New York State Network for Youth Success

Vision: That all of New York State’s children and youth will have access to high-quality expanded learning and development opportunities that will support their success in school, college, work, and life.

Mission: To strengthen the commitment and capacity of communities, programs, and professionals to increase access to high-quality programs and services beyond the traditional classroom.

What Does The Network for Youth Success Do?
The Network for Youth Success convenes partners at the state and regional levels to support the expanded learning field and promote increased quality and availability of afterschool and summer programs, community schools, expanded learning time, and other expanded learning opportunities that support youth success.

WE ARE A NETWORK OF PROFESSIONALS

- **Member Organization:** Establishes a network to coordinate resources and existing capacity in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors in service to afterschool and other expanded learning programs.

- **Regional Networks:** Provides a central network to share information and resources and support its nine regional network affiliates throughout the state. Additionally, we work closely with leading afterschool stakeholders in New York City.

- **Credential:** Administers the New York State School Age Care Credential allowing afterschool professionals to provide high-quality care and learning environments and to move up in their field.

ADVANCING QUALITY

- **Capacity Building:** Coordinates existing state and regional resources and develop new resources to increase access to and effectiveness of professional development and technical assistance.

- **Program Quality:** Promotes the adoption of a common system of quality standards and the development of capacity-building, assessment and evaluation tools linked to standards.

- **Accreditation:** Administers the New York State Afterschool Accreditation Program assuring the highest quality of afterschool programs, and standardizing across the afterschool space.

- **Conference:** Provides statewide annual training institute tailored to the needs of youth development professionals.

AND INCREASING ACCESS

- **Statewide Policy Agenda:** Convenes partners across the afterschool field to develop and advocate for public policies and practices that build a comprehensive and coordinated statewide afterschool system.

- **Child Nutrition:** Connects eligible providers with Federal reimbursement programs for healthy suppers and snacks.

- **STEM:** Facilitates connections between Regional Networks and other local science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) sectors, including Pre-K-12 education, businesses, work force investment boards, libraries, science centers and related coalitions.
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