



SURVEYS & ASSESSMENTS

California After-School Program Quality Self-Assessment Tool *California Afterschool Network*

What did our client need?

The California Afterschool Network was formed to influence policy and coordinate local and statewide efforts that support out of school time opportunities for children and youth.

With the implementation of Proposition 49 in 2006, California assured that young people had better access to after school programs than ever before. The next step was to assure that these publicly-supported programs were great places for kids to be in the out of school hours.

The Network chose to leverage the expertise of its members to develop a practitioner-focused self-assessment tool that would stimulate important conversations about program quality among staff.

Services we provided

Public Profit collaborated with Network staff and members to develop a draft assessment tool, which was piloted in the 2008-09 program year. We worked closely with a group of after school programs that used the initial version of the Tool; these sites' experiences with the Quality Self-Assessment Tool informed revisions to the final version. The final Quality Self-Assessment Tool and User's Guide were released in fall 2009.

Capitalizing on the positive reception the Tool received, Public Profit was asked to research promising practices from around California that align with the Quality Self-Assessment Tool. *Campaign for Quality: Promising Practices from California's After-School Programs* was released in summer 2010, and provides real-life examples of the ways in which after school programs are providing high quality services to youth.

Project Outcomes

The Quality Self-Assessment Tool and accompanying guides have served as a road map to quality for hundreds of after school programs around the state. The domains of the Tool are used by an ever-expanding group of practitioners and technical assistance providers to talk about what quality means in out of school time.

See for Yourself

California After-School Program Quality Self-Assessment Tool
California After-School Program Quality Self-Assessment Tool User's Guide
Campaign for Quality: Promising Practices from California's After-School Programs

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