



# GEORGIA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK



## 2020 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 2020 INCLUDE:

#### Quality Program Supports



Launched a Small Group Coaching Technical Assistance pilot program focused on 5 content areas and serving 26 sites.



Hosted over 35 professional development webinars.



Developed the Summer Activity Guide with 150 activities for ages 5-18 adaptable for in-person and virtual instruction, or a hybrid of both.

#### Sustainability



Expanded the team with the addition of an Americorps VISTA member.



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



Successfully advocated for expanded access to the Supporting Onsite Learning for Virtual Education (SOLVE) program.



Released "Behavioral Health Needs in Afterschool & Summer Programming: Equipping Programs to Support Georgia's Youth" and accompanying resources.



Highlighted the impact of the Out-of-School-Time field during the pandemic to Georgia's Congressional delegation.

#### Network Building



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



Hosted 15 COVID-19 forums to provide policy updates, training, and resources to the youth development field.



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 +	<b>C.S. Mott Foundation</b>	Multi-year grant to support statewide, regional and local partnerships that build and sustain high-quality programs
	<b>United Way of Greater Atlanta</b>	Multi-year grant to strengthen, connect and support afterschool and summer programs in the Greater Atlanta area
	<b>Goizueta Foundation</b>	Multi-year grant to strengthen and scale GSAN's TA system
Under \$100,000	<b>State Agency Collaborative</b>	To support the Georgia ASYD Initiative including the conference, training, events, communications, and awards
	<b>DBHDD</b>	To assist afterschool programs in supporting the social-emotional development and behavioral health of the youth they serve
	<b>Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta</b>	Multi-year grant to strengthen, connect and support afterschool and summer programs in the Greater Atlanta area
	<b>Georgia State University (Subcontract from GaDOE)</b>	To support the development of an evaluation plan for Georgia's 21st CCLC program
	<b>National Youth Leadership Council</b>	To provide training to afterschool providers on how to incorporate service learning in their programming
	<b>STEM Next Opportunity Fund</b>	To provide training to afterschool providers on STEM topics
	<b>Afterschool Alliance</b>	To promote STEM policy that is supportive of afterschool and expanded learning

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