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A Message from FASA's President

Hello FASA Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

I would first like to thank everyone who attended our conference in October. We had over 550 attendees making it the best and biggest conference in FASA history. A big thank you to the FASA Board and the Conference Planning Committee.

On a different subject I would like to bring your attention to a report that was researched by America After 3 PM. The survey identified the supply of and demand for afterschool programs, as well as the major barriers to program enrollment. In 2009, Florida parents/guardians were asked about their children's regular participation in various after school care arrangements, with a special focus on after-



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Afterschool Care Arrangements

- **25% (742,554)** of Florida's K-12 children are responsible for taking care of themselves after school. These children spend an average of **8 hours** per week unsupervised after school.
- **20% (584,688)** of Florida's K-12 children participate in afterschool programs. On average, afterschool participants spend **9 hours** per week in afterschool programs. Participation averages **3 days** per week.
- **71%** of Florida K-12 children spend some portion of the hours after school in the care of a parent or guardian.
- Other care arrangements include traditional child care centers (**14%**), sibling care (**16%**) and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (**36%**).

Need or Demand for Afterschool

- **36% (841,951)** of all Florida children not in afterschool would be likely to participate if an afterschool program were available in the community, regardless of their current care arrangement.
- Parents of non-participants believe that their children would benefit most from afterschool programs in the following ways: by having fun, improving their social skills, staying safe and out of trouble and improving their workforce skills.

This survey gives a clear picture of how important our profession is. I would like to congratulate and thank you for all you do everyday to improve the lives of Florida's children. Please keep up the good work.

Happy Holidays,

Sharon

Sharon Carie
President, FASA

We are happy to announce that our plans for the FASA 2010 State Conference have already begun!! We realize that our challenge is to exceed your expectations by making 2010 bigger and better than ever. Our conference committees are dedicated to providing a variety of exceptional training seminars conducted by respected professionals in their field, hilarious FASA Frolics, distinguished keynote presenters, site tours, the Awards of Excellence luncheon to honor our extraordinary colleagues, networking opportunities, board reception, and an overall outstanding quality conference experience. We believe you're sure to find this is the PREMIER after school state conference you have been looking for! We look forward to seeing you at Walt Disney World's, Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center!!

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 1, 2010

Judy Nee Resigns Position with NAA...

NAA President and CEO Judy Nee announced her resignation as head of the national organization, effective December 31, 2009. Ms. Nee assumed her leadership role at NAA on October 1, 2006, after serving as the organization's Board President. During her tenure, Ms. Nee oversaw a number of significant accomplishments including:

- Development of a comprehensive 5-year strategic plan
- Establishment of NAA's current headquarters in Washington, DC
- Transition of the NAA Accreditation System to the Council on Accreditation
- Significant expansion of the nation's only convention for the afterschool field
- Development of a Code of Ethics for the afterschool profession
- Development of a Trainer Quality Assurance system for the afterschool field
- Creation of a state of the art online membership community and website
- Development of an innovative partnership with the National Association for Elementary School Principals

In a letter of resignation submitted to NAA's Board of Directors, Ms. Nee stated, "The experience of serving as President and CEO for NAA has been the highlight of my career. I can't think of any other organization that has a deeper history of supporting afterschool professionals and programs."

The NAA Board has appointed Dr. Paul Young to serve as Interim President and CEO to continue the strategic focus of the organization and assure a smooth transition. Dr. Young has a background as an elementary school principal, President of the Board of Directors of the National Association for Elementary School Principals, and most recently as the Director of four 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs in Ohio. Dr. Young will begin his appointment on January 1, 2010, and will serve in that role until the NAA Board determines the process and timeline for conducting a national search. Judy Nee will remain on the Board of Directors of NAA, and will continue her work on afterschool leadership and professional development in Florida and nationally.

and Heads Home to Florida to work with FAN

In a recent email, Larry Pintacuda, Executive Director of the Florida Afterschool Network (FAN), shared that upon resignation of her current position, Ms. Judy Nee, President and CEO of the National Afterschool Association, will begin work full time with FAN on January 1, 2010 .

Mr. Pintacuda also shared that FAN is in the process of designing and implementing a comprehensive professional development system for afterschool practitioners in Florida. The model, based on research in the early childhood and afterschool fields, includes coordinated components aligned with Florida's licensing requirements, Florida-approved certificates and training, and courses and degrees existing or planned at Florida community colleges.

The afterschool professional development system will include:

- Core Competencies for afterschool staff - mapped to national and local models
- Fully articulated, linked system of training and coursework
- Professional registry – coordinated with Florida early childhood registry system
- Trainer approval – Based on the National Afterschool Association system
- Incentives for practitioners – based on the TEACH model in early childhood

FAN is pleased and excited to announce that they have secured the services of Ms. Judy Nee to direct this effort. Mr. Pintacuda stated that to accomplish this goal, FAN felt it was imperative that someone with Judy's passion, leadership, vision and expertise be engaged full time to bring the Florida Afterschool Professional Development System from the drawing board to fruition. This is a tremendous step forward as FAN moves to improve the overall quality of afterschool programs in Florida.

The Florida Afterschool Professional Task Force is in place, and with Judy's appointment FAN will be moving quickly on this critical issue. To learn more about the statewide model, please visit the FAN Website at www.myfan.org .

FASA 2009 STATE CONFERENCE

Keynote: Doc Brown



A KNOCK OUT SUCCESS!!



We owe a great deal of thanks and appreciation to those who helped make this such a successful conference!!

