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# ACTNOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Check out these exciting  
upcoming events with ACT Now!

(Continue reading for additional resources and events!)

OCTOBER				
22	23	24	25	26
Quality Standards Training (Moline, IL)		ACT Now Members Meeting (Chicago, IL)		
29	30	31	01	02
	Community Schools Members Meeting (Peoria, IL)	"The State of Afterschool in Illinois 2018" (Chicago, IL)		
NOVEMBER				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	31	01	02
				Webinar: Navigating STEM Resources & PD Opportunities
05	06	07	08	09
	ELECTION DAY!		Community Schools Members Meeting (Chicago, IL)	
12	13	14	15	16
Quality Standards Training (Chicago, IL)				
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
		IL-QPSA Webinar #2: How To Do a Self-Assessment		
03	04	05	06	07
		To register for events, visit: <a href="http://actnowillinois.org">actnowillinois.org</a> For questions, email Faith Knocke (ACT Now - Youth Development Associate) at <a href="mailto:KnockeF@actnowillinois.org">KnockeF@actnowillinois.org</a>		

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## Policy Updates

### ISBE Board Meeting

On **October 18, 2018**, the Illinois State Board of Education met for their monthly meeting. There were numerous public comments addressing teacher preparation and the teacher shortage. The Board approved the release of rules to allow districts to collaborate competency-based high school graduation requirements and in prohibiting preschool expulsion. The Board also discussed possible recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the Teach Illinois: Strong Teachers, Strong Classrooms. The Board also highlighted the upcoming release of the Illinois Report Card. The meeting packet can be found [here](#). The [next board meeting](#) will be **November 16, 2018**.

### 2018 Illinois Report Card

The Illinois Report Card is an annual report released by the Illinois State Board of Education that shows how the state, and each school and district, are progressing on a wide range of educational goals. The 2018 Illinois Report Card launches on **October 31st**. Join experienced ISBE staff members at one or more of their upcoming events for a brief update on the support and accountability system, including the Illinois Report Card. For a list of upcoming events, click [here](#). To learn more about the Illinois Report Card, click [here](#).

*For a list of previously listed policy updates, click [here](#).*

## Trainings and Events

### The State of Afterschool in Illinois 2018

ACT Now created the Afterschool Map & Database to define the afterschool landscape for policymakers, help to better connect programs to one another, help community members to find programs in their area, and help to better target resources to communities in need. Join ACT Now to learn about the current afterschool landscape in Illinois and what you can do to help grow the field and provide more amazing opportunities to Illinois' youth! This event will be held **Wednesday, October 31st from 9:00 AM to 10:30 PM at the ACT Now office**. To learn more, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

### Navigating STEM Resources & PD Opportunities

ACT Now is hosting a series of 4 STEM PD webinars for program providers to have an opportunity to strengthen their ability to navigate and implement STEM resources and activities. The next webinar, "Navigating STEM Resources and PD

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Opportunities", will be held **November 2nd from 10 AM to 11 AM CDT**. To register, click [here](#).

### **Webinar: Preventing Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence Among Youth**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hosting a free webinar to learn about the Community Preventative Services Task Force (CPSTF) recommendation for interventions to prevent intimate partner violence and sexual health among youth. Hear experts discuss the systemic review evidence used as the basis for this recommendation and learn about resources available to help communities get started. This webinar will be held **November 24th from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM CDT**. To register, click [here](#).

### **Webinar: Behavioral Management is not a "One Size Fits All"**

Join the Illinois Afterschool Network (IAN) for an interactive webinar that will explore various aspects of behavior, examine developmentally appropriate practices in your programs, and discuss best practice strategic approaches designed to modifying behaviors. (The webinar is \$15 for IAN members and \$30 for non-members.) This webinar will be held **November 14th from 10 AM to 11:30 AM CDT**. To register, click [here](#).

### **Webinar: Trauma-Informed Settings in Afterschool**

During this webinar, the Illinois Afterschool Network (IAN) will discuss how to implement the five core principles of trauma-informed care in an afterschool setting. This webinar will be held **January 30th from 10 AM to 11:30 AM CDT**. (The webinar is \$15 for IAN members and \$30 for non-members.) To register, click [here](#).

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

## **Youth Opportunities**

### **Explorer Classroom**

Talk with an Explorer! Afterschool programs can connect live with Ichthyologist (fish scientist) Joe Cutler to learn about fish species like "terror trouts" and more! This year for Lights On Afterschool, engage in STEM live during the National Geographic Classroom experience on **October 24th at 4:00 PM CDT**. To register, click [here](#).

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

## **Resources for Providers**

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## Illinois Voter Guide

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 6th** , and ACT Now is urging everyone to make sure you go vote. Our communities depend on us to elect policymakers who will support and invest in afterschool programs in Illinois. To find your polling place and learn more about the candidates, click [here](#).

## What Makes a STEM Lesson Great?

With advancements in technology happening at a time-warp rate of speed, STEM curricula and lessons need features that apply current technology to how students are already learning. Follow [this checklist](#) to create structured, real-world STEM lessons.

## Last Minute LOA Event Ideas

Even if you're short on time, it's not too late to host a successful Lights On Afterschool (LOA) celebration. [Click here](#) for some last-minute inspiration

## Reports

### Afterschool Public Value Poll

An overwhelming majority of adults recognize the benefits of afterschool and summer learning programs according to a new national public opinion survey. It finds that the public values these programs more than ever and wants elected officials to invest in afterschool and summer learning. To read the full report, 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](mailto:KnockeF@metrofamily.org)

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