Policy

FY19 Budget Signed into Law

On June 4th, Governor Rauner signed the FY19 budget into law. The plan is the first full-year budget enacted since he took office in 2015. It maintains state government spending, increases funding for K-12 education, and includes $13.8 million for Teen REACH. For more information on the FY19 budget and what it means for afterschool, click here.

Children’s Cabinet Update

On June 7, 2018, the Governor’s Cabinet on Children and Youth met in Chicago. The Cabinet received updates on its projects. The multi-system involved youth project will focus on inter-agency collaboration to solve problems identified by youth. The mentoring project will consist of a mentoring scan, toolkit, and matching process. Parts of the transitional math and high school equivalency project are expected to be adopted by ISBE next week. The CCAP research project has hit some obstacles due to legal and procurement issues. You can find details and materials from the meeting here.

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

Upcoming Event

National Summer Learning Day

Afterschool programs, educators, policymakers, businesses, schools, and families can all make this summer a season of learning by being a part of Summer Learning Day on Thursday, July 12, 2018. To register your event, click here. For more information about the importance of summer learning, click here. For more advocacy resources, check out our summer learning advocacy toolkit.
Youth Opportunities

Learn to Code a Robot with SmartGurlz

Black Girls CODE Chicago is hosting a workshop on Saturday, June 23, 2018 that will introduce girls age seven to 12 to coding fundamentals. The event will be held at Chicago Tech Academy High School, located at 1301 West 14th Street in Chicago. For more information or to register, click here.

Business Plus Entrepreneurship Summer Camp

The College of Business at Chicago State University (CSU) is accepting applications for its free Business & Entrepreneurial Academy summer camp. The camp will be held from July 9, 2018 through July 27, 2018 on the CSU campus. Rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Ms. Michelle d’Arville-Downing at (773) 995-4466 or mdarvil@csu.edu. The application deadline is Friday, June 22, 2018.

Computer Science Summer Camp

Black Girls CODE Chicago is hosting a two-week computer science summer camp targeting young ladies ages 13-17. The camp will be held from August 6, 2018 through August 17, 2018 at Chicago Tech Academy High School. For more information or to register, click here.

For archived youth opportunities, click here.

Trainings and Webinars

School and Community Partnerships for Wellness

The National AfterSchool Association in partnership with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation are hosting a webinar on Thursday, June 14, 2018 to discuss how school and out-of-school time programs can join efforts to promote a wellness continuum. For more information or to register, click here.

To view ACT Now’s calendar of events, click here.
Opportunities for Providers

Services for South Suburban Youth

The Housing Authority of Cook County is accepting proposals from qualified human services organizations for consideration to provide services to youth residing in Ford Heights, Harvey, and Robbins, Illinois. For more information, click here. The proposal deadline is Monday, June 18, 2018.

Summer of Opportunity

Summer of Opportunity is a free community event cosponsored by BUILD Chicago that connects youth and families with an array of summer resources. It will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 in Chicago's Austin neighborhood. For more information or to register for the festival, click here.

2019 Mentoring Summit Call for Proposals

MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership is accepting proposals for its 2019 summit. Those who would like to present at next years’ meeting in D.C. must submit their bids by Friday, June 22, 2018. For more information, click here.

For archived opportunities for providers, click here.

Resources

For a list of afterschool and youth development related resources collected by ACT Now, click here.

Funding Opportunities

For a list of previously listed afterschool and youth development related grants, click here.
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