



# Minneapolis Afterschool Network

Citywide Afterschool System for Minneapolis

Newsletter

October 2015

## Lights On Afterschool Day - A Magnificent Success!



(L-R) Minneapolis Afterschool Network Director, Fatima Muhammad, Senator Bobby Joe Champion, YMCA Program Executive, Alicia Smith celebrate Lights On Afterschool

On October 22nd, several partners of the Minneapolis Afterschool Network celebrated Lights On Afterschool Day. Launched in October 2000, [Lights On Afterschool](#) is the only nationwide event celebrating quality afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities.

The Harold Mezile North Community YMCA was one of 200 sites across Minnesota that celebrated the learning, positive engagement and fun that occurs every day in afterschool

### Upcoming Events

#### MPS Evaluation Brown Bag: Youth Participatory Evaluation

Bring your own lunch and join your professional peers for a discussion about youth participatory evaluation.

- How can youth at your organization be involved in your evaluation process?
- How can your organization empower young people to have a voice in the programs and policies designed to serve them?

**Monday, November 2, 2015**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**American Swedish Institute -  
2600 Park Ave. S., Minneapolis**

Free parking is available on-site. Please check in at the ASI admission desk at arrival. Register [here](#) to join MPS Evaluation Brown Bag discussion.

programs. The fun-filled night included interactive activities including a STEM activity provided by the Bakken Museum, an entertaining talent showcase performed by program participants, a special [message](#) from Senator Franken, and keynote remarks by Senator Bobby Joe Champion.

Sharing his personal story of how afterschool shaped his life, Sen. Champion also expressed his support for quality afterschool to the large number of program participants, families and community members that were in attendance. The Senator added to the celebration by reading Governor Dayton's proclamation declaring October 22, 2015 [Lights On Afterschool Day](#) in Minnesota.

Thank you to all the youth-serving organizations throughout the City of Minneapolis that help send the message that afterschool is key to children's success, and that we must keep the lights on and doors open after school!

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## It's Here! The Minneapolis Afterschool Network Database



We all know that quality afterschool can make a tremendous impact on the lives of young people. Now we are able to provide a citywide view of afterschool for the City of Minneapolis. The Minneapolis Afterschool Network Database is here!

Partnering with the MPS Research, Evaluation & Assessment Department to serve as the data administrator will allow the Minneapolis Afterschool Network to:

- Track the number of youth served in afterschool programs in Minneapolis
- Identify youth that are not participating in afterschool programs
- Support program providers that offer targeted services to youth and families in neighborhoods with greatest potential impact



## 2015 Youth Summit

November 20th, 2015

The Youth Coordinating Board, YouthLINK, Pillsbury United Communities and the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District will host the 2015 Youth Summit!

An opportunity for youth in Minneapolis

- to discuss current issues and/or concerns with policing in our communities,
- to learn from and dialog with community leadership and the City of Minneapolis Police Chief Janee' Harteau,
- to build trust and collaboration with MPD,
- and to network and have fun!

For more information contact YCB Project Director of Youth Development, [Pam McBride](#)

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## SAVE THE DATE

March 29, 2016  
Support Youth at the Capital

This annual event allows youth, program workers and parents the opportunity to participate in a variety

- Provide aggregate reports that demonstrate direct correlation of youth participation in afterschool to academic growth, increase in school attendance, and social and emotional development
- Improve afterschool program quality
- Identify service gaps, target underserved neighborhoods, and make strategic funding and policy decisions

Interested in joining the citywide afterschool database?  
Contact [Fatima Muhammad](#) for more information.

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## The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board Will Launch Its New Website in November



After much anticipation the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board is excited to launch its new website early next month. The YCB has been

working hard to overhaul its old website to provide a newly informative and interactive platform with a bold new look and enhanced navigation experience. The site's homepage will feature a more user friendly way to gain accurate and up-to-date information on the organization's history, initiatives, resources and opportunities. Stay tuned - the new website is coming soon!

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## Highlight Your Afterschool Program in What's Up 612!

Help families and youth find things to do in the 612! With [What's Up 612!](#) now it's even easier to let others know about opportunities and resources available outside of the classroom.



To have your program, resources, and/or events featured in What's Up 612! simply submit the following:

- Brief description of program
- Activity Type; Health & Fitness, Academics, Arts etc.
- Time & days offered
- Targeted grade level(s)

of sessions that allow them to meet and engage with legislators.

Thank you all for your work to benefit Minneapolis children and young people. Please share this e-newsletter with colleagues, especially with those who work with children, young people, families and the broader Minneapolis community.

For more information on the Minneapolis Afterschool Network and its initiatives as well as ways to engage, please contact Afterschool Project Director, [Fatima Muhammad](#) via email or at 612-673-2131.

- Location address
- Contact information and website address
- Photo and/or video (recommended but not required)

**What's Up 612!** is an online resource for children and youth ages 5-21 where citywide afterschool and summer activities and resources can be found. To have your program listed, send content [here](#).

