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ACTNOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Trainings and Events

Webinar: Public Charge 101

The proposed regulation on “public charge” has been filed in the Federal Register. If finalized, the regulation would dramatically rewrite immigration policy and make green cards more difficult to obtain. This webinar describes public charge policy today, how it would change, and what you need to know if you work with immigrant families. This webinar will be held **October 17th from 12 PM to 1 PM**. To register, [click here](#).

Building Positive Relationships with Parents & Families

This interactive workshop, brought to you by the Illinois Afterschool Network (IAN), will focus on building positive, lifelong relationships with parents & families that are essential for effective and holistic program service delivery. IAN will examine our attitudes toward parent involvement along with tips and strategies for building and maintaining positive relationships. This workshop will be held **October 23rd in Harvard, IL from 10 AM to 12 PM**. To register, [click here](#).

OK2BMe: Bullying & Body Image

During this session, the Illinois Afterschool Network (IAN) will discuss different types of bullying and how they impact and can lead to eating disorders. The session will be facilitated by Tina Carpenter, IAN Trainer and Chief Executive Officer of the Carbondale Boys and Girls Club. This session will be held **November 6th in Carbondale, IL from 6 PM to 8 PM**. To register, [click here](#).

Guiding Children & Youth Behavior Workshop

The Illinois Afterschool Network (IAN) is offering a workshop session focusing on developing positive and preventive strategies to effectively guide and facilitate children and youth’s behavior. This workshop will be held **November 15th in Champaign, IL from 10 AM to 12 PM**. To register, [click here](#).

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ACT Now Regional Membership Meetings

ACT Now will be holding regional convenings for ACT Now members and Community Schools members. These convenings will allow you to network with fellow program providers and leaders in the afterschool space, as well as learn more about the work of ACT Now. ACT Now will provide information about our advocacy efforts, as well as the resources we offer to support afterschool programs. Much of the time will be spent interacting with one another and creating new partnerships. ACT Now will continue to hold these convenings around the state throughout the year.

- **ACT Now Members Meeting**
 - October 24th: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - ACT Now Office [1 N. Dearborn St. (Ste. 1000), Chicago, IL]
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Community Schools Members Meeting**
 - October 30th: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - Bradley University (1501 West Bradley Ave, Peoria, IL)
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Community Schools Members Meeting**
 - November 8th: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - ACT Now Office [1 N. Dearborn St. (Ste. 1000), Chicago, IL]
 - [Register Here](#)

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

Youth Opportunities

GeoChallenge

The GeoChallenge is an annual themed and standards-based competition from the National Geographic Society that challenges student groups in grades five through eight across the United States to develop a creative solution to a real-world problem. (Participants must register to receive the program materials.) To learn more or to register, [click here](#).

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

Funding Opportunities

Henderson Foundation Grant

Since its establishment in 2005, the Henderson Foundation has provided millions of dollars to community organizations across the country. The Henderson Foundation supports various organizations every year that focus on Education and STEM, Arts and Culture, Environment and Sustainability, Health and Human

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Services, Community Service, and Disaster Relief. Through direct grants, the Henderson Foundation creatively and thoughtfully acts as a champion for our communities. Applications are due **November 15th**. To learn more or apply, [click here](#).

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

Resources for Providers

Encourage Girls to Use Their Voices

Being intentional about giving girls a voice isn't something to leave to chance. As a parent, caregiver, mentor or coach, Dr. Allison Riley with Girls on the Run International offers ways you can encourage the girls in your life to use their voices. To learn more, [click here](#).

The Systemic Disregard for Frontline Staff

As employees and human beings, staff members want to feel valuable and valued. This holds true in the afterschool profession, where the work is not always the reward. There is a remarkable amount of talent and power in the afterschool field: Let's begin to use it more intentionally—for others and for ourselves! To learn more, [click here](#).

Call for Resources

Do you have valuable resources, stories, or best practices to share with the afterschool field? Please click [here](#) to share your resources with ACT Now and we will disseminate them (via our newsletter and website) to other providers across the state! If you have any questions, please contact Faith Knocke (ACT Now! Youth Development Associate) KnockeF@metrofamily.org

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