



SPOTLIGHT

Web 2.0 & National and Community Service

What is Web 2.0 and what can it do for you? Just as it is essential for your organization or program to have an online presence (such as a website or an e-mail address), it's becoming more and more important to start participating in online networking and real-time conversations.



Web 2.0 technologies enable a level of communication, collaboration, and connection among people that is more sophisticated and interactive than ever before. These tools effectively convert web users from passive readers of static text on web pages to active creators of information and actively engaged members of online communities.

Web 2.0 tools include Facebook, MySpace, blogs, wikis, RSS, podcasts, and file sharing on sites such as YouTube and Flickr. Find out more about social media and Web 2.0 strategies at the Resource Center's [Web 2.0 and Social Media](#) page.

RESOURCES

Time to Get Organized for Fun and Learning... School's Out!

Is your program ready for the influx of youth that appear every summer? Use these resources to prepare and train out-of-school-time staff — help children have fun and learn during their time away from traditional school.



Lending Library

- [Afterschool Style in Practice: 25 Skill-Building Meetings for Staff](#)
- [More Than Just a Place to Go: How Developmental Assets Can Strengthen Your Youth Program](#)
- [Beyond the Bell: A Toolkit for Creating Effective Afterschool Programs](#)

Effective Practices

- [Planning and conducting effective training sessions](#)
- [Building effective programs for summer learning](#)
- [Identifying features of high-performing after-school programs](#)

Other Resources

- [LEARNS](#): Support and Training for Educational Success and Mentoring

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anticipating the College Cost Reduction and Access Act



On July 1, 2009, the College Cost Reduction and Access Act will take effect, offering new ways for service alumni to retire their

college debt or reduce monthly payments. For more details, read a clear overview at [The New Service](#) blog; or visit the [Equal Justice Works](#) website that offers in-depth information related to [income-based repayment](#) and [public service loan forgiveness](#).

YSA Looking for 2010 Global Youth Service Day Lead Agencies

Looking for a way to increase participation in your programs while connecting with the larger youth service movement? Apply to be a Lead Agency for Global Youth Service Day 2010 (April 23-25)! Lead Agencies are organizations across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario, or New Brunswick that increase the scope, visibility, and sustainability of Global Youth Service Day by leading city, regional, or statewide service projects and events. Past Lead Agencies have been successful in garnering national media attention, developing new partnerships, and engaging elected and public officials in their service and service-learning projects.

To access the application, visit www.gysd.org/partners/leadagencies

The application deadline is

July 17, 2009.

If you have any questions about the Lead Agency program or the application, please contact Mike Minks at mminks@ysa.org

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Simple tech tip:

ALT + TAB: Switch to another running program (hold down the ALT key and then press the TAB key to view the task-switching window)

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June 22–24, 2009 ~ San Francisco



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