

Afterschool Programs in California

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Bio: Jennifer Peck



Jennifer joined the Partnership in 2001 to lead the organization's efforts to finance and build after school programs in the region's poorest communities. Since then, Jennifer has grown the Partnership's scope to include support for the development of children's health, mental health, school meals and summer programs in high-poverty schools.

Jennifer has built the Partnership's role as an effective advocacy organization, working with policy makers to improve the effectiveness of a variety of funding streams for youth programs. In 2006, she led policy development and advocacy on Senate Bill 638, which reformed state and federal after school funding to better serve the highest need communities. For this work, Senator Tom Torlakson named Jennifer "Woman of the Year" in 2008 for his Senate District.

Previously, Jennifer spent eight years as an appointee of President Bill Clinton at the U.S. Department of Education, working to implement priority initiatives including student loan reform, School-to-Work, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Jennifer has a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Women's Studies from Colgate University in Hamilton, New York.





Presentation Focus:

Two funding sources administered

by CDE:

- **After School Education and Safety (ASES or Prop. 49)**
 - 4,000 elementary and middle school programs
 - \$550 million
- **21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)**
 - 600 elementary and middle school programs
 - 200 high school programs
 - \$140 million



Current Challenge

Possibility of an amendment to allow deep cuts to Prop 49's funding guarantee. This potential threat needs to be taken seriously:

- In 2009, Prop 49 identified as negative example of “ballot box budgeting”
- In 2008, legislature attempted to secure ballot measure to repeal Prop 49's guarantee



Current Opportunities

- Threats are prompting the field to become better organized as advocates
- Increasing number of legislator site visits
- Getting prepared for new leadership in Sacramento



2009 Legislative Session

- No funding cuts
- Several bills proposed improvement – none passed
 - AB 983: option to offer weekend activities
 - AB 434: allow site coordinators as “direct service” cost & temporarily reduce required match from 33% to 15%
 - SB 798: improvements to 21st CCLC program to increase daily rates, shift funds to meet type of program in demand, & emphasize summer programming



Federal Policy

- Administration emphasizing value of **out of school time**
- Federal stimulus funding guidance emphasized afterschool and summer learning & enrichment programs as key to student success
- Hopeful for growth in federal programs, such as:
 - 21st CCLC
 - Full Service Community Schools
 - STEP-UP (Summer program funding)



Vision for System in California

Provide high quality

learning and enrichment opportunities

for all children

during all times of the year



Next Steps

Extend our commitment to after school programs to cover all children in need

Fund quality learning & developmentally appropriate opportunities in the summertime to address:

- Learning loss
- Obesity
- Needs of working families



Immediate Next Steps

- Urge California Legislature to pass SB 798 which will support summer programs with 21st CCLC funds
- Work to maximize opportunities in federal stimulus money (Race to the Top, i3, Title 1)
- Ensure there is support for high quality afterschool and summer programs in ESEA Reauthorization



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