

Environmental Scan



Prevention and early intervention strategies are crucial to keeping at-risk children and youth out of the school-to-prison pipeline. As you go through this summit, we encourage you to think about your own or your organization's role and make notes on the outline below.

STRENGTHS



- What characteristics give you and/or your organization advantages in supporting students?
- What do we do to support students with Prevention and Early Intervention efforts?
- What in-kind or financial investments has your community made that support students?
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CHALLENGES



- What characteristics give you and/or your organization disadvantages in supporting at-risk students?
- What resources are lacking in your organization? (i.e. training, funding, etc.)
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OPPORTUNITIES



- Can new stakeholder relationships be strengthened?
- Could a local afterschool program be leverage?
- Can existing partnerships be strengthened?
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THREATS



- What are the obstacles?
- Do external threats (funding, changing political climate, etc.) exist?
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“At A Glance” Resource Guide



Afterschool programs provide valuable resources to children, families and communities.

Here are just a few ways that you can promote afterschool programs that support children and youth in Wyoming:

- 1. Locate and visit an afterschool program in your community.**
 - Statewide Map: wyafterschoolalliance.org
- 2. Identify and contact resources in your community such as**
 - Local DFS Office
 - Public Health Nurses
 - Americorps/VISTA - Volunteers in Service to America
 - Mental Health Professionals
 - Non-Profits that Support and Serve Youth
 - Local Juvenile Defenders
 - Community Prevention Coalition
- 3. Make connections at your local school district and afterschool program including**
 - School-based programs (those housed in school districts)
 - Community-based non-profit afterschool and summer learning programs (Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Parks and Recreation, etc...)
- 4. Contact the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance for assistance with**
 - Technical resources and training opportunities
 - Current research and data on best practices for positive youth development
 - Referrals, consultations and facilitation
- 5. Attend the annual WYAA State Conference each October.**
- 6. Refer a family to an afterschool program in your area.**
- 7. Stay in touch with WYAA!**
 - Subscribe to our newsletter at wyafterschoolalliance.org
 - Follow us at twitter.com/WyomingOST & facebook.com/WyomingOST

