



Partnering with Afterschool Programs to Grow the STEM Industry

On June 20, 2018, ACT Now hosted a discussion on the importance of STEM programming in the afterschool space at 1871 Chicago. Attendees included representatives from the STEM industry, afterschool programming, and much more. The panel featured Trisha Prabhu, ReThink Technology; Tammera L. Holmes, Aerostar Consulting Corporation; Brett Nicholas, Museum of Science & Industry; and Olga Gutierrez, Apple. For more information about the event and how industry can partner with afterschool programs, click [here](#).

Policy

Federal Budget Update

On June 15th, the U.S. House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations (LHHS) Subcommittee voted to approve their FY19 spending bill. It maintains funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) afterschool and summer learning programs at the FY18 level of \$1.212 billion. The bill will be considered by the full Appropriations Committee before heading to the House floor. The Senate LHHS subcommittee is scheduled to markup their spending bill on June 26th, followed by the full Appropriations Committee on June 28th. To share with your legislators the importance of funding afterschool, click [here](#). For more information on the appropriation proceedings, click [here](#).

21st Century Information Collection Requirements

The U.S. Department of Education's request for comments regarding information collection requirements, specifically the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Annual Performance Report (21APR), were due on Monday, June 25th. In response to [federal register Docket No.: ED-2018-ICCD-0047](#), the Afterschool Alliance and ACT Now emphasized the importance of data collection for 21APR and provided recommendations for aligning the Government Performance and Results Act standards to 21st CCLC objectives and Every Student Succeeds Act provisions. ACT Now's comment 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](#).

Trainings and Webinars

How to Stand Out From the Crowd in Online Grant Applications

CharityHowTo will be hosting a free webinar on **Thursday, June 28, 2018** that will assist organizations with creating concise, compelling, and competitive online grant applications. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

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

Youth Opportunity

ACE Academy Aviation Camp

Lewis University Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy is hosting a five-day summer camp for inner city students, age 13 through 18 the week of **July 23rd through July 27th, 2018**. The deadline to apply is **Friday, June 29, 2018**. For more information, contact Michael A. Julius Sr. at (630) 878-8608 or MDWLAX@aol.com.

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

Funding Opportunities

Full-Service Community Schools Program

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Innovation and Improvement is inviting applications for the FY18 Full-Service Community Schools program. The deadline for submitting a notice of intent is **Thursday, June 28, 2018**. Applications are due by **Friday, July 13, 2018**. For more information, click [here](#).

Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth

Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth awards monetary grants to Cook County area mentoring/tutoring programs serving young people from disadvantaged communities. Organizations interested in applying must submit a Letter of Inquiry by **Friday, July 13, 2018**. For more information, click [here](#).

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

Resources

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

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