

# ACTNOW! NEWSLETTER

## Policy Updates

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

## Trainings and Events

### Youth Development, Programming, & Activities

#### ACT Now Community Schools Networking and Training Events

Community Schools winter network and training session registrations are open! We will provide policy updates, a community schools speaker, and time for colleague collaboration. Register [here](#) for the **December 13<sup>th</sup>** suburbs training focused on needs assessments and register [here](#) for the Chicago training on **December 16<sup>th</sup>** focused on family engagement. Trainings will be at different locations with different speakers and topics. Check out our calendar for more dates and registrations.

#### Webinar: STEM & Family Engagement

The next ACT Now STEM Professional Development webinar is coming up on **December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** This webinar will focus on STEM and family engagement and feature examples of providers doing this work. Register [here](#).

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

## Youth Opportunities

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

## Opportunities for Providers

## Family & Community Partnerships

### 2020 Summer Learning Awards

The National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) seeks applications from youth-serving organizations nationwide for the [2020 Summer Learning Awards](#) sponsored by the [New York Life Foundation](#). This award recognizes exceptional informal or enrollment-based summer programs that keep students safe and healthy, support their academic growth and improve the well-being of our nation's most vulnerable children and youth. Eligible candidates that demonstrate strong outcomes in promoting healthy youth development during the critical summer months through creative curricula, unique programming, and effective family engagement strategies need to apply by **December 4, 2019**. Apply [here](#) for a chance to win a \$10,000 donation, national recognition, and more.

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## Funding Opportunities

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## Resources for Providers

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#### Libraries Ready to Code

The American Library Association's [Ready to Code Collection](#) provides resources and strategies for coding and computational thinking activities that are grounded in research, aligned with library core values, and support broadening participation. They have [three experience levels](#) to help library staff connect with resources that reflect their own computational thinking (CT) experiences, communities, goals, and interests.

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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 Emma Vibber (Quality and Professional Development Specialist) [VibberE@actnowillinois.org](mailto:VibberE@actnowillinois.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](#).**