

# ACT NOW!

## Afterschool for Children and Teens

### Quality Standards Trainings

ACT Now is holding free trainings around the state on the IL Afterschool Quality Standards. The trainings will provide participants a general overview of the Standards and strategies for implementation. Credit for the trainings will be available through the Gateways to Opportunity system and participants can also earn CEUs. There are trainings scheduled for Chicago, Peoria, Champaign, and Rockford. For more information on these trainings, click [here](#).

### Policy

#### **21st CCLC House Amendment Passed**

On Wednesday, September 13, 2017 the Lowey/DeLauro Amendment (#161) to restore \$100 million of 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) funds passed the House by a vote of 228 to 188. This decision places funding levels between \$1.1 billion and \$1.192 billion based on the House and Senate appropriations, respectively.

#### **Child Care Assistance Program Update**

The Illinois Department of Human Services is seeking several extensions from the federal government regarding the administration of the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). Included is an extension to the deadline for completing the CCAP health and safety training requirements as well as the license exemption requirements. How IDHS will operate under some or all of these extensions has not been finalized. The department will reconstitute the Child Care Advisory Council (CCAC) to seek advice from childcare stakeholders and to keep them informed.

#### **Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth**

The Children's Cabinet met on September 7, 2017. The meeting included a presentation and panel on early workforce development. For more information, click [here](#).

## **ISBE Board Meeting**

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) held its retreat in Springfield on September 13 and 14, 2017. The meeting included an update on the strategic plan and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) implementation plan. For other discussion topics, click [here](#).

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

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Attendance Awareness Month**

September is attendance awareness month. In celebration, Attendance Works has developed resources that schools and communities can utilize to encourage students to attend school. To access these materials, click [here](#).

### **NAA17 Virtual Convention**

The National AfterSchool Association (NAA) will hold its virtual convention focusing on STEM and social emotional learning on **November 3-16, 2017**. For additional details or to register, click [here](#).

## **Youth Opportunity**

### **World of 7 Billion Video Contest**

The World of 7 Billion video contest challenges middle and high school students to illustrate the connection between world population growth and one of three global challenges: advancing women and girls, feeding 10 billion, or preventing pollution. Participating teachers can receive free curriculum resources and student winners will receive cash prizes up to \$1,000. All entries must be submitted by **Thursday, February 22, 2018** to be considered. Contest guidelines and resources can be accessed [here](#).

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

## **Trainings and Webinars**

## **A Thought Leader Conversation with Search Institute CEO Kent Pekel**

The Forum for Youth Investment is hosting a webinar on **Wednesday, September 20, 2017** at 12:30 p.m. In the session Kent Pekel, President and CEO of the Search Institute, will share the Developmental Relationships Framework. A tool that helps adults understand and focus their actions to contribute to youth success. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

## **Difficult Dialogues: Engaging Youth in Tough Conversations**

The Afterschool Alliance is hosting a webinar on **Thursday, September 21, 2017** at 12:00 p.m. that will equip afterschool providers with tools and resources to engage students in difficult topics. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

## **Afterschool and SEL**

The American Youth Policy Forum is hosting a webinar on **Wednesday, October 11, 2017** at 12:00 p.m. entitled "The Intersection of Afterschool and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) for 21st Century Readiness." For more information or to register, click [here](#).

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

# Resources

## **DACA Resources**

In response to the decision to repeal the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, the Illinois State Board of Education has compiled the following list of resources:

- [Edjustice End of DACA Letter](#)
- [Rethinking Schools Resources for Elementary-Aged Children](#)
- [U.S. Department of Homeland Security FAQs](#)
- [The Immigrant Legal Resource Center Community Advisory](#)
- [Teaching Tolerance Guide for Educators and School Support Staff](#)

## **National Hispanic Heritage Month**

National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed **September 15 through October 15**. Teachers can find classroom resources to celebrate the contributions and achievements of Hispanic Americans [here](#).

## **Dental Resources for Afterschool Programs**

America's ToothFairy has developed an education plan that afterschool providers can use to incorporate oral health learning opportunities into their programs. To access the curriculum, click [here](#).

## **Health and Physical Literacy Resources**

Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America is offering teachers classroom-ready and teacher-friendly resources that are useful for helping students to stay on a path of health and physical literacy. To open the Teacher's Toolbox, click [here](#). The Download Library can be accessed [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](#).***



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