

ACT NOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Policy Update

Federal Budget Update

On May 23rd, the Trump administration released its full FY18 budget. The proposal eliminates or cuts funding to programs that are vital for children and families.

- Funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), the only federally sponsored afterschool program, was proposed for elimination.
- Funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), which supports low-income working families with quality child care, was reduced by \$99 million. The \$5 million increase reported in the proposal is an error due to using the FY17 Continuing Resolution as the baseline rather than the FY17 Omnibus level.

Other programs that support children and families identified for elimination or funding cuts in FY18 can be found [here](#).

21st CCLC Funding

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) initiative serves 52,496 students in 456 communities in Illinois. Be advised of the following updates and opportunities to take action:

- The FY17 federal omnibus spending bill, [H.R. 244](#), that includes a \$25 million increase for 21st CCLC was passed on May 5th.
- The President's FY18 full budget proposal proposes the elimination of 21st CCLC. To call on Congress to protect funding for afterschool and summer learning programs in FY18, click [here](#). To RSVP for the national Day of Action in support of afterschool, click [here](#).
- ISBE is documenting how proposed cuts in federal funding for FY18 will affect Illinois schools and communities. Current 21st CCLC grantees are encouraged to share their programs' impact stories, data, and talking points for letters of support with their district superintendents.

Tell Policymakers to Release the 21st CCLC RFP

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is in the process of finalizing the next 21st Century RFP. We need you to tell your policymakers that the RFP needs to be released NOW in order to limit gaps in funding as much as possible. Click on this [link](#) to share this message with legislators asking them to tell ISBE to release the RFP. You can also use this [form letter](#) to send a message to ISBE.

Illinois Budget Update

- On April 6th the Illinois House passed [HB109, HAM1](#), which amends/repeals appropriations to the stopgap budget covering the first six months of FY17. The total appropriated for After School Youth Support Programs for the second half of FY17 is \$17,917,400. It is unclear at this time if the Senate will be moving forward with this bill.
- The Illinois Senate's \$36.5 billion FY17 supplemental spending plan and FY18 budget, [SB6](#), passed on May 17th. The bill makes appropriations to agencies for costs incurred prior to July 1, 2017 and includes roughly \$13.5 million in funding for Teen REACH. To read more about the Senate's legislation, click [here](#).
- The legislative session ends Wednesday, May 31st at midnight.

Teen REACH Not Funded in FY18 Proposal

The Governor's FY18 Budget Proposal did not include Teen REACH. To take action and tell the General Assembly to fund Teen REACH, click [here](#). Additional advocacy opportunities/options, including using social and print media, can be found in our [Teen REACH Advocacy Toolkit](#). To access the Teen REACH fact sheet, click [here](#).

Social Services Contract Notice

The Social Services Contract Notice Act, [HB3110](#), passed in both chambers on May 25th. The bill would require the state of Illinois to provide the General Assembly and social service providers advance notice prior to reducing, eliminating, or suspending services. To share your opinion on HB3110 with the Governor, click [here](#) or call him in his Chicago (312-814-2121) or Springfield (217-782-0244) office. To access the HB3110 fact sheet, click [here](#).

Prompt Payment Equity

The Prompt Payment Equity Act, [HB3143](#), passed in both Houses on May 25th. The bill amends the State Prompt Payment Act to include state vendors providing prevention, intervention, or treatment services and supports for youth on behalf of the state. To share your opinion on HB3143 with the Governor, click [here](#) or call him in his Chicago (312-814-2121) or Springfield (217-782-0244) office.

Thriving Youth Fund

The Thriving Youth Fund bill, [SB2046/HB3217](#), passed out of the Senate and is now on its third reading in the House. It establishes the thriving youth income tax check box that allows taxpayers to fund non-Medicaid eligible community-based youth programs. The SB2046/HB3217 fact sheet can be accessed [here](#). To identify your legislators as well as retrieve contact information to ask them to support this bill, click [here](#).

Child Protection Improvements Act

The federal Child Protection Improvements Act of 2017, [H.R. 695](#), which would provide no/low cost national background checks for youth serving organizations passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives on May 22nd.

