



New York State Afterschool Network is a statewide public-private partnership dedicated to promoting young people's safety, learning and healthy development outside the traditional classroom. NYSAN's activities are directed toward building the capacity and commitment of communities to increase the quality and availability of programs during non-school hours.

**Objectives**

- Foster statewide, regional, and local public-private partnerships that build upon the strengths of existing relationships at all levels and that represent a diversity of perspectives.
- Build local and state public and private support for expanding and sustaining high quality afterschool opportunities.
- Promote statewide standards of quality through a common system of self assessment of afterschool programs building on existing state and national standards.
- Build the capacity of afterschool program providers through coordinated training and technical assistance and collaborative learning.

**NYSAN Steering Committee Members**

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| Association of New York State Youth Bureaus                          | New York State Office of Children and Family Services |
| Children's Aid Society   | New York State School Age Care Coalition              |
| Coalition for After-School Funding                                   | New York State Student Support Services Center        |
| Cornell University Cooperative Extension                             | New York University Metro Center for Urban Education  |
| New York City Department of Education                                | Partnership for After School Education                |
| New York City Department of Youth & Community Development            | The After-School Corporation                          |
| New York 21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC Statewide Technical Assistance Center | YMCA's of New York State                              |
| New York State Center for School Safety                              | NYSAN Liaison to Funders                              |
| New York State Education Department                                  | NYSAN Regional Network Representatives                |

**Steering Committee Co-Chairs:**

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**Regional Networks**

Regional networks provide mechanisms to share information and resources and promote afterschool among local and regional stakeholders. Network participation is open to all interested groups, including program providers, students, parents, public agencies, educators, funders, advocates, policymakers, school districts, trainers, evaluators, technical assistance providers, business, higher education and community leaders. Established Regional Networks include:

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| Central New York Out-of-School-Time Network | Upper Hudson Afterschool Network |
| Greater Rochester After-School Alliance     | Buffalo Providers Network        |
| Hudson Valley Afterschool Network           |                                  |

## What Does NYSAN Do?

NYSAN convenes public and private partners at the state and regional levels across New York State to work in four main areas to support the afterschool field and promote increased quality and availability of afterschool opportunities:

**Advancing Program Quality:** NYSAN promotes the adoption of a common system of quality standards and the development of capacity-building, assessment and evaluation tools linked to standards. NYSAN developed the Program Quality Self-Assessment (QSA) tool which has been adopted by the New York State Education Department and the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development, as well as many private agencies. For more information on the QSA tool, please see [www.nysan.org](http://www.nysan.org).

**Coordinating and Improving Professional Development:** NYSAN facilitates efforts to coordinate existing state and regional resources and develop new resources to increase access to and effectiveness of professional development and technical assistance. Beginning in Fall 2007, NYSAN is hosting a year-long training institute for the managers of several of the state's public afterschool funding initiatives. NYSAN Regional Networks sponsor professional development opportunities and work to improve quality within their regions.

**Setting a Statewide Policy Agenda:** NYSAN convenes public and private partners across the afterschool field in the state of New York to develop a shared agenda to build a more comprehensive and coordinated statewide system of support to increase quality and availability of afterschool programs.

**Network Communications, Regional Development and Sustainability:** NYSAN provides a website, listservs and other communication tools, and works with regional and local partners to support regional networks, information and resource sharing.

## For More Information

See the NYSAN website at [www.nysan.org](http://www.nysan.org) for access to information on:

- NYSAN Statewide Policy Agenda for Afterschool
- NYSAN Quality-Self Assessment (QSA) Tool
- Calendar of state and regional training events
- Links to partner agencies and resources

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