

## building a movement

## Five distinguishing characteristics of Afterschool Development:

Afterschool Development Working Groups offer participants opportunities to deepen their understanding of Afterschool Development and its five distinguishing characteristics:

- Afterschool Development has a strong institutional and strategic perspective and is on the frontline of establishing a new institution and strategy for social transformation in America.
- Afterschool Development is "other than school," though we believe that investing in afterschool development will have the effect of making our schools "work better."
- Afterschool Development is "about development" and supports everyone to perform beyond narrow social roles so that growing, becoming, and creating new ways of being in the world are always possible.
- Performance and creativity is central in Afterschool Development and brings to the forefront the relationship between performance, play and human development.
- Afterschool Development challenges traditional notions of who can be involved, goes beyond the traditional stakeholders and invites *everyone* in.