

# ACT NOW! NEWSLETTER

## Policy Updates

### State Update

#### Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Program Board Meeting Recap

The Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Program Board met last week on March 3, 2020. The R3 Board is working on the grant program to fund human services organizations in the communities hardest hit by the war on drugs using funding from cannabis legalization. The Board discussed its Notice of Upcoming Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the R3 program. **They will release the NOFO on April 1, 2020 or shortly thereafter. Programs will have 30 days to apply, and grants will start July 1, 2020.**

Programs can apply for two types of grants:

- **Assessment and Planning Grants (\$3.15 million):** are for organizations to develop a collaborative plan to assess and address the needs in a community related to economic disinvestment, violence, and the impact of the war on drugs.
- **Service Delivery Grants (\$28.35 million):** are for organizations to provide services to their communities related to civil legal aid, economic development, reentry, violence prevention, and youth development.

The Board raised concerns about creating a truly equitable, collaborative, community-based grant program. The Board also approved the NOFO fact sheets and approved the start of writing the NOFO. **The Board will meet again March 30, 2020 to approve the NOFO for release.**

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# Upcoming Community School Training and Networking Events

*Please check the next newsletter and our website for upcoming Community School Training and Networking Events.*

## Trainings, Events and Webinars

### Administration

#### ACT Now's How to Start an Afterschool Program Webinar Series: Part III - Relationships and Partnerships

As part of our webinar series on "[How to Start and Afterschool Program](#)," ACT Now is hosting a webinar on how to build relationships and partnerships to support your afterschool program. The training will be held on **March 24, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** To register, click [here](#).

### Professional Development and Qualifications

#### ACT Now 2020 Winter/Spring Quality Standards Trainings

ACT Now is providing **FREE** in-person trainings on the Illinois Statewide Afterschool Quality Standards in order to help afterschool providers and staff continuously improve the quality of their programs. The trainings dates for 2020 are listed below.

#### Springfield—**March 19, 2020**

- **Location:** Capital Area Career Center, Toronto Rd, Springfield IL 62712
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Register [here](#)

#### Chicago—**April 23, 2020**

- **Location:** YMCA Learning Institute, 1030 W. Van Buren St., Chicago IL 60607
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Register [here](#)

## **ACT Now's Trivia Night: Bloomington**

ACT Now is hosting our Trivia Night in Bloomington, IL on **Friday, March 27, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Join us the **evening before the Illinois AfterSchool Network Conference** for a night of fun and friendly competition to benefit afterschool advocacy! Participate in this team-building event and network with other members of the field over trivia, raffle, prizes, and free Hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$20 per person. Cash Bar. To attend, please click [here](#) to buy your ticket!

## **Youth Development, Programming, & Activities**

### **ACT Now SEL Webinar 3: Developing Self Management in Afterschool**

ACT Now is hosting its third and final webinar on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) on self management on **March 10, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** In collaboration with guest speakers, ACT Now will breakdown the [CASEL SEL competencies](#) and share concrete examples of how to implement SEL into your program. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

### **Mercy Home for Boys and Girls Training: Trauma Informed Workplace**

[The Mercy Home for Boys and Girls](#) is holding a workshop on trauma informed practices to help social service and behavioral health providers manage trauma that they may experience while in the workplace. Join them on **March 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in Chicago. To register, click [here](#).

### **Illinois Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Response Collaborative Webinar: Community Resilience Model**

[The Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative](#) is holding its second webinar focusing on strategies, such as the Community Resilience Model, that combat the rising issue of burnout in health and human services. The webinar will be held **March 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** To register, click [here](#).

### **University of Illinois Urbana – Champaign: Play Urbana – Sports and Public Health Summit**

[The University of Illinois Urbana Champaign](#) is holding its first Sports and Public Health summit called Play Urbana on **May 19, 2020. The event will take place on campus and start at 7:30 a.m.** The University is inviting sports-based youth development practitioners from across Illinois to participate in workshops, network, and share best practices in breakout discussions. Sessions will focus on Girls and Sports, Inclusive Programming, Sports for Emotional and Mental

Health, and Sports and Community Health. For more information, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

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## Youth Opportunities

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## Opportunities for Providers

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## Funding Opportunities

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## Resources for Providers

### Family and Community Partnerships

#### **STEM Next Guide: The Essential Funders' Guide to STEM-Focused Family Engagement**

**STEM Next** has created a robust guide with strategies to engage families and subsequently create support mechanisms for young people pursuing STEM experiences and careers. The guide highlights seven key tactics and aims to raise awareness and build knowledge to increase grantmaker support for practice, research, and policy solutions to better support families. Access the guide [here](#).

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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 Spencer (ACT Now - Youth Development Associate)** at [Spencere@actnowillinois.org](mailto:Spencere@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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