

ACT NOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Policy

ISBE Board Meeting

The Illinois State Board of Education met on December 13, 2017. The agenda and materials can be found [here](#). At the meeting, the Board also discussed its FY19 budget and heard presentations about the state and economic factors that will affect their budget this year. Overall, ISBE does not expect growth for FY19 revenue, and the budget will look substantially different because of the new evidenced-based funding mechanism. The Board also specifically called out ACT Now's request to increase funding for afterschool. ISBE will present their budget at their January meeting. The Board discussed that ISBE representatives attended town halls recently to discuss ESSA and is expecting reports on College and Career Readiness and 3rd-8th grade accountability measures at the end of the month. In regards to the public comment at the November meeting about Special Education in CPS, ISBE will be exploring a public inquiry. For information about future board meetings, click [here](#).

FY19 21st CCLC RFP

On December 15, 2017 ISBE released the FY19 21st Century RFP. Application materials, instructions, and an archived bidders webinar 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](#).

Resources

Illinois Opioid Crisis Community Survey

Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. and the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services is seeking feedback from the public to develop strategies to solve the opioid epidemic. The survey will be available until **Friday, December 22,**

2017 and can be accessed [here](#).

Team Nutrition Popular Events Idea Booklet

The United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service's "Popular Events Idea Booklet" provides fun ways for promoting healthy eating and physical activity in elementary/middle school. Ideas for themed events and other resources can be found [here](#).

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

Opportunity for Providers

FY19 21st CCLC Program Grant Readers

The Illinois State Board of Education College and Career Readiness Division is seeking additional grant readers for the FY19 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Program grant competition. Readers will be required to participate in a training webinar in January 2018 and be available between February and March 2018 to read the Request for Proposals. An honorarium will be provided. To be considered, send a letter of interest and resume/curriculum vitae by **Monday, January 8, 2018** to Kenya Davis, Principal Consultant, Illinois State Board of Education, College and Career Readiness Division, 100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001 or via email at 21stcclc@isbe.net. For more information contact Kenya Davis at (217) 524-4832.

Spotlight on Afterschool

The Glendale Heights PATH Afterschool Program provides a nurturing, yet engaging environment that fosters knowledge, creativity, physical stamina, and character in its students. Their program complements the school district's curricula and supports working families. On December 4th, their second and third grade group had an opportunity to sing Christmas carols at the Glendale Heights Historic House. At the event, students also had a chance to meet the Mayor, do crafts, and eat pizza. Thanks to ACT Now's Afterschool Advocate, Dale Hanstad, for sharing this spotlight. Pictures of the fun can be seen below.



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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