

# ACT NOW!

## Afterschool for Children and Teens

### ACT Now Newsletter Update

ACT Now has updated its newsletter format to better serve your needs. At the beginning of each month, we will still have a longer newsletter with fuller updates, as we did last week. Beginning this week, all other weeks in the month will have a shorter newsletter with the most recent policy updates and professional development, funding, and youth opportunities. You will always be able to find a full listing of resources and policy updates for the afterschool field on our website, [actnowillinois.org](http://actnowillinois.org). You are welcome to send feedback to ACT Now's Network Lead Susan Stanton at [StantonS@metrofamily.org](mailto:StantonS@metrofamily.org) regarding the newsletter format and content.

### Policy Update

#### Proposed FY18 21st CCLC Appropriations

On July 13th, the U.S. House Appropriations Committee approved the draft FY18 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill that cuts 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) funding by \$191 million. If the House bill were to become law, roughly 191,000 children would lose access to quality afterschool and summer learning programs next year. To call on Congress to protect funding for afterschool and summer learning programs in FY18, click [here](#). Funding levels for a number of other programs that support afterschool included in the bill can be found [here](#).

Additional policies affecting the afterschool/youth development field can be found [here](#).

### Upcoming Events

To view the ACT Now's calendar of events, click [here](#).

### Youth Opportunities

#### Black Girls CODE Summer Camp Chicago

Black Girls CODE Chicago's two week summer camp will be held from **Monday, August 14th through Friday, August 25th**. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

## Resources

For a list of afterschool and youth development related resources, click [here](#).

## Provider Opportunity

### Black Girls CODE Team Members

Black Girl CODE is looking for additional instructors and classroom assistants for its upcoming summer camps in in Oakland, Dallas, and Chicago. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Funding Opportunities

For a list of afterschool and youth development related grants, click [here](#).



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