

ACTNOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Webinar

Tools, Ideas, & Strategies for Creative Computing in Afterschool

The Afterschool Alliance will be hosting a webinar on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017** at 11:00 a.m. that will address the obstacles providers encounter in teaching computer science in the afterschool space. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

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

Youth Opportunity

Karma for Cara Foundation Microgrants

The Karma for Cara Foundation is awarding youth volunteers ages 18 and under microgrants between \$250 and \$1,000 to complete service projects in their communities. The deadline to apply is **Monday, January 1, 2018**. For more information, click [here](#).

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

Resources

Empowering Afterschool Professionals for Digital Learning

The National AfterSchool Association's latest report examines the inequities in digital access, explores the role afterschool can play in closing the digital learning gap, and provides afterschool professionals strategies for increasing access. The report can be retrieved [here](#).

Outdoor STEM Curriculum

PLUM LANDING is an innovative PBS KIDS multimedia project that uses digital media to encourage children to explore the outdoors. The project includes hands-on outdoor learning

activities, games, videos, apps, and an online drawing tool and gallery that align to the NGSS-standards. To access these resources, click [here](#).

Free Film Screening

STEP tells the true story of an all-girls high-school dance team in Baltimore, MD. It sparks conversations about self-confidence, teamwork and overcoming challenges. Vulcan Productions is offering free community screenings for a limited time. For additional information, click [here](#).

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

Funding Opportunities

Costco Charitable Contributions

Costco offers support to 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations that focus on children, education and health and human services. Applications are reviewed on a rolling deadline. For more information, click [here](#).

Half Price Books

Half Price Books supplies books and media to 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations and educators that focus on literacy, the environment, or education in markets where they operate. For more information, click [here](#).

Advancing Student Achievement

Advancing Student Achievement grants support math programs that bridge the gap between classroom and real world mathematics. Applications are reviewed on a rolling deadline. For more information, [here](#).

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

Opportunities for Afterschool Providers

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