

ACT NOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Policy

FY18 21st CCLC Appropriations

On September 7, 2017, the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services' (LHHS) [FY18 spending plan](#) was approved with bipartisan support. It rejects President Trump's proposed cuts to education and the administration's promotion of school choice and private school vouchers by increasing overall spending for education by \$29 million. It also includes \$1.2 billion in funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) afterschool and summer programs. For more information on how other federal programs that support afterschool and summer learning fared, click [here](#).

The U.S. House Appropriations Committee's FY18 LHHS bill cuts 21st CCLC funding by \$192 million. This is the lowest level of federal afterschool funding since 2007. A House amendment has been introduced to restore funding. To read more about the House education spending bill, click [here](#). There is nothing on the proposed amendment.

As conversations about FY18 appropriations continue, you can advocate for 21st Century using the following resources:

- [Send an email to Congress](#)
- [Set up a site visit](#)
- [Write a letter to the editor](#)
- [Use social media](#)

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

Upcoming Event

National Youth Science Day

4-H National Youth Science Day is the world's largest youth-led science experiment. On **Wednesday, October 4, 2017**, youth from across the country will participate in the 2017 National Science Challenge, Incredible Wearables. For more information on how your

afterschool program can register for this event, click [here](#).

Trainings and Webinars

Understanding and Responding to Incidents of Bias

The Afterschool Alliance will be hosting a webinar on **Thursday, September 14, 2017** at 2:00 p.m. that will help providers understand/identify bias and how to appropriately respond. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Model for Effective Professional Development

Join Click2Science on **September 20, 2017** at 1:00pm for their upcoming Webinar Wednesday. The workshop will provide a walkthrough of Click2Science's version 2.0 website as well as the latest research on their professional development model. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Understanding Adulthood

The Chicago Freedom School is holding a training on **Saturday, September 30, 2017** that will aid adults who work with youth in dismantling age-based stereotypes. The session will be held at Chicago Freedom School, located at 719 South State St, Chicago from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Advancing Youth Development Certification Training

The Advancing Youth Development (AYD) course is comprised of six sessions and will be held at Gary Comer Youth Center, 7200 South Ingleside Ave., in Chicago from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., beginning **October 3, 2017**. For additional information contact, Annette Kelly at akelly@4usyouthdevelopment.org or click [here](#).

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

Resources

U.S. Needs More Tradespeople

Due to the decades-long push for high schools students to obtain bachelor degrees skilled trades are among the highest potential among job categories. To address the shortage,

states like California are coming up with inventive ways, such as partnering with companies to help pay for educational programs that directly benefit them, to grow the workforce. To read more, click [here](#).

State Budget: The Challenges Ahead

In a panel hosted by AARP, NPR Illinois, and radio station WGLT, providers in central Illinois had an opportunity to share their budget impasse experiences with lawmakers to encourage solutions. To read more about the forum, click [here](#). To watch a recording, click [here](#).

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

Funding Opportunity

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

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