

## **Project Accelerate Governance**

Project Accelerate is governed, administered, and implemented through the existing governance structure of the Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool Youth Development Network (PSAYDN). **The PSAYDN Director and Project Accelerate Coordinator** are responsible for providing project oversight and management, in collaboration with the PSAYDN Steering Committee and the Project Accelerate Leadership Team and Workgroup.

**The Project Accelerate Leadership Team** is made up of individuals who assist the PSAYDN staff with key decisions, research, outreach, and communication. These activities include (but are not limited to) vetting and choosing curricula for the Pilot Sites, developing pilot site application criteria, seeding the online STEM Document Library, and assisting with the evaluation process. Leadership Team members represent the following key STEM and OST organizations: Team PA Foundation, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the PA Key, The Out-of-School Time Resource Center at the University of Pennsylvania, and The Free Library of Philadelphia, the Cooperative Extension Service, and the 21<sup>st</sup> Partnership for STEM Education. There are currently twelve Leadership Team Members.

**The Project Accelerate Workgroup** includes members who assist with, but are not directly responsible for, key decisions, research, outreach, and communication. These individuals represent diverse statewide organizations such as The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Penn State University, UpClose at the University of Pittsburg, the City of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Key, and the Pennsylvania STEM Network. Not including Leadership Team participants, the Project Accelerate Workgroup currently contains twenty members.