



Policy Update

Federal LHHS Spending Bill Update

On Thursday, August 23, the full Senate passed a spending bill package that included the FY2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (LHHS) spending bill. The LHHS bill was very similar to the one passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee earlier this summer and keeps federal 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) support for local afterschool and summer learning programs level with last year's amount of \$1.212 billion. The bill ([H.R. 6157](#)) passed with a vote of 85-7 marking a major bipartisan achievement. The Senate had not passed a LHHS bill on the Senate floor in over a decade. The next step in the FY2019 appropriations process is for the House to take up and pass the Senate version of the bill or pass their own version of the LHHS bill at which point the House and Senate would still need to combine their separate spending bills before a September 30 deadline. To read more, click [here](#).

Trainings and Webinars

Trauma Informed Care Workshops

Metropolitan Family Services (MFS) is continuing their collaboration with the City of Chicago to build a Trauma Informed City. They will be facilitating 11 Trauma Informed Care 101 workshops in the month of **September (at all of the MFS City locations)**. These workshops are ongoing throughout the month. To learn more about the workshop schedule or to register, click [here](#).

The Restorative Process

This webinar will include a presentation on the restorative justice framework, promote principles of restorative justice in the juvenile justice system with a focus on practical application, and present a discussion of restorative justice as applied in educational settings. **This webinar will take place Wednesday, September 12th, 1:00pm-2:30pm CDT.** To register, click [here](#).

Communications Strategies for Mentoring Programs

This webinar will focus on how to successfully promote your mentoring program to potential volunteers, mentees and families, as well as supporters such as funders and partners. In this webinar, we'll share concrete strategies for creating effective social media plans and campaigns, and raising awareness about your program by building

partnerships with local media. This webinar will take place **Tuesday, September 25th, 12:00pm-1:00pm CDT**. To register, click [here](#).

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

Opportunities for Providers

Child Well-Being in Out-of-School Time

Join leaders of East Side Aligned as they share key accomplishments, strategies, and recommendations from an 18-month grant and the journey to strengthen the out-of-school time system and improve outcomes for young people. This session will focus on program quality improvement efforts and coordination of activities across organizations with opportunities for developing regional strategies in preparation for National Lights on Afterschool Day. This event will take place **Tuesday, September 25th, 8:30am-10:30am in St. Louis, Missouri**. To learn more or to register, click [here](#).

For a list of previously listed opportunities for providers, click [here](#).

Youth Opportunities

Black Girls CODE: Robot Expo

Tech Divas will combine hands-on activities using Lego WeDo and EV3 kits with live demonstrations from area robotics organizations where the girls will interact with sophisticated robots, and learn real-world/business applications and uses for robotics. This event will take place **Saturday, September 8th, 10:00am-4:00pm**. Register by September 5th to secure your spot. To register, click [here](#).

Black Girls CODE: Women of Color in STEM Career Panel

This event will be an educational experience for girls, between the ages of 7 and 17, and their parents/guardians. They will hear from a panel of women working in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics (STEM). This event will take place **Friday, September 14th, 6:30pm-8:30pm**. Register by September 12th to secure your spot. To register, click [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

Fund a Running Club!

Marathon Kids' evidence-based program uses the fun, social environment of a running club to increase physical activity levels while empowering participants to adopt lifelong healthy behaviors. Physical education teachers may apply for this grant directly through Marathon Kids to fund fitness programs at their schools. Applications are due **Friday, September 14th**. To learn more, click [here](#).

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

Resources for Providers

Science for All: How to Reach English Learners

Developmentally inappropriate content puts English Learners behind in science from the start! Here are 3 actions and a variety of apps to help EL students build science literacy. To read more, click [here](#).

Addressing Home-to-School Communication

Find out about how 4 school districts are keeping families informed and engaged, and learn more about how you can create strong partnerships between families and your programs. To read more, click [here](#).

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