

EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS SELECTED TO DEVELOP AFTERSCHOOL AND EXPANDED LEARNING POLICY

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GREENVILLE, S.C.—Sixteen leaders in the field of afterschool and expanded learning nationwide have been selected as White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellows as part of a partnership between the Riley Institute at Furman University and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

The new class of White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellows brings the total number of program participants to 75 since the initiative was launched in 2012.

Through discussion of actual case studies led by policy change-makers, the Fellowship equips graduates with a real world understanding of the art and science of sound policy-making for afterschool and expanded learning. In the 10-month program, which begins in October, Fellows will study afterschool/expanded learning policy and develop and implement state-level policy projects in partnership with their Statewide Afterschool Networks and the national Afterschool Alliance.

The White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellowship is named for William S. White, President and CEO of the C.S. 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, Director, Afterschool and Community Learning Network, and senior fellow at the Riley Institute.

The 2016-2017 White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellows are:

Billie Jo Bakeberg, Steering Committee Chair, South Dakota Afterschool Network (Spearfish, S.D.)

Suzanne Birdsall, State Director, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), Department of Education (Silver Lake, N.H.)

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David Carroll, Chief Program Officer, Neighborhood Houses (St. Louis, Mo.)

Lisa Caruthers, Director, Center for Afterschool, Summer and Expanded Learning, Harris County Department of Education (Houston, Texas)

Leslie Garvin, Executive Director, North Carolina Campus Compact (Elon, N.C.)

Nichelle Harris, Network Lead, Ohio Afterschool Network (Columbus, Ohio)

Jessica Hay, Program Director, California Afterschool Network (Sacramento, Calif.)

Stephanie Lennon, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, School's Out Washington (Seattle, Wash.)

Amber May, Organizer - Program Director, Mississippi Statewide Afterschool Partnership Network -- Operation Shoestring, Inc. (Jackson, Miss.)

Shallie Pitman, Youth Development Associate, ACT Now (Chicago, Ill.)

Kelly Riding, Network Lead, Utah Afterschool Network (Salt Lake City, Utah)

Laura Saccente, Director, Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool/Youth Development Network (PSAYDN) (Camp Hill, Penn.)

Megan Stanek, Special Project Managing Director, Oklahoma Public School Resource Center (Oklahoma City, Okla.)

Patrick Stanton, Creative Research Director, Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership (Boston, Mass.)

Kelly Malone Sturgis, Executive Director, New York State Network for Youth Success (Albany, N.Y.)

Courtney Sullivan, Executive Director, Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence (Tempe, Ariz.)

Learn more about the [White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellowship](#). Or contact Cathy Stevens at the Riley Institute (864) 294-3265, or cathy.stevens@furman.edu.

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