Keynote: Dr. Pedro Noguera

To the FASA Board and Conference Planning Committee: Thank you for all the hard work before, during and after conference.

To 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Florida Department of Education and University of Florida: Thank you for your collaboration and sponsorship. We were delighted to host all the new grantees and continuing grantees at this year's State Conference. We are very proud of our collaborations and look forward to next year's conference.

To all the conference attendees: Thank you so much for choosing to attend this year's conference. This was without a doubt the best conference yet!!

567 total attendees were present October 13th – 17th, 2009, at the beautiful Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World, making this the largest state conference FASA has ever hosted. We had 52 Presenters and 31 Sponsors/ Exhibitors. We would like to thank our Sponsors:

- 21st Century Community Learning Centers – FLDOE
- After School Programs (ASP)
- Bright House Networks
- Florida Afterschool Network
- Prime Time
- Socci
- Scholastic
- University of Florida



Keynote: Judy Nee

We hope to see everyone back at Coronado Springs Resort in September 2010. Please watch for more information to come.

Thank you for attending and Happy Holidays!!

FASA Conference Planning Committee

EXCITING OFFER! TAKE THE 2009 CONFERENCE HOME WITH YOU!!!

This year FASA offered our attendees an opportunity to purchase a 1GB flash drive, pre-loaded with some of this year's workshop presentations and hand-outs.

The FASA flash drive is a great way to bring the 2009 conference back to your staff and your manager.

If you are interested in purchasing a flash drive for \$15.00, please contact Rhonda Rogers at rrogers@primetimepbc.org or at 561-732- 8066 and she will ship it to you at no additional charge.



News from 21st CCLC

Florida's 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) initiative has provided free, structured out-of-school services to Florida's low-income children since 2001. With the demographic and economic changes of the past 40 years, many parents have found it increasingly difficult to be at home in the hours immediately following the regular school day. Many families can no longer afford even low-cost afterschool programming and their children are, therefore, left to "fend for themselves" after the regular school day ends. The current economic climate also limits the abilities of families to pay for tutorial services for their children struggling with academics.

Florida's 21st CCLC initiative will provide nearly \$60 million for free, academically-focused, out-of-school programs for the eligible students and their families. Nearly 25 million student service hours will be funded through Florida's 21st CCLC initiative during the 2009-2010 program year. Without this program, nearly 81,000 children would go without afterschool programming and extracurricular academic enrichment each day. The 21st CCLC programs are intended to help students meet state and local academic achievement standards in core academic subjects through engaging, hands-on learning opportunities. The 21st CCLC programs throughout the state will be operating for at least 36 weeks and provide each student a minimum of four (4) days and 12 hours per week of services.

The model of the 21st CCLC is to enhance the regular school day and extend the hours so that all members of the community benefit from access to school resources, including teachers, computer labs, gymnasiums and classrooms. Our afterschool programs also provide the following services to students attending high-poverty, low-performing schools:

- Academic enrichment activities that can help students meet state and local achievement standards.
- A broad array of additional services designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program, such as: *drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music, and recreation programs, technology education programs, and character education programs.*
- Literacy and related educational development services to the families of children who are served in the program.

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The mission of FASA is to provide leadership, to support professionals and to promote quality programs for children and youth during out-of-school hours. To accomplish its mission, FASA provides training, advocacy, and networking opportunities for after school professionals throughout Florida.

By joining FASA, you are supporting the critical service that school age programs provide to communities and families. Your membership connects you with professionals who share your commitment to quality.

Every Member of FASA is a member of the National AfterSchool Association (NAA). FASA membership meets the Director's Credential criteria for individual membership in a national, state, or local professional organization.

Single Membership — \$45

Single Member benefits include:

- One FASA Membership—one member certificate
- Discounted rate for FASA training events for individual member
- FASA's quarterly newsletter — *The Link*
- Access to FASA's Web site — COMING SOON: the ability to post employment opportunities and access a list of school age trainers

Organizational Membership — \$125

Organizational Membership benefits include:

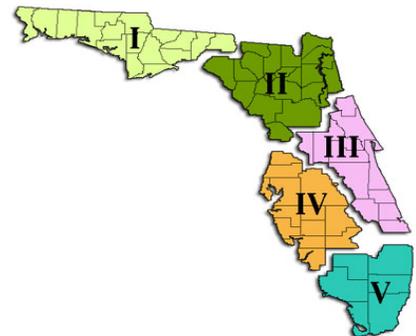
- Four FASA Memberships—four member certificates
- Discounted rates for FASA training events for each organizational member
- FASA's quarterly newsletter — *The Link*
- Access to FASA's Web site — COMING SOON: the ability to post employment opportunities and access a list of school age trainers

All FASA memberships are effective for the calendar year, January through December.

Meet Your FASA Board Members

REGION	POSITION	NAME	EXECUTIVE BOARD	
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1	Director of Membership	Jessica Wallace	Vice President	Kevin Cataldo
2	Director of Training	<i>Vacant</i>	1 st Vice President	Deb Ballinger
2	Director of Membership	<i>Vacant</i>	Secretary	Katherine Gopie
3	Director of Training	Kathi Jennings	Treasurer	Rhonda Rogers
3	Director of Membership	Greg Snow		
4	Director of Training	Kathie DiPolito		
4	Director of Membership	Raymond Long		
5	Director of Training	Robert Liebman		
5	Director of Membership	<i>Vacant</i>		
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	Member at Large	<i>Vacant</i>		
	Member at Large	Debbie Zenk		

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