



The Summer Technical Assistance Network Project is an intensive program that will strengthen the capacity of out-school time and expanded learning programs to deliver high quality summer programming that meets the needs of children and youth across the state. This project is made possible by generous funding from the [David and Lucile Packard Foundation](#) in partnership with [ASAPConnect](#) and the [Summer Matters Campaign](#).

Why Summer Matters

Summer programs are essential for children and youth because they provide students with fun, enriching opportunities outside of the traditional school year. High-quality summer programs have the potential to improve children and youth's academic achievement and readiness to learn. Every year a child does not participate in a summer learning program puts them at risk for "summer learning loss," weight gain and unhealthy eating.¹ High-quality summer programs integrate engaging academic, enrichment and recreational activities through intentional planning and ongoing commitment to improvement.

What do high-quality summer learning programs look like?

High-quality summer programs:

- Broaden children and youth's horizons by exposing them to new adventures, skills and ideas
- Include a wide variety of activities in ways that are fun and engaging
- Helps build skills by helping them improve at doing something they enjoy and care about
- Foster cooperative learning by working with their friends on team projects and group activities
- Promote healthy habits
- Last at least one month

What should summer learning programs have?

- Engaged children/youth
- Skilled staff
- Visionary, knowledgeable leaders
- Community connections, with tangible support from families

Ensure your program is high-quality by bringing training and ongoing technical assistance – [apply today!](#) Applications accepted on a rolling basis through October 2013.

¹ *Why Summer Matters*. Summer Matters Campaign (2013). <http://summermatters2you.net/summer-matters-campaign/>

California School-Age Consortium
Summer TA Network
Project Information



Program Details:

Program sites will receive:

- 10 hours of training for approximately 3 program staff, sessions will be held in February, April and May of 2014
- Tools for reflection, planning, training and assessing your summer program
- 10 hours of ongoing technical assistance with your Summer TA Provider to support the implementation of the tools and training provided

Training will cover the following:

- *Quality Improvement Cycle* – to understand quality indicators for summer learning programs supported by planning, training, assessing and reflecting on your summer program
- *Using TA Tools and Resources* – to comprehensively assess the strengths, challenges and needs around providing quality summer programming and developing an action plan for implementation
- *Summer Programming* – to prepare summer program staff with activities and strategies that promote positive academic and social development outcomes

Program site commitment:

- Submit project enrollment forms for the agency and each staff person participating in the project
- Participate in an orientation webinar in January 2014
- Coordinate with your Summer TA Provider to schedule technical assistance sessions and trainings
- Complete Program Assessment and Quality Improvement Plan with support from your Summer TA Provider
- Complete evaluation tools for the duration of the project

Cost: There is no cost to the site for participating in this project thanks to funding from the [David & Lucile Packard Foundation](#).

Agency Requirements:

- Agency must serve or plan to serve school-age children and youth through a summer program

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