Juvenile Justice Reform Act

The federal Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2017, [H.R. 1809](#), that provides funding for delinquency prevention programming passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives on May 23rd.

Trauma-Informed Care for Children and Families Act

The federal Trauma-Informed Care for Children and Families Act of 2017, [S.774/H.R.1757](#), addresses the impact of toxic stress and trauma on childhood development. The legislation would equip adults serving youth with resources to provide evidence-based treatments and interventions. To access the section-by-section overview, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

National Day of Action

Join the Afterschool Alliance for a national Day of Action. Call Congress on **Wednesday, June 7, 2017** to share what effect the elimination of federally funded afterschool programs will mean for you. To access the Afterschool Alliance's click-to-call tool, sample call script, and other resources, click [here](#).

YMCA Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Series

The YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago will be hosting its next Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Series event on **Thursday, June 8, 2017**, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The session will feature a keynote message by journalist Steve Edwards followed by a period for questions and answers. It will be held at the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago's Learning Institute, located at 1030 West Van Buren Street in Chicago. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

National Summer Learning Day

Afterschool programs, educators, policymakers, businesses, schools, and families can all make this summer a season of learning by being a part of Summer Learning Day on **Thursday, July 13, 2017**. For more information and to access resources, click [here](#).

College Changes Everything Conference

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission's seventh annual College Changes Everything conference will take place on **Thursday, July 20, 2017**. The event will be held at the Tinley Park Convention Center, located at 18451 Convention Center Drive, Tinley Park from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Youth Opportunities

Parent-Daughter Circuits and IoT Workshop

Black Girls CODE Chicago is hosting "We Create" on **Saturday, June 17, 2017**, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The workshop is designed for girls age six to 13 and their parents/guardians. The event will be held at the Allstate Innovation Hub, located at 222 West Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 875 in Chicago. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Cream of the Crop Photo Contest

The Cream of the Crop Photo Contest, sponsored by Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, invites youth ages eight through 18 to submit an innovative, scenic snapshot of agriculture in Illinois. All photographs must be the original work of the photographer and submitted in JPG format, 300 dpi, no larger than 5MB. The deadline to enter is **Tuesday, June 27, 2017**. Click [here](#) to view the contest rules or to submit your entry.

Anti-Defamation League Essay and Art Contest

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and Greenberg Traurig, LLP, in partnership with NIE Chicago Tribune and The Mash have announced the 2017 student essay and art contest on the First Amendment. Students in grades seven through 11 at the time of entry are invited to submit an essay or create a work of art that best addresses how one or more of the five freedoms in the First Amendment personally affects their daily life. First place winners in each grade category will receive \$3,500. All entries must be postmarked by **Friday, June 30, 2017**. The contest guidelines and entry form can be viewed [here](#).

Trainings and Webinars

Creating Fun and Engaging SUMMER Hands-On Science Experiences

IAN will be conducting a regional training to support afterschool professionals with creating fun, interactive, and inspiring summer hands-on science activities on **Tuesday, June 6, 2017**, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The session will be held at the Chicago Youth Centers' Elliott Donnelley Center, located at 3947 South Michigan in Chicago. Contact Jackie Richie at ianetwrk@att.net or call 217-953-4260 to register.

Creative Programming

SciGirls CONNECT will be hosting a webinar on **Tuesday, June 6, 2017** at 11:00 a.m. that will provide practitioners STEM programming ideas that extend beyond summer camp. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Resource

Literacy Learning in Afterschool Practice Guide

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy has released a new practice guide, "Extending and Enhancing Literacy Learning in Afterschool Programs," to help afterschool providers nationwide incorporate literacy skill development into their programs. To access, click [here](#).

Opportunity for Providers

Illinois Teaching Policy Fellowship

The Teach Plus Illinois Teaching Policy Fellowship trains teachers to engage with state legislators and advocate for change at the state level. Applications are due **Friday, June 2, 2017**. For more information or to apply, click [here](#).



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