

About Us

foundations®
for a brighter future



The education experts at Foundations, Inc. are committed to improving learning experiences for America's children and youth—throughout the day, everywhere they learn.

Foundations, Inc., a nonprofit organization, supports those who enhance the lives and prospects of our most vulnerable children. We partner with education and community leaders as well as families to help more children realize opportunities to succeed in school and in life.

Succeeding Locally, Sharing Nationally

As the resource for building educational capacity, Foundations meets the unique needs of clients across the country with highly customizable services, including:

- **Professional development**
- **Technical assistance**
- **Instructional coaching and mentoring**
- **Program design**
- **School business services**
- **Quality building**
- **Tools and Publications**

We also offer a variety of professional tools and publications clients can use immediately to enhance their own programs and elevate the performance of their staff.

All of our offerings are solidly grounded in practice. By operating select programs and schools throughout our region, we can innovate, implement and refine—then share what works with others.

Since 1992,

Foundations has worked tirelessly to transform teaching and learning experiences so that all children have the opportunity to succeed in school and life. We strive for a world in which:

- Every child in America reads on-level by grade three
- Afterschool time is rich with learning and educational advancement
- High-school graduation rates soar—and dropout rates plummet
- Communities, families, and businesses work together to improve education





Working Everywhere Children Learn

In School:

Improving a student's chances for success in life means improving a child's education now. Nationwide, Foundations teams with new and existing schools to boost academic performance and help children and youth thrive.

We work with charter, district-run, independent and non-traditional schools at every step of their development. We also collaborate with administrators to improve practices district-wide.



About the CEO

Supported by a 12-member management team, President and CEO Rhonda H. Lauer has guided Foundations' growth into a rapidly expanding nonprofit organization with national reach. Prior to joining Foundations in 1997, Ms. Lauer held numerous positions in the School District of Philadelphia—one of the nation's largest. A national speaker and lecturer, Ms. Lauer sits on several boards, including the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition and Say Yes to Education. She holds a master's degree from Temple University.

Afterschool:

Learning doesn't stop when the last school bell rings. Foundations' Center for Afterschool Education supports K-12 educators in making afterschool a dynamic time for learning and healthy development. Educators can readily apply our customized products, services, training and tools to improve their own afterschool programs.

In addition, Foundations and the United States Department of Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers convene the annual *Beyond School Hours® Winter Institute*, a major professional development event in the afterschool world for well over a decade.

In Communities:

Everyone plays a role in the healthy development of children and youth. Foundations strengthens the collective impact of schools, families, organizations and the community to improve educational opportunities. Our initiatives help thousands of students advance through school and prepare for life.

In addition to schools, we partner with leading youth-serving organizations and community-based groups to enhance educational opportunities, offer entrepreneurial experiences and engage young people in civic and economic activities.

Building Brighter Futures Together

The difference that Foundations makes in the lives of young people is made possible by the support of generous donors and partnerships with those who share in our commitment to provide every child with a first-rate education.

To learn more about engaging Foundations' customizable services, supporting our work, or exploring a new partnership, visit www.foundationinc.org, or contact John Henderson, Executive Director of Communications, at 888-977-KIDS (5437).



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