



# Youth Forum Reception

April 30, 4:15 -6:15

The NC Center for Afterschool Programs invites you to join us on April 30, 2008, for a youth-led Forum on Afterschool. The reception will be held at the Sheraton Four Seasons/Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. Elected officials, state and community leaders, and education advocates are invited to participate and learn how communities can build and sustain high quality, accessible afterschool programs.

Afterschool programs help keep our children safe, promote learning, and support the needs of working families. Although there are many quality afterschool programs operating across the state, far too many North Carolina children are in need of an afterschool program – especially those in low wealth and rural communities. In response to this need, the NC Center for Afterschool Programs has designed this event to educate and empower leaders with information on how to build and sustain afterschool in communities across the state.

At the Forum, youth leaders will share their perspectives on the importance of high quality afterschool programs. The event, which is part of the 3-day **SYNERGY** afterschool conference, is meant to foster dialogue on the issues surrounding high quality afterschool care. Approximately 200 educators, state and community leaders, and press from across North Carolina will be in attendance. **The event will be moderated by Mycal King, Communities in Schools of Forsyth County afterschool participant.**

**Mycal King** is a senior attending Carver High School in Winston Salem. Mycal currently serves as a youth advisor, mentor, and role model for several youth programs with Communities In Schools of Forsyth County. Mycal served as President of the LaDeara Crest Youth Council and Youth Crime Watch for three years. He also served as an officer and member of the 4-H program for four years. Mycal knows all about challenges and although he has been faced with many during his life he has always maintained a positive caring attitude. Mycal has a very big, giving heart and is willing to help anyone who asks. Mycal is very active in church and loves the Lord. As a child, Mycal was teased by CIS staff and peers and given the nickname “preacher man” because he loved any opportunity to put on a suit, and talk to a crowd. It’s most fitting that he recently became a youth minister.