

# 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

## **P-20 Council Meeting**

On December 6, 2019, the P-20 Council met. You can find the meeting agenda [here](#). The Council discussed [Advance Illinois's the State We Are In](#) report on public education in Illinois. The Council also discussed student data security and heard subcommittee updates.

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

## **Trainings and Events**

### **Youth Development, Programming, and Activities**

#### **Building STEAM Confidence and Creativity in Middle School**

Every student starts out creative and playful. Unfortunately, children start losing that edge and their confidence to try things as they age. In this edWebinar, join Greg Kent, Technology Coordinator at Kailua Elementary School and Dr. Jenny Nash from the LEGO® Education team to learn how to help reverse the trend in your school by providing enriching experiences that build creativity and confidence with learning through play. The webinar is **Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. CT**. You can 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

### IAN Training Needs Assessment

The mission of the Illinois AfterSchool Network (IAN) is to provide support to the afterschool and youth development field through professional development, leadership, and networking opportunities. The IAN Professional Development Committee wants to learn more about training and professional development needs of those working in the field of afterschool throughout the state. Please complete the following Needs Assessment Survey so that they can better define and fine tune their training offerings. **The survey will be open until the close of business on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.** Also, IAN will be drawing names for free give-aways to two lucky members! Please click below to begin: [Illinois AfterSchool Network Needs Assessment 2019](#)

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## Funding Opportunities

### Springboard Foundation

**Springboard Foundation's** annual grant cycle begins this month and runs through January. Springboard specializes in funding small, start-up after school programs in Chicago, mostly on the West and South sides. They are currently funding 30 programs which support more than 4,700 CPS students. [Click here](#) to learn more about the grant cycle and application criteria.

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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](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](#).**

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