THE WORK OF OregonASK

Statewide Afterschool Network

OregonASK is a collaboration of statewide agencies and local organizations working together to support, expand, and advocate for quality out-of-school time programs and activities for children, youth, and families throughout Oregon.

TRAINING

OregonASK’s certified Master Trainers share expertise in afterschool curriculum implementation, behavior management, youth development, program management, and family engagement. All trainings are approved by the Oregon Center for Career Development’s Registry system.

CONSULTATION & COACHING

OregonASK brings expertise to programs and individuals who want to focus on organizational and programmatic issues, as well as individual skills or needs.

EVALUATION

The data and evaluation team uses a variety of tools to measure program quality and staff competency. Finders are used to encourage self-reflection, inform training plans, and support continuous quality improvement.

RESOURCES & CURRICULUM

As an active member in the national afterschool landscape, OregonASK serves as the state affiliate to the National Afterschool Association and the Mott Foundation’s 50 State Afterschool Network, enabling us to bring high-quality resources back to Oregon. Our curriculum development specialists collaborate with programs to create custom, inquiry-based learning content perfect for local communities.

CONNECTION

We use our knowledge of afterschool programs and partners across the state to connect people who can learn from one another and build sustainable relationships with partner organizations.
PARTNERSHIPS

As Partners in the network, organizations have opportunities to connect with other professionals from out-of-school time programs, find new local, state or national partners, have access to affordable professional development and program resources, and take advantage of unified messaging to raise the voice of afterschool & summer learning in Oregon. As a collaborative, we align our work with partners from outside the world of education, such as government and business, to make us as efficient and impactful as possible. Participation in the statewide afterschool network helps programs increase connections and credibility as they connect to the National Network, statewide agencies, and local champions.

POLICY

Providers, organizations, and agencies interested in the field of afterschool look to OregonASK to answer questions and keep them informed about local, state, and national issues, including legislation that impacts children, youth, and families in our communities. Our work is centered on educating policy makers through research, tools, strategies, and partnerships with many organizations throughout the state. We educate the community about ways that afterschool & summer programs keep kids safe, inspire learning and help working families. We work directly with providers, public administrators, and elected officials to create policies that support the work of afterschool programs, professional, and youth in Oregon.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

OregonASK recognizes the crucial link between what youth experience in afterschool and summer programs and the skills and knowledge of the program staff who work with them. To keep improving the overall quality of afterschool & summer programs in Oregon, our direct training opportunities serve hundreds annually, and develop the professional development infrastructure for all out-of-school time providers in the state. OregonASK believes that quality afterschool programs are critical for providing every youth with equitable, enriching experiences that support their growth and learning opportunities.

DEFINING QUALITY

• Inspiring Student Dreams
• Providing Professional Development
• Engaging Parents & Families
• Building Systems & Structures
• Increasing School & Community Partnerships