

# ACTNOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

## Upcoming Events

### Restoring the Village

This mentor informational event engages positive community leaders who equip young people with critical life skills, outdoor adventure opportunities, and positive adult mentorship to help them be prepared for life. This event will be held **Thursday, July 19th, 2018, 6 pm @ Holy Family Ministry School**. For more information, click [here](#).

### Effective Suicide Prevention Messaging

Learn more from the [National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention](#) about how to publicly message about suicide - especially about the role the public plays in preventing suicide - as you gear up for National Suicide Prevention Month/Week in September. This event will be held **Wednesday, July 25th, 2018, 12 pm to 1:30 pm, Online**. For more information or to register for this event, click [here](#).

## Trainings and Webinars

### Train Staff to Use Technology in Your Program

Explore ways to connect emerging and changing technology to your team's daily goals and their work with students. You'll leave this session with an understanding of key digital learning competencies, a plan for capitalizing on existing staff expertise and experiences to build professional development and strategies to incorporate digital learning into your hiring processes. This webinar will be held **Wednesday, July 25th, 2018, 11am to 12pm**. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

### Promote Digital Learning in Afterschool

In this session, you will learn how to create a communication plan in order to promote and to gain support for digital learning in your afterschool program. In addition, you will practice creating or improving your messaging about digital learning in your program and learn to tailor your message to varied audiences. This webinar

will be held **Monday, August 13th, 2018, 11am to 12pm**. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

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

## Resources

### Tools for Adapting SEL Programs

This article offers an in-depth guide that provides a look inside and across 25 evidence-based programs along with tools for OST programs. To read the article, click [here](#).

### Applying an Equity Lens to SEAD

This brief identifies five barriers that hinder healthy social, emotional, and academic development (SEAD) and identifies opportunities that could better support equitable access to SEAD. To read the full brief, click [here](#).

### STEM Gem: Solar System

In this STEM Gem, young people will explore the solar system by building models of the planets and discovering what makes each planet unique. To learn more, click [here](#).

### Cyberchase: Text to Teacher

Text to Teacher is an innovative free service where teachers will receive a text message once a week with a link to free, quality, educational STEM classroom resources from the award-winning multimedia children's series *Cyberchase*. To learn more, click [here](#).

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

## Funding Opportunities

### Energy to Educate Grants

Constellation Energy is offering two grants that will fund opportunities for both students in grades 6-12 and college students to experience problem-solving for today's and tomorrow's energy challenges. In order to qualify for this grant, educators must identify a project that reaches at least 100 students and aligns with one of the Constellation Energy to Educate themes. Grant awards are up to \$25,000

for grades 6-12 and up to \$50,000 for colleges and universities. For more information or to apply for a grant, click [here](#).

### **Extending the Reach of Summer Meals**

In East St. Louis, the New Bethel M.B. Church is doing great work to ensure there are meals available for students in under-resourced communities in the area, especially rural communities. The program coordinator, Donna Samuels, has started an initiative to mobilize a fleet of buses that would make summer meals more accessible to young people in these communities. This initiative was made possible by a grant from the Summer Meals Program. For more information about the Summer Meals Program and how to apply for a grant, click [here](#).

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

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