

ACTNOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Upcoming Events

Every Kid Healthy Week

Every Kid Healthy Week recognizes the efforts schools are making to improve the health of their students. It will be observed **April 23rd through April 27th**. To access school wellness resources and a toolkit to engage staff, students, parents, and community members, click [here](#).

Hunger Summit

The 2018 Hunger Summit will be held on **Tuesday, May 8, 2018** at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, IL. Conference attendees will learn about new policies, programs, and innovations aimed to address hunger in Illinois. The registration deadline is **Monday, April 9th**. For more information, click [here](#).

Youth Opportunities

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes awards 20 young leaders, ages eight to 18, \$10,000 for the significant impact they have had on people, their communities, and the environment. The deadline to apply is **Sunday, April 15, 2018**. For more information, click [here](#).

Annual Illinois Foster Youth and Alumni Legislator Shadow Day

Current and former youth in care are invited to the Illinois State Capitol on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018** to shadow a state legislator for a day. Participants will gain insight into the role of a legislator and learn how to make their voices heard on issues they care about. For more information, click [here](#).

One Summer Chicago

One Summer Chicago brings together government institutions, community-based organizations, and companies to offer over 31,000 employment and internship opportunities to Chicago's youth and young adults ages 14 to 24. The deadline to apply is **Monday, May 21, 2018**. For additional information or to apply, click [here](#).

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

Trainings and Webinars

Déjà Vu: The President's Budget Eliminates Afterschool Funding. What Happens Now?

The Afterschool Alliance will host a webinar on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018** that will provide participants the latest developments on federal funding for afterschool. For more information, click [here](#).

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

Resource

Fueling Students Today 4 Tomorrow

Rise & Shine Illinois' 2018 child nutrition report highlights the efforts that have been made to increase participation in Breakfast After the Bell, At-Risk Afterschool, and Summer Meal Programs. To access the report, click [here](#).

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

Opportunities for Providers

Global Film Competition

Sony's *Picture This* is inviting filmmakers to submit a one to eight minutes long video to their *Festival for the Planet* contest. The United States winner will receive a trip to Hollywood and a chance to compete in the world finals. The deadline to apply is **Monday, April 30, 2018**. For more information, click [here](#).

Climate Science Professional Development Workshop

Northwestern University is hosting a two-day workshop on **June 28th and June 29th** that is designed to support high school STEM teachers in bringing climate science concepts into their teaching. For more information, click [here](#).

Disney Family Volunteering Reward Program

Disney Parks and Points of Light are celebrating family volunteerism by rewarding nonprofits and schools in the United States with complimentary Disney parks tickets for hosting or participating in family volunteering activities. For eligibility requirements, click [here](#).

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

Funding Opportunities

Afterschool Meals Grant

No Kid Hungry Illinois is offering grants to support summer meal providers in their efforts to increase access and improve delivery. Applications must be submitted by **Friday, April 13, 2018**. The grants available are as follows:

- [\\$10,000 Capacity Building Grants](#) to help organizations expand access to and participation in United States Department of Agriculture supported summer meals programs.
- [\\$5,000 Mini-Grants](#) for non-food program expenses.

ComEd Powering the Arts Program

ComEd in partnership with the League of Chicago Theatres is awarding grants of up to \$10,000 to organizations seeking to bring arts and cultural offerings to underserved audiences in ComEd's northern Illinois service area. The deadline to apply is **Friday, May 25, 2018**. For more information, click [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](#).