



Dear Organizational Leader,

WE'VE NOTICED YOU!

As you have worked tirelessly to support organizational and student achievement in charter schools, your organization has established itself as a leader in education. It is with great honor that we invite you to join the Service Provider Network for the Center for Charter School Enhancement, a project of the Pennsylvania Charter School Foundation, a non-profit organization designed specifically to connect quality educational service providers with charter school leaders and staff.

CENTER FOR CHARTER SCHOOL ENHANCEMENT

Several years ago, the Pennsylvania Coalition of Charter Schools (PCCS) reached out to member schools in developing its organizational strategic plan. What PCCS heard was a need from school leaders for competent and cost effective experts who could help develop and implement strategies for student and school success. From this, the PA Charter School Foundation and its primary project, the Center for Charter School Enhancement was born. With several planning grants, the Center is developing pilot programs designed to help charter school teachers and leaders meet the needs of students and overcome challenges of providing innovative, results-oriented opportunities to students and schools.

SERVICE PROVIDER NETWORK

One of the Center's pilot programs is the Service Provider Network. This Network will feature a select group of service providers invited to participate in a number of different opportunities that will enhance charter school development.

Some of those opportunities for 2009 include:

- Free listing of services on the Foundation's website, which will be linked to the PCCS website
- Participation in free workshop development seminars designed to train providers in presenting innovative, interactive, project based presentations.
- Free participation in the PA Charter Schools Conference (on April 26-28 2008) as a (1) workshop leader for the new Center sponsored *Teaching, Learning, and Leading* tracks, and (2) exhibitor in the Center's Service Provider Network designated area.

TEACHER TRAINING CADRE

In addition to the organizations involved in the Service Provider Network, the Center is developing a new program, the Pennsylvania Charter Schools' Teacher Training Cadre. The Training Cadre is a select group of exemplary charter school education professionals who have demonstrated exceptional skills in their subject area. The Cadre will be comprised of charter school teachers and education specialists who bring quality education to students throughout the Commonwealth.

WHAT IS YOUR COMMITMENT?

Right now, all we ask is that you be willing to list your organization as a participant in the Center's Service Provider Network. There are no contracts between you and the Center for services. The Center simply serves as a conduit, offering providers the opportunity to publicize their expertise to the charter school audience through various resources, including the Center's website, e-newsletters, and other publications.

Your involvement in the 2009 PA Charter Schools Conference will also be part of your commitment. In order to become a workshop leader at the annual Conference, we will ask someone from your organization to participate in a workshop training and development session. For some organizations, participation could mean attending a workshop, and for others with more highly developed workshop skills, it may mean joining the workshop development online community. However, in an effort to develop more interactive and effective presentations at the conference, all presenters who are part of the Center's new program track will need demonstrated workshop skills, and submit a workshop proposal.

WHAT IS OUR COMMITMENT?


The Center is committing to its Service Provider Network by offering reserved time for workshops at the conference and possibly at other regional meetings sponsored by PCCS and the Foundation. The Center is also committed to offering priority exhibit space to our Service Provider Network members so conference attendees can meet with quality providers. Best of all, by vetting the members of the Center's Service Provider Network, we can assure you that charter schools will be more inclined to utilize your services when the need arises.

BE A PART OF ENHANCING CHARTER SCHOOLS!

Enclosed is a short application form to become a pilot member of the Service Provider Network. If you would like to join this elite group, please complete the form and return it by email, fax, or mail to the contacts below by January 23, 2009. Once your application has been reviewed and your status has been approved, you will be contacted with more details on your participation.

If you have any questions about the Provider Support Network, please contact the Foundation at Foundation@pachartercoalition.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,



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**Center for Charter School Enhancement
Service Provider Network
APPLICATION**



Business/Organization Information

Business/Organization: _____

Contact: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Email: _____

Business/Organization Services (short paragraph):

***Please attach any documentation that would help us to get to know your organization and services you provide. ***

Typical hourly/daily rate for services:

School References (please list charter schools or other educational institutions at which you have provided services). Please provide at least two references. To include additional references, please add them to the back of this application.

School 1: _____

Contact: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Services provided:

School 2: _____

Contact: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Services provided:

Please return to: Please return by mail, email or fax to PCSF by January 23, 2009:
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