

The logo for ACT NOW! features the word "ACT" in dark blue, "NOW!" in green with a clock face integrated into the letter "O", and "Afterschool for Children and Teens" in dark blue below it.

# ACT NOW!

## Afterschool for Children and Teens

NOTE: We are now sorting our trainings and resources by the Core Areas in the Illinois Statewide Afterschool Quality Standards to promote better understanding and implementation of the Standards. Dark blue headings denote a Core Area. To learn more about the Quality Standards, click [here](#).

## Trainings and Events

### Youth Development, Programming, & Activities

#### Webinar: SEL in OST - Foundations & Futures (Part I)

Join the Afterschool Alliance for a robust conversation that will leave you with a better understanding of how Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) is being framed, implemented, and measured. This volume brings together a broad range of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to define and explain SEL, clarify the language and framework confusion, and share information about how SEL is happening across the country. This webinar will be held **December 5th at 2:00 PM**. To register, click [here](#).

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

## Youth Opportunities

#### Study Abroad Scholarships

The U.S. Department of State has announced scholarship opportunities for American high school students to study abroad. For more information, click [here](#).

*For an archive of our previously listed Youth Opportunities, click [here](#)*

## Opportunities for Providers

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### Study: Recruitment & Employee Retention Challenges

Low employee retention leads to very high levels of turnover that can in turn impact service provision. To address this need, Illinois Partners' Board is doing a formal study of the relationship of compensation to turnover. Completed forms are due **December 7th** and should be returned to Judith Gethner at [judith@illinoispartners.org](mailto:judith@illinoispartners.org).

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## Funding Opportunities

### Chicago Learning Exchange 2019 RFP

Through this RFP, The Chicago Learning Exchange (CLX) seeks to close gaps in engagement by providing organizations incentives to create programs or spaces that connect to young people's interests. The CLX will be providing organizations with project-based support through Glimmer-level grants (up to \$5,000) and Spark-level grants (up to \$15,000). Proposals are due **February 1, 2019**. For more information, click [here](#).

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## Resources for Providers

### Youth Development, Programming, & Activities

### Reading Software Resources

It's no secret that strong reading skills are part of the foundation of students' academic success. [Click here](#) to learn more about the quality reading software available to use in your afterschool program.

## Family & Community Partnerships

### Family Tech Nights

When we talk about digital equity, the conversation often focuses on providing opportunities for all students to learn in an increasingly connected world. Seldom, though, does the conversation focus on ensuring that parents acquire the same skills we want for our

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students. By recognizing the power of families learning together, afterschool programs can make a significant difference in engagement. 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](mailto:KnockeF@metrofamily.org)