



# Simply SACC

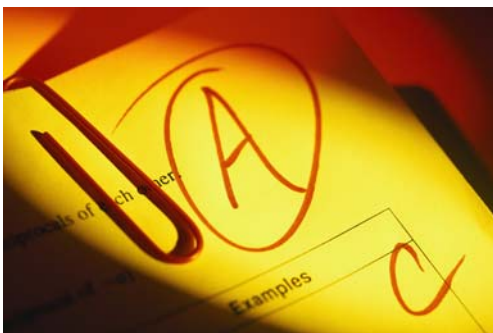
THE NORTHEAST SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE PROJECT  
SUPPORTING SUCCESS IN SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

*The Northeast School-Age Child Care Project is one of six regional projects statewide. The Northeast Region SACC Project serves fifteen counties in Northeastern PA: Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, and Wyoming.*

## Helping You Achieve Continuous Quality

Our job is to help you succeed! We provide professional development, technical assistance, support, and resources to school-age programs. Do you have what you need to succeed? Do you know what's available to help you succeed? Do you know how or where to find school-age resources? We do!

You are not alone in your goal towards continuous quality. For more information on our services or resources, please contact the SACC Coordinator, Cristin Cates at [ccates@cscinc.org](mailto:ccates@cscinc.org) or toll free at 1-800-528-SACC (7222), Extension 2375.



## Do You Have a Copy of the School-Age Academic Standards?

The academic standards are available for download at the Pennsylvania Department of Education website by clicking here - [Academic Standards](#)

Or you may request a free copy of the academic standards already downloaded on a CD by calling 1-800-528-SACC, x2375.

# Prevent The Flu: Wash Your Hands

**“Hand washing is the single most important means of preventing the spread of infection.”**

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1. Use soap and running water.
2. Scrub between fingers, back of hands and under nails.
3. Wash for 30 seconds.
4. Dry with a disposable towel.
5. Use towel to turn off faucet and open the door.
6. If water is unavailable, use hand sanitizer.

For more information, visit [www.pandemicflu.state.pa.us](http://www.pandemicflu.state.pa.us)

## Links to Learning

Links to Learning is a training developed by the National Institute on Out-of-School Time (NIOST) to assist out-of-school time providers in responding to the call for after-school academics, while addressing the full range of children’s developmental needs.

Building on the latest research on resiliency, engagement and motivation, this training is designed to help after-school providers and directors understand how their program activities can intentionally connect the multiple worlds of children and youth and optimally support their development and learning.

### **Links to Learning: School-Age Foundations** (4 hours) K1C201

This course is a prerequisite for all other Links to Learning courses. We will be covering the theoretical framework, the new 3 R’s, and how to increase youth motivation and engagement.

Date: February 27, 2007

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Place: Community Services for Children, Inc.

Training Institute, Fowler Building

1520 Hanover Ave, Allentown, PA 18109

Registration Fee: \$10 (includes pizza!)

Act 48 Fee: \$5

## Save the Date!

December 6, 2007

School-Age Kids with Character  
Milford, PA

December 12, 2007

The Art of Communication – with Co-Workers  
Sayre, PA

January 16, 2008

The Art of Communication: with Families  
Sayre, PA

January 30, 2008

The Art of Communication: with SA Children  
Sayre, PA

February 6 & 7, 2008

4H After School Conference: Creating Partnerships  
State College, PA

February 27, 2008

Links to Learning: School-Age Foundations  
Allentown, PA

March 3-5, 2008

Promising Practices Conference  
Harrisburg, PA

March 12-14, 2008

The Premiere National AfterSchool Association  
Conference: Learning, Linking, Laughing  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

April 2, 2008

Links to Learning: School-Age Curriculum  
Allentown, PA

**For more information on the upcoming professional development events, please contact the SACC Coordinator, Cristin Cates, at [ccates@cscinc.org](mailto:ccates@cscinc.org) or toll free at 1-800-528-SACC, ext 2375.**

**Or you can visit the Professional Development Calendar online at [www.pakeys.org](http://www.pakeys.org)**

# Become a Member of a School-Age Professional Organization

By joining a professional organization, you will be meeting the Keystone STARS standards:

- STAR 2 - Director Qualifications: “Annually participate in one professional growth and development activity.”
- STAR 3 - Staff Development: “Annually, all staff involved in one professional growth and development activity.”

