

ACT NOW! NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Community School Training and Networking Events

Don't forget to join us for our upcoming Community School Networking and Training Events! Each meeting provides an opportunity to hear policy updates from ACT Now, hear from a speaker on topics voted on by the group, and time to workshop ideas with your peers. See details below.

Chicago-- December 13, 2019 10:00 a.m. to noon

- **Topic:** Family Engagement
- **Speakers:** Marciela Bautista, Brighton Park Neighborhood Council; Dell Ezell, Youth Guidance; and Rodney Brown Youth Guidance
- **Location:** [One North Dearborn, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60602](#)
- Register [here](#)

Suburbs-- December 16, 2019 10:00 a.m. to noon

- **Topic:** Needs Assessment
- **Speakers:** Joie Frankovich, WeGo Together for Kids of West Chicag
- **Location:** West Chicago Public Library ([118 W Washington St., West Chicago, IL 60185](#))
- Register [here](#)

Policy Updates

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

Trainings and Events

Administration

Starting an Afterschool Program: Funding

ACT Now has created a [toolkit](#) to help program providers start afterschool programs. In our three part webinar series, we break down the different pieces needed to run a successful program. You can find the first webinar on research and planning [here](#).

In our second webinar, we will explore how to fund afterschool programs and what grants currently exist for this work. During this webinar, you will learn about different funding streams in Illinois, differences in public and private funding, notable terminology, the grant application process, and a chance to action plan. The webinar is **December 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** You can register for it [here](#).

Family and Community Engagement

STEM and Family Engagement

In this webinar, ACT Now will be joined by STEM and program experts to discuss why STEM and Family Engagement is important and how best to support STEM and family engagement in your programs. The webinar will be held **December 4, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** 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

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Funding Opportunities

New York Life Foundation Aim High Grant

The New York Life Foundation is seeking applicants for its *Aim High* local grant program to support afterschool, summer, or expanded learning programs serving middle schoolers. A total of 26 grant awards will be made nationwide. Read the [full application and eligibility requirements](#), and join their [webinar](#) on **December 5, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** to learn more about this opportunity. The RFP homepage can be accessed [here](#). Applications are due **January 24, 2020**. Questions from applicants should be directed to dgilbert@afterschoolalliance.org.

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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 (ACT Now - Quality and Professional Development Specialist) 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](#).

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