



The State of the Field Series: An Overview for the Out-of-School Time (OST) Field

What works in after school and are these practices used effectively in Boston?

To help address this knowledge gap, BOSTnet has scoured its vast banks of data to offer a citywide perspective of Out-of-School Time (OST) programs through its State of the Field Series. This data has been gathered annually for the *Guide to Boston's Before and After School Programs* and also from nearly twenty years of facilitating cohort initiatives, trainings and Leadership Round Tables on priority issues in after school. The purpose of this series is to provide current and succinct information about the Boston OST field to stakeholders. The audience includes providers, policymakers, funders, OST leadership, researchers and evaluators, educators, and other advocates for children. Each State of the Field release is accompanied by best practices toolkits and other resources available through BOSTnet's website.

2006-2007 State of the Field topics will include:

October 2006:	Engaging Families
December 2006:	Older Youth in OST
February 2007:	Disabilities and Access in OST
April 2007:	Policy Issues/Impact on OST
June 2007:	Summer Programs/Neighborhoods and Capacity

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About BOSTnet:

BOSTnet envisions a future in which all families have access to a rich network of out-of-school time opportunities that challenge, reward, and inspire children and youth. Our mission is to enhance the quality and increase the capacity of the out-of-school time field.

BOSTnet was founded in 1987 (as Parents United for Child Care) to expand access to quality and affordable childcare in Massachusetts. Twenty years later, BOSTnet has grown into a professionally managed organization providing resources to low- and moderate-income families, children & youth programs, and local and state policymakers. We serve as a resource, a partner, and an advocate.