Click on each link for more information!

## [National AfterSchool Association \(NAA\)](#)

represents the voice of the afterschool field in the areas of professional development, program quality, public policy and current issues affecting children and youth in their out-of-school time.

## [Pennsylvania School-Age Child Care Alliance \(PENN SACCA\)](#)

is committed to the expansion of high quality school-age care and after-school programs for children and youth. PENN SACCA is private, non profit membership organization and the state affiliate to the National AfterSchool Association. Look here for updates, events, and other happenings in the field of school-age care and after-school programming.

## [Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool/Youth Development Network \(PSAYDN\)](#)

promotes sustainable, high-quality out-of-school time youth development programs through advocacy and capacity building to enhance the welfare of Pennsylvania’s children, youth and families.

## [Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development \(ASCD\)](#)

Our community of educators—175,000 members from more than 135 countries and 58 affiliates—spans the education profession. We’re teachers, principals, superintendents, administrators, supervisors, curriculum developers, professors of education, school board members, and others. We are all dedicated to quality teaching, learning, and leadership.

# SAC: New Employee Orientation

Have all of your school-age staff completed the New Employee Orientation? If not, order your free kit today!

The modules are reproducible and can be used as new staff are hired. Once successfully completed, the participant will be awarded a Professional Development Certificate documenting 15 hours, along with suggestions for further professional development.

The School-Age Orientation Professional Development Kit contains:

- 15 reproducible self study modules
- 1 Kids’ Time video
- 1 Kids’ Time book
- Directions for submission

The SAC Orientation will meet the Keystone STAR 2 Staff Qualifications : – *New Staff Orientation completed by all aides and new staff within 90 days of start of employment.*

**To order your free kit, call 1-800-284-6031.**

For more information, call 1-800-528-SACC, x2375

*“We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.”*  
~Stacia Tausher~



## Free Technical Assistance for School-Age Programs

*Experience the friendly support of our free technical assistance.*

# Types of Technical Assistance (TA) Available

### **Using the PA Keys Website**

Do you know how to navigate the site and where to find resources? Do you know how to register yourself online for professional development? Our SACC Coordinator can come to your site and walk staff through the process one-on-one. If someone else has been registering you, it's possible you may not be getting credit for the class. Learn how to view your professional development history online to ensure your hours are being tracked. Did you know there is a Northeast Key Support Line? The Support Line is 1-800-528-SACC, ext. 2305 and is available Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 11:00am and 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

### **National AfterSchool (NAA) Accreditation**

Is your program ready to begin accreditation? Or would your program like to meet the national quality standards? Did you know that if your program is NAA Accredited, you can apply to be a STAR 4 Accredited site? One-on-one technical assistance or support groups can be formed to share information, ideas, and resources to help you achieve a high quality school-age program. Call and sign up today!

### **School-Age Professional Credential (SAPC)**

If you are considering becoming a candidate for the SAPC, you will need an advisor to help guide and observe you during your credential process. Do you know how to find an advisor? Do you know the requirements for an advisor? Our SACC Coordinator, can help you through this process.

If you have at least 120 hours of professional development within the last five years, and have been working directly with school-age children for at least 480 hours, you may qualify for the self-study option for the SAPC. For this option, you would need to crosswalk all of your previous professional development into the SAPC competency areas. Technical assistance can be provided to you one-on-one to help you with this and see if you qualify for the self-study option.

### **Professional Development**

Have you attended a professional development event, but just don't know how to implement what you learned into your program? Do you need help getting started and finding good resources? Do you or your staff need more training? If you would like more information or assistance after a training, you may request technical assistance or a specific professional development to meet the needs of your staff and your program.

**All of these, and much more technical assistance is available as a free resource to you. Some other topics could include the learning environment, curriculum, the program schedule, or lesson planning. Contact Cristin Cates, SACC Coordinator, at [ccates@escinc](mailto:ccates@escinc) or call toll free at 1-800-528-SACC, x2375.**

