

ACT NOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Policy

Illinois Public Acts

The following bills have been signed by Governor Rauner and are now law:

- August 18: Social Services Contract Notice, HB3110, [Public Act 100-0153](#)
- August 18: Chronic Absenteeism Bill, HB3139, [Public Act 100-0156](#)
- August 24: Thriving Youth Fund, SB2046, [Public Act 100-0329](#)

Governor Vetoes Prompt Payment Act Reform Bill

On August 18, 2017 Governor Rauner vetoed [HB3143](#). The legislation amends the State Prompt Payment Act to include vendors providing prevention, intervention, or treatment services and supports for youth on behalf of the state. The Prompt Payment Act requires the state to provide payment in a timely manner for services rendered or compensate the contractor for prolonged delays. Both the House and Senate passed the bill with bipartisan support. The HB3143 press release can be accessed [here](#). To identify your legislators as well as retrieve contact information to ask them to override the veto, click [here](#).

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

Trainings and Webinars

Fight Budget Cuts Using Lights On Afterschool

The Afterschool Alliance will be hosting a webinar on **Thursday, August 31, 2017** at 12:00 p.m. that will show afterschool programs how to leverage their *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations to increase afterschool and summer program awareness. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Healthy Out-of-School Time Training

The Illinois AfterSchool Network will be hosting a training on **Thursday, September 28, 2017** that will explore the ways out-of-school time programs can strengthen the healthy eating and physical activity environments for the students they serve. The training will be

held at INCCRRA, located at 122 Towanda Avenue, Bloomington, IL. For more information or to register, contact Jackie Richie at ianetwrk@att.net or call 217-753-4620.

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

Resources

Kite Light Flight

In this month's National AfterSchool Association STEM Gem activity, participants will use drinking straws, paper, and string to demonstrate the principles of thrust, drag, lift, and weight. To view the lesson plan, click [here](#).

STEM and Wellness: A Powerful Equation for Equity

A brief recently released by the National Afterschool Association, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Afterschool Alliance, and National Girls Collaborative Project makes the case for implementing STEM and wellness in a complementary manner. For resources on how to make this a reality in the afterschool setting, click [here](#).

Afterschool and Military Readiness

According to the Council for a Strong America more than 70 percent of young adults in the United States would not qualify for military service due to obesity and other health issues, poor academic performance, drug abuse, or involvement in crime. To read about how afterschool can equip kids to meet the high standards for military service, click [here](#).

Team Nutrition Popular Events Idea Booklet

The United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service's "Popular Events Idea Booklet" provides fun ways for promoting healthy eating and physical activity in elementary/middle school. Ideas for themed events and other resources can be found [here](#).

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

Employment

ACT Now is seeking a policy and communications intern for an unpaid position for the fall 2017 semester. Submissions are due by **Friday, September 8, 2017**. Click [here](#) to view the description and instructions on how to apply.

Funding Opportunity

Seeds for Education Grant Program

The Seeds for Education Grant Program provides grants under \$500 for youth-centered efforts to establish and maintain native plant landscape learning environments. Applications are due by **Sunday, October 15, 2017**. For more information, click [here](#).

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

Opportunities for Providers

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

Youth Opportunities

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