

Julie Wild-Curry Named White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellow



Director of After School Programs, Julie Wild-Curry will have an opportunity to play a critical role in the development of state-level afterschool policy plans as a White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellow.

Julie is one of fifteen educational leaders to be selected as a White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellow from throughout the nation. The fellowship is part of a partnership between The Riley Institute at Furman University and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Beginning in October, the fellows will spend 10 months studying afterschool and expanded learning policy and developing state-level policy plans in partnership with their Statewide Afterschool Networks and the national Afterschool Alliance.

The 2012-2013 White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellows hail from such diverse states as Alaska, Hawaii, Alabama and Connecticut. The fellowship is named for William S. White, president and CEO of the Mott Foundation; Richard W. Riley, former South Carolina governor and U.S. Secretary of Education under President Clinton; and Dr. Terry Peterson, national board chair with the Afterschool Alliance and a senior fellow at the College of Charleston. The fellowship is made possible by a \$200,000 grant awarded to the Riley Institute earlier this year by the Mott Foundation.

The district operates a 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) After School Program. The main focus of the grant funded After School Programs is to provide additional academic support and enrichment for students who need extra assistance. After School Programs provide a structured and supportive environment for students to explore their interests. Each program within the district is uniquely designed to address the individual needs of students and focus on increasing academic success in reading, writing, and math.

Julie has served the district as the director of After School Programs for 13 years and is the state mentor for other 21st CCLC sites throughout the state.

Congratulations on your accomplishment, Julie! The district and the state will benefit from your efforts.