

ACT NOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Upcoming Event

Lights On Afterschool Challenge

Lights On Afterschool (LOA) Day **Thursday, October 26, 2017** celebrates afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families, and communities. Those who cannot attend an event are welcomed to show their support by participating in the Lights On Afterschool Challenge. Participants take a photo of themselves mimicking a light bulb and challenge others on Facebook to help keep *Lights On Afterschool*. For more information, click [here](#). To use the LOA Facebook profile picture frame, click [here](#) and search “Lights On Afterschool.”

Resources

Library and Afterschool Partnerships

The Afterschool Alliance’s “Library and Afterschool Partnerships” report offers a glimpse into the many ways afterschool providers are working with public libraries and provides a list of recommendations for continued growth. To access the report, click [here](#).

2017 Illinois Kids Count Report

The 2017 Illinois Kids Count report provides county level data of child well-being throughout the state. To access, click [here](#).

Girl Scouts STEM Badges

The Girl Scouts have updated its programming options to include 10 new STEM badges. The curriculum includes mechanical engineering, computer programming, and robotics. For a list of other course offerings, click [here](#).

National Bullying Prevention Month

October is national bullying prevention month. The Illinois State Board of Education has compiled the following resources to assist schools and communities with creating environments that address various forms of bullying:

- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\) app](#)
- [Stopbullying.gov](#)
- [PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center](#)
- [Sikh Coalition Bullying Prevention Resources](#)

Policy

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

To view ACT Now's calendar of events, click [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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