



School's Out: After-School Programs and Policies that Work

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Biography:

Priscilla Little is Associate Director of Harvard Family Research Project (HFRP), providing intellectual and administrative leadership to HFRP. This includes managing and coordinating current research activities, participating in resource development and outreach to current and prospective funders, developing and coordinating relationships with national organizations, providing intellectual support to projects to facilitate cross-project synergy and management of priorities, and coordinating activities to ensure long-term performance and sustainability for HFRP. She also provides research support to the evaluation team.

She is also Project Manager for HFRP's Out-of-School Time (OST) Learning and Development Initiative focused on building the field of out-of-school time through the timely development and dissemination of information and tools for quality evaluation. The cornerstone of this work is the development of an online searchable database of out-of-school time evaluation profiles. Additionally she serves on the advisory board for the Southwest Educational Development Lab's National Partnership for Quality Afterschool Learning, as well as other state after school boards, and speaks nationally on research and evaluation of out-of-school time programs and how they can complement in-school learning and development.

Little's research interests include the evaluation of programs and policies to promote quality out-of-school time experiences for children; early care and education, with a special focus on literacy and school readiness; and family involvement and early childhood program evaluation. Little received her undergraduate degree from Smith College in 1981 and her Master's of Child Study from Tufts University in 1990, where she continued with doctoral studies in the same department through 1992. She lives in Medford, Massachusetts, with her husband and three daughters.