

ACT NOW!



Afterschool for Children and Teens

Upcoming Events

Turn Up Your VOYCE

Voices of Youth in Chicago Education (VOYCE) will be hosting an event on **Tuesday, October 24, 2017** to address the root cause of violence and its effects on black and brown communities. For more information, 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 LOA events in all 50 states and in the District of Columbia. For more information on *Lights On Afterschool*, click [here](#). For additional advocacy resources, check out our [Lights on Afterschool 2017: Advocacy and Planning Toolkit](#).

Register your event by **Thursday, October 12, 2017** to be entered into a drawing for one of four STEM giveaway packages. To be added to the LOA event registry, click [here](#).

Strengthening Chicago's Youth's Quarterly Meeting

Strengthening Chicago's Youth's next quarterly meeting will focus on the connection between supporting parents and families and making Chicago safer. The event will take place on **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. It will be held at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, located at 225 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago. For additional details or to register, click [here](#).

Trainings and Webinars

Fundraising 101

CharityHowTo will be hosting a free webinar on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017** at 12:00 p.m.

that will assist nonprofits in using fundraising metrics to improve their operations and help their organizations grow. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Micro-Messaging

Join Click2Science on **October 18, 2017** at 1:00 p.m. for their upcoming Webinar Wednesday. The workshop will examine micro-messages that are common in out-of-school environments and inform providers on how they can use micro-affirmations to strengthen their programs. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

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

Resources

FAFSA Workshops

The University Center of Lake County has organized a series of workshops to assist students and families with electronically submitting their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Events take place from October 2017 through January 2018. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

CCDBG ACT of 2014 Report

The National Women's Law Center's report "The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014: Uneven State Implementation of Key Policies" tracks states' progress in implementing CCDBG. To access, click [here](#).

Policy

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

Youth Opportunities

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

Funding Opportunities

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



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