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New Research for the Field of After School

McLean, VA, October 26, 2001 - The National AfterSchool Association (NAA) is proud to announce the publication of a special issue of *New Directions for Youth Development* (NDYD) containing 7 new peer-reviewed research articles exploring and supporting the continued evolution of the professional field of work in afterschool education. "This issue of *New Directions for Youth Development* represents an important new step in the evolution of the Journal," says Dr. Gil Noam, Founder and Director of the Program in Education, Afterschool & Resiliency (PEAR) at Harvard University. "The papers cluster around the topic of youth programming and offer a window into the innovations of this fast growing field of study."

Working with member partners who initially presented their research at the NAA Annual Convention, this publication provides new insights from researchers at the following institutions:

- The Asia Society, New York
- Out-of-School Time Resource Center, University of Pennsylvania
- University of Colorado
- Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland
- The Nonprofit Leadership Alliance, University of Northern Iowa
- Texas A&M University
- The National Institute on Out-of-School Time, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts

"Ultimately, it is our hope that readers will find new insights that can be used in their work to help them achieve their goals. As we work together to pursue excellence, we acknowledge that the capacity of each individual cumulatively affects the culture, environment, and success of every afterschool program. We anticipate this publication will greatly support those pursuits," says Dr. Paul Young, President & CEO.

NAA is proud to produce this work and provide its members with electronic access to all issues of *New Directions for Youth Development*, including the special NAA issue. NAA members may access these issues at <http://www.naaweb.org/default.asp?contentID=611>. NAA members also have the opportunity to purchase

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discounted quarterly print subscriptions to *New Directions for Youth Development* for \$48 (normally \$89). To subscribe at the discounted rate, NAA members should visit:

<http://ordering.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/subs.asp?ref=1537-5781&doi=10.1002/%28ISSN%291537-5781>

Those that place orders now will receive the special NAA issue in print as well as Issue 131, "Expanding Learning Time and Opportunities," edited by Helen Janc Malone of the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Future issues will focus on:

- Supporting and Instructing for Youth Purpose
- Eriksonian Perspectives on Youth Development in the 21st Century
- Evidence-Based Bullying Prevention Programs
- Career Programming: Linking Youth to the World of Work

NAA Board members Vincent LaFontan and Alycia Orcena led a team of peer reviewers through the initial selections and the editing processes of the journal development. NAA commends edited by Dr. Noam and the publishing staff for their expert assistance and contribution to the field.

About New Directions in Youth Development

New Directions for Youth Development: Theory, Practice, and Research is a quarterly publication focusing on contemporary issues challenging the field of youth development. The journal is dedicated to bringing together everyone concerned with helping young people, including scholars, practitioners, and people from different disciplines and professions.

A defining focus of the journal is the relationship among theory, research, and practice. In particular, *New Directions for Youth Development* is dedicated to recognizing resilience as well as risk, healthy development of our youth, and the difficulties of adolescence. The journal is intended as a forum for provocative discussion that reaches across the worlds of academia, service, philanthropy, and policy.

About the National AfterSchool Association (NAA)

The National AfterSchool Association (www.naaweb.org) is the leading voice of the afterschool profession dedicated to the development, education and care of children and youth during their out-of-school hours. The only professional membership association in the afterschool field, NAA represents over 8,000 members and 38 state affiliate organizations.