

ACT NOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Training and Webinars

Healthy Schools Framework for Community Schools

The Coalition for Community Schools and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation will be co-hosting a webinar on **Thursday, August 3, 2017** at 2:00 p.m. Participants will learn how the community schools strategy framework and the Alliance for Healthy Schools' Healthy Schools Program create healthier schools and communities. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Community Schools: An Evidence-Based Strategy for Equitable School Improvement

The Federation for Community Schools and Partners for Each and Every Child will be hosting a symposium on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The session will highlight the efficacy of implementing the community schools model as an equitable school improvement strategy under the Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA). For additional details or to register, click [here](#).

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

Resources

CTE and Career Pathways

A recent American Youth Policy Forum blog highlights how the state of Ohio plans to meet high school graduation requirements by offering students an option that combines specific industry-recognized credentials with a certain score on a work readiness exam. To read more on how Ohio is making career and technical education (CTE) a viable choice for all students, click [here](#).

Utilizing Summer Months to Develop SEL for Low-Income Youth

The American Youth Policy Forum's Forum For Thought emphasizes how summer learning

programs that focus on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) help close the achievement gap for youth who are disadvantaged. To read the blog entry, click [here](#).

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

Youth Opportunity

100 Day Bicentennial Video Contest

Illinois high school and college students are invited to submit a 45 to 60 second self-made video highlighting a fact, event, place, person, or something to learn about the history of Illinois. Winners will receive two tickets to a performance of Hamilton. The deadline for video submissions is **Thursday, August 31, 2017**. For more details, click [here](#).

For additional youth opportunities, click [here](#).

Policy Update

Previous ACT Now policy updates affecting the afterschool/youth development field, including information about Teen REACH and 21st Century, can be found [here](#).

Provider Opportunities

For archived provider opportunities, click [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

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

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. 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.

You are welcome to send feedback to ACT Now's Network Lead Susan Stanton at StantonS@metrofamily.org regarding the newsletter format and content.



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