

Afterschool Matters

Call for Papers

Fall 2012 Issue

Afterschool Matters, a national, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to promoting professionalism, scholarship, and consciousness in the field of afterschool education, is seeking material for the Fall 2012 issue. Published by the National Institute on Out-of-School Time with support from the Robert Bowne Foundation, the journal serves those involved in developing and running programs for youth during the out-of-school time hours, in addition to those engaged in research and in shaping youth development policy.

Afterschool Matters seeks scholarly work, from a variety of disciplines, which can be applied to or is based on the afterschool arena. The journal also welcomes submissions that explore practical ideas for working with young people during the out-of-school hours. Articles should connect to current theory and practice in the field by relating to previously published research; a range of academic perspectives will be considered. We also welcome personal or inspirational narratives and essays for our section "Voices from the Field."

Any topic related to the theory and practice of out-of-school-time programming will be considered for the Fall 2012 issue; however, we are particularly interested in receiving manuscripts on learning experiences and research focusing on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in OST programs. We invite you to discuss possible topics in advance with us. Suggested topics include:

- Descriptions, research, and analyses of out-of-school time programs that support learning through STEM experiences
- Descriptions and analyses of community-based youth organizations as institutions that support youth development through activities focused on civic engagement, social and emotional development, arts development, project-based learning, or other strategies
- Exploration of OST topics such as youth engagement, staff professional development, citywide system-building, and physical activity and healthy eating

Submission Guidelines

- Deadline is January 20, 2012, for the Fall 2012 issue of *Afterschool Matters*.
- Submissions should be in a 12-point font, including quotations and references, and submitted electronically in Microsoft Word or Rich Text format.
- Submissions should not exceed 5,000 words.
- Include a cover sheet with the manuscript title, authors' names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.
- The names of the authors should not appear on the text, as submissions are reviewed anonymously by peers.
- Follow the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th Edition (July 2009), for reference style guidelines. Present important information in the text and do not use extensive footnotes.

Inquiries about possible articles or topics are welcome.

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