

# ACTNOW! NEWSLETTER

## Policy Updates

### State Updates

#### Perkins State Plan Webinar

Join ISBE staff for a webinar on **October 29th from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to learn more about Illinois' Perkins Draft State Plan. The Perkins State Plan addresses Career and Technical Education at the secondary and postsecondary level. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Illinois Community College Board invite all stakeholders to participate in this webinar. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback on the state plan. To register, [click here](#).

## Trainings and Events

### Youth Development, Programming, & Activities

#### Webinar: SEL in OST - Self-Awareness

Join ACT Now on **November 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** for the first webinar in our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) series! In this webinar series, ACT Now will breakdown the [CASEL SEL competencies](#) and host speakers to share concrete examples of how to implement SEL into your program. This first webinar will address the self-awareness competency. To register, [click here](#).

### **Webinar: Advanced Discipline Methods**

Join the Illinois AfterSchool Network for a webinar that will focus on developing positive and preventive strategies to effectively guide and facilitate children and youth's behavior. This webinar will be held on **November 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** To register, [click here](#). (Note: This webinar is \$15 for IAN members and \$30 for non-members.)

### **Fermilab STEM Workshop**

Fermilab, managed by the Fermi Research Alliance LLC for the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science, will provide a STEM workshop for afterschool program providers on **November 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Capital Area Career Center in Springfield, IL.** Fermilab's workshop will provide K–12 afterschool program providers with proven activities and strategies for teaching challenging STEM topics in an engaging way. Fermilab programs are designed and taught by master teachers, and have been updated to align with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). To learn more or to register, [click here](#).

### **Introducing Drones in STEM Learning**

Join NextWaveSTEM to build a foundational knowledge of how drones can help students to deepen their understanding of STEM and the world around them. The workshop includes an orientation to the Tello Quadcopter Drone and the TelloEdu application; training on pedagogical strategies; suggestions for making drones relevant across a variety of curricular areas; and a collaborative planning session in which providers work together to develop practical plans to implement learning with drones in their schools. This workshop will be held on **November 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Chicago.** To learn more or to register, [click here](#). (Note: This is a fee-based workshop.)

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

## **Internship Opportunity**

### **ACT Now Policy & Communications Internship**

ACT Now is seeking a driven intern with a dedicated interest in positive youth development for an internship during the spring 2020 semester. Job duties include conducting research on state and federal policy issues affecting afterschool programs, contributing to ACT Now's social media pages, and working on ACT Now's policy campaigns. For more information, [click here](#).

## Job Opportunity

### ELL Parent Center Director (Skokie D-69)

Skokie D-69 is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the position of ELL Parent Center Director. The district is seeking someone who has experience with family engagement, community advocacy, and culturally/linguistically diverse populations. For more information, [click here](#).

## Youth Opportunities

### Childcare for Children of Veterans

The YWCA has partnered with the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs to connect Illinois Veterans to **FREE** quality, state-licensed childcare during times of scheduled medical or counseling appointments, and job interviews. For more information, [click here](#).

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

## Opportunities for Providers

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## Funding Opportunities

### Tech & Society Challenge

The purpose of this challenge is to surface a group of potential partners who are serving youth ages 12-18 with interest in supporting approaches that spark youth agency and help young people develop the mindset, skills, and knowledge to thrive in the Digital Age. Grants are expected to range from \$50,000–\$250,000 per year (up to two years) to organizations with established records and detailed plans who want to scale their work. Submissions will be considered until **January 31, 2020**. For more information, [click here](#).

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## Resources for Providers

### Youth Development, Programming, & Activities

#### Helping Youth Handle Conflict

Youth need to know their voices matter and that they deserve to be respected. Help them learn the skills to handle conflict and stand up to bullying with [these tips](#).

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### 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)

**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](#).**