

CT After School Collaborations

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CT Child Care Subsidy Programs

- The State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services (DSS) currently subsidizes multiple child care programs. DSS funds Before and After School (BAS) programs, Child Day Care Centers (CDC) which all provide care and education in diverse communities throughout the state.
- CT's BAS programs model the National School-Age Care Alliance and National After School Association standards to provide organized, safe, age appropriate and culturally inclusive after school programs that provide physical, social and educational opportunities for the school age children of the departments Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) clients.

Multiple Programs

- DSS also provides funding for School Age programs through its Child Day Care program and the Care 4 Kids child care subsidy programs.
- The CT State Department of Education (SDE) provides funding for Extended Day, 21st Century and Family Resource Center programs.
- Annually, 113,419 children receive subsidized child care service in CT

CT After School Network

- The State Legislature charged DSS and SDE with the development of an After School Advisory Council to identify after school programs and to report on the investment in and quality of those programs.
- The findings in the report lead SDE and DSS partnered in the development of the proposal for the C.S. Mott foundation funding. Once we got the funding we developed the request for proposals that lead to the development of the **CT After School Network**.

Assessing Quality

- Since 2004 DSS has worked with SDE, the CT After School Advisory Council, and the **CT After School Network** to develop Best Practice Guidelines for Connecticut After School Programs and the CT After School Self-Assessment Tool.
- On June 13, 2007 the CT After School Network presented comprehensive draft guidelines and assessment tools to the CT After School Advisory Council.

Next Step

- Our short term goal is to roll out the guidelines and self assessment tools to statewide after school providers within the current program year.