

ACT NOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Policy

Teen REACH NOFO

The Illinois Department of Human Services has released its Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Teen REACH afterschool program. DHS anticipates awarding 100 grants for an estimated total program funding of \$12.5 million. **Only applications submitted in response to the Teen REACH NOFO posting will be considered for funding in FY18.** The anticipated program start date is November 1, 2017. Applicants will be able to request Pre-Award costs as part of the NOFO for eligible expenditures and services back to July 1, 2017. The submission deadline is **Tuesday, October 18, 2017** at 12:00 p.m. **The Teen REACH NOFO links have been amended and are now accessible.** Click [here](#) to learn more about the grant program, eligibility requirements, and how to apply.

DHS will hold bidders conferences on **Thursday, September 28, 2017** at 2:00 p.m. and **Friday, September 29, 2017** at 10:00 am. Call details can be found [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

Day of Sharing

Join the Afterschool Alliance for a Day of Sharing on **Wednesday, September 27, 2017** to show policymakers what afterschool is all about. For tips and best practices for sharing your story on social media, click [here](#).

Lights On Afterschool

Lights On Afterschool (LOA) is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families, and communities. On **Thursday, October 26, 2017** more than one million Americans will attend more than 8,000 *Lights On Afterschool* events in all 50 states and in the District of Columbia. If you are considering

hosting an activity, click [here](#) to visit the Afterschool Alliance LOA webpage. For more advocacy and program planning resources, check out ACT Now's *Lights On Afterschool* toolkit and action alert. You can find those resources [here](#).

Afterschool Development Conference

The All Stars Project of Chicago will be hosting its 4th Afterschool Development Conference on **Friday, November 3, 2017**. This one-day event will be held at East West University, located at 829 South Wabash in Chicago from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Registration details are forthcoming. For more information call (312) 994-3100.

Youth Opportunities

Off The Sidelines Chicago's Young Feminist Conference

Off the Sidelines Chicago invites all of Chicago's young feminists ages 14 and older to attend their free half-day conference on **Saturday, October 21, 2017**. The event will be held at Motorola Mobility LLC, located at 222 West Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, IL. For additional details or to register, click [here](#).

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Student volunteers in grades five through 12 who have made meaningful contributions to their communities are welcome to apply for a 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. The application deadline is **Tuesday, November 7, 2017**. For additional information or to access the application, click [here](#).

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

Trainings and Webinars

Building Resilience of Refugee/Immigrant Children and Families

The Center for Childhood Resilience is hosting a free training entitled, "Rapid Response Training: Building Resilience of Refugee/Immigrant Children and Families" on **Friday, September 29, 2017**. The session will be held at the Chicago Public Library's Chinatown Branch, located at 2100 South Wentworth. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Illinois AfterSchool Network

The Illinois AfterSchool Network's upcoming trainings are listed below. For more information or to register, contact Jackie Richie at ianetwrk@att.net or call 217-753-4620.

- **October 20, 2017** (Harvard, IL): Dealing with Behavioral Management in our Afterschool Program
- **October 20, 2017** (Peoria, IL): Dealing with Behavioral Management in our Afterschool Program
- **October 24, 2017** (Chicago, IL): Not Just Another Leadership Workshop: How to Help Your Youth Become Second-to-None Leaders
- **October 26, 2017** (Carbondale, IL): "Words Will Never Hurt Me" – Building Skills in Youth when Dealing with Teasing, Bullying and Putdowns

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

Resources

The TalentED Project

The TalentED Project is a free online platform that enables relationship-building between college access counselors and admissions officers in order to strengthen the recruitment pipeline of underrepresented students. To access this new, free course, teachers/counselors/advisors can click [here](#).

A Fiscal Scan of Illinois Public Investments in Children and Youth

The fiscal scan of Illinois' public investments in children/youth examines how the state currently supports those between the ages of eight and 25 and raises questions about how to ensure that resources are invested equitably. To access the report and corresponding briefs, click [here](#).

ESSA: Building Sustainable Bridges Between School Day and Afterschool Programs

Click [here](#) to view a recording of ACT Now's webinar on how to advocate for the incorporation of afterschool programs into school districts' Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) implementation plan. The accompanying ESSA implementation resources can be found [here](#).

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

Employment

Metropolitan Family Services

Metropolitan Family Services is looking to fill the following full-time positions:

- [Resource Coordinators](#): Individuals would be responsible for the financial, programmatic, and operational oversight of a school-based 21st Century Community Learning Centers program.
- [Recess Coordinator](#): Person would be responsible for the full oversight of the school's recess program, but is also needed to provide SEL programming in the afternoon.

Family Focus

Family Focus has five full-time Resource Coordinator positions open. The overall responsibilities are to plan, implement, and coordinate all Community School programs. For more information, click [here](#).

Funding Opportunity

Fuel Up to Play 60

The Fuel Up to Play 60 competitive, nationwide funding program is designed to support K-12 schools that implement Plays from the 2017-18 edition of the Fuel Up to Play 60 Playbook. Applications are due by **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**. For more information or to apply, click [here](#).

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

Opportunities for Providers

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