool Community Champions and trained them on advocacy and policy issues.



Honored 7 outstanding afterschool programs, professionals, and youth leaders at the Georgia Afterschool & Youth Development Awards.



Hosted 5 behavioral health round table discussions to better understand challenges faced by programs and professionals.

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.
- ▶ Hosted 8 community conversations to educate and build connections around afterschool.
- ▶ Published a report on the return on investment of Georgia's afterschool programs showcasing the variety of benefits to students, families, and society.
- ▶ Supported the Georgia ASYD Conference in 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2018 reaching more than 600 participants each year.
- ▶ 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, 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
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
	Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta	Multi-year grant to strengthen, connect, and support afterschool and summer programs in the greater Atlanta area
	Georgia State University (Subcontract from GaDOE)	To support the development of an evaluation plan for Georgia's 21st CCLC program
	DECAL	To provide coaching and training to school age child care providers
	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
	STEM Next Opportunity Fund	To provide training to afterschool providers on STEM topics
	Afterschool Alliance	To promote STEM policy that is supportive of afterschool and expanded learning

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