

PROMOTING POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EFFICACIOUS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

PHASE I

The overall objective of the project is to identify and provide after-school program professionals and others who work with children with easy access to after-school programs shown to be efficacious in improving young people's cognitive, social-emotional, behavioral, and physical health outcomes. Toward this end, the project will develop the following replication resources: 1) *ASPARA (After-School Program Archive to Raise Achievement)*, a program archive of efficacious after-school programs, consisting of standardized replication kits containing all the materials necessary to replicate an efficacious program in a new site, such as teachers' guides, curricula, training videos, parent materials, activity handouts, and original evaluation instruments; 2) *An Online Program Selection Tool* to guide after-school professionals in selecting the best efficacious program in *ASPARA* for their service context based on practical criteria, such as the population being targeted, program goals, and program setting; and 3) *A Multimedia Professional Development Tutorial* to support the implementation of efficacious programs by providing information on the after-school context and research base, program selection and adaptation, and approaches to evaluation.

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