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Collaborative for Building After-School Systems Adds Four New Partners

Nonprofit Partnership Expands to Hartford, Nashville, New Orleans and the Twin Cities

NEW YORK, NY – The [Collaborative for Building After-School Systems \(CBASS\)](#) announced the addition of four intermediaries to its national coalition of nonprofit organizations dedicated to expanding high-quality learning opportunities through citywide systems. With the addition of the Hartford Partnership for Student Success, Nashville After Zone Alliance, Partnership for Youth Development in New Orleans, and Youthprise in the Twin Cities, Minnesota, CBASS is now represented by 13 organizations across the United States.

The four new partners bring a range of experiences, models, and implementation strategies to building out-of-school time systems. The [Hartford Partnership for Student Success](#), a public-private partnership among Hartford Public Schools, the City of Hartford, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, and United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, grew out of the community schools model, in which a lead agency partners with a school to plan, implement, and sustain on-site services that meet the needs of children, families and the wider community in a holistic way.

The [Nashville After Zone Alliance \(NAZA\)](#) is operated out of the Mayor's office in Metro Nashville, Tennessee, in partnership with the school district and youth-serving groups. It coordinates afterschool programming for middle school students, providing resources to existing public and nonprofit providers to help them deliver high-quality programming at school or community-based sites.

In New Orleans, the [Partnership for Youth Development \(PYD\)](#) focuses primarily on continuous quality improvement in schools and youth-serving organizations, policy and advocacy, and innovation and knowledge generation. PYD is also a demonstration site for TASC's national ExpandedED Schools initiative.

[Youthprise](#), in Minnesota's Twin Cities, takes a specifically youth-oriented approach, offering opportunities for youth to be involved in policy decisions, grant-making and systems design. Youthprise also supports community and statewide learning systems and has strong connections to community foundations and local STRIVE and Promise Neighborhood initiatives.

These four organizations join the following nine standing CBASS partners:

- [The After School Institute](#) (Baltimore)
- [Baltimore's Safe and Sound Campaign](#)
- [Partnership for Children and Youth](#) (Bay Area, CA)
- [Boston After School & Beyond](#)
- [After School Matters](#) (Chicago)

- [Chicago Allies for Youth Success](#)
- [TASC](#) (New York)
- [Prime Time Palm Beach County](#)
- [Providence After School Alliance](#)

The new partners will help CBASS expand its national reach and expertise. The expansion coincides with a CBASS initiative to share knowledge more widely with the out-of-school time field through dissemination of a quarterly e-newsletter, social media, conference presentations, and contributions to academic journals.

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The [Collaborative for Building After-School Systems](#) (CBASS) is a coalition of leading after-school intermediary organizations representing cities and regions across the country that are building after-school systems. Its mission is to expand the availability of high-quality learning opportunities, including after-school and summer, that help children gain the skills, knowledge and experiences they need to lead successful lives.