



ACT Now STEM Resources Survey

The ACT Now Coalition is conducting an afterschool STEM survey. Your participation will help us to determine what resources are currently being used and help us to understand what additional supports may be needed for providers to offer STEM programming in the afterschool space. Your feedback will help inform our work as we continue to develop resources for the field and advocate for increased STEM funding and services. The survey will take less than 10 minutes and must be completed by **Friday, June 1, 2018**. Participants will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card as a thank you for providing their feedback.

[Survey](#)

Policy

Child Care and Development Fund Plan for FY 2019-2021

DHS held a hearing on its [proposed Child Care Development Fund Plan](#) on May 22, 2018. Most public comment centered around early childhood programs, graduated phase out, and 12 month eligibility. ACT Now presented comments on the need to tailor parts of the plan to the school age care field and include school age specific quality metrics. The final plan is due July 2nd. Additional comments can be sent until **June 8th** to Olga Torres, IDHS Child Care, 100 South Grand Ave East, Springfield, IL 62762, olga.torres@illinois.gov. The public testimony form can be found [here](#).

Youth Budget Commission

HB5202 establishes the Youth Budget Coalition with the purpose of creating a yearly analysis of the State budget across the six developmental goals that all youth need to build exceptional lives. This Commission will use the scan to advise the administration on youth program policies and spending. It passed in both Houses on May 18th. To share your opinion on HB5202 with the Governor, click

[here](#) or call him in his Chicago (312-814-2121) or Springfield (217-782-0244) office. To access the HB5202 fact sheet, click [here](#).

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

Building Social and Emotional Skills in Afterschool

The Afterschool Alliance and National AfterSchool Association will be hosting a webinar on **Wednesday, June 6, 2018** that will dive into the research around social emotional learning in out-of-school time programs. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

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

Resources

Putting the SEL into PBL

Project-based learning (PBL) presents students with real-world problems to solve through independent research and group inquiry. When combined with social emotional learning (SEL), PBL supports students' voice/choice, makes instruction more meaningful, and provides them an opportunity to develop and put SEL skills into practice. For more on the link between PBL and SEL, click [here](#).

Summer Learning Send-Off

The National Summer Learning Association has provided principals, school leaders, and teachers tips for how they can combat summer slide utilizing their school buildings and directing parents to additional community resources. To access the tip sheet, click [here](#).

Summer Slugger

Summer Slugger is an interactive, online course that uses the game of baseball to help kids ages eight to 11 maintain their math and literacy skills during the summer months. For more information, click [here](#).

Design Squad Global Clubs

Design Squad Global clubs provide kids ages 10 to 13 a vehicle to explore engineering and develop global competency by partnering them with out-of-school-time programs from a different country. For more information, click [here](#).

Flower Power

In this STEM Gem, participants will use toothpicks, paper plates, and paint to learn the parts of flowering plants and their significance to the world. To view the lesson plan, click [here](#).

2017 Salary and Staffing Survey of Licensed Child Care Facilities

The 2017 licensed child care facilities report provides a summary of the qualifications and wages of caregivers in licensed child care centers and day care homes in Illinois. To access the data, click [here](#).

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

Opportunities for Providers

For archived opportunities for providers, 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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