

ACT NOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Policy

FY19 Teen REACH Funding

Teen REACH is an Illinois program that provides afterschool services to at-risk youth ages six to 17. Due to the budget impasse Teen REACH providers received no funding in FY16 and youth were without services for almost a quarter of the school year in FY17 and FY18 due to Teen REACH not being included in the Governor's budget. ACT Now is asking that organizations consider joining us and the Illinois General Assembly in signing a letter urging Governor Rauner to include Teen REACH in his FY19 budget. The letter can be viewed [here](#). The letter submitted to Governor Rauner signed by 41 members of the Senate can be viewed [here](#). The letter signed by 51 members of the House can be viewed [here](#). Organizations interested in signing on can do so by filling out this [form](#) by **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**.

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

Upcoming Events

Afterschool Meals Matter

Food Research and Action Center will be hosting a conference call that will address ways afterschool providers can collaborate with diverse community partners to increase the sustainability of their afterschool meal programs. The call will take place on **Thursday, January 18, 2018** at 12:00 p.m. For more information, click [here](#).

ILLINOIS READS Program

The Illinois Reading Council will launch its 2018 ILLINOIS READS initiative on **Saturday, March 10th**. The event will be held in conjunction with the Southern ILLINOIS READS Book Festival in DuQuoin, IL. For more information, click [here](#).

Impact After School Conference

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance and Iowa Department of Education are hosting their 2018 Impact After School Conference on **April 25th through April 27th**. The event will be held in Des Moines, IA and is open to all afterschool professionals and educators regardless of state. For more information, click [here](#).

Trainings and Webinars

CCAP Essentials Health and Safety Training Series

Illinois Action for Children's three-part CCAP Essentials Health and Safety Training Series meets all the IDHS health and safety training requirements. For registration guidelines and meeting dates, click [here](#).

Your Best Year of Advocacy Yet

Phone2Action will be hosting an advocacy webinar on **Thursday, January 25, 2018** that will focus on making data a priority and developing tactics to engage and acquire new advocates. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

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

Resource

Arts Integration Research Through the Lens of ESSA

The American Institutes for Research latest report explores the evidence base for arts integration and the ways in which programs can use funding from the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to integrate arts into their curriculum. To read more on what efforts may be eligible, click [here](#).

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

Opportunity for Providers

SciGirls CONNECT Partnership Program

SciGirls CONNECT is accepting applications from organizations that are committed to

gender-equitable programming for girls ages eight through 13. Partners will receive professional development training, educational resources, and a \$200 stipend. The deadline to apply is **Friday, January 26, 2018**. For more information, click [here](#).

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

Funding Opportunities

CDC Violence Prevention Grant

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance knowledge about what works to prevent youth violence and/or teen dating/intimate partner/sexual violence. The Letter of Intent is due **Friday, February 9, 2018**. For more information and additional deadlines, click [here](#).

Marathon Kids Out-of-School Time Grant

The Marathon Kids Grant provides funding to implement the Marathon Kids Running Club model. The deadline to apply is **Friday, February 9, 2018**. For program and funding guidelines, click [here](#).

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

Youth Opportunities

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