

ACT NOW! NEWSLETTER

Policy Updates

State Policy Updates

City of Chicago: Nonprofit Lobbying Law Delayed

On **June 18, 2020**, The City of Chicago announced that the implementation of the new nonprofit lobbying law, which was to go into effect this month, has been delayed until January 2021. To review the ordinance, click [here](#).

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

Trainings, Events and Webinars

For an archive of our previously listed Trainings, Events and Webinars, click [here](#).

Resources for Providers

Safety, Health & Nutrition

Illinois Department of Human Services: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Child Care Providers

In collaboration with the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA) and the Child Care Resource and Referral System (CCR&R), the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is providing

limited cleaning and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) supplies to child care providers across Illinois.

- The supplies can be **ordered at no cost**, but **providers will need to pay the shipping cost** by credit or debit card
- You must be a child care provider already providing care in Illinois or preparing to reopen in Phase III or IV of the Restore Illinois Plan
- This opportunity is available to licensed centers, license-exempt centers, licensed home and group homes, and license-exempt homes

For more information and to access the PPE, click [here](#).

Youth Development

The Summer Activity Guide

Don't forget to check out the updated version of the Summer Activity Guide in order to engage youth in creative and thought-provoking activities and challenges! Click [here](#) to access the guides and the corresponding supporting materials.

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

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Youth Opportunities

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Afterschool Alliance: Youth Call for Stories

The Afterschool Alliance is looking for youth (13 years or older) interested in sharing their experiences from the past few months, to submit a short writing, creative, or art piece. Youth may focus on what they hope will happen in the future, what they have done to support their communities, and more! Enter for a chance to win a \$40 Amazon gift card. Those whose pieces are

published in full by the Afterschool Alliance will receive a \$75 stipend, or may be invited to apply to become a 2020-21 Afterschool Alliance Youth Ambassador! The deadline to submit pieces is **July 31, 2020**. To learn more about the opportunity, click [here](#). To enter the contest, click [here](#).

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

Funding Opportunities

Administration

Illinois Action for Children: Requests for Proposals for the Community Parenting Saturation Project

The Illinois Action for Children (IAFC) is accepting Requests for Proposals for its Community Parenting Saturation Project. The Project aims to launch an initiative in two communities, one located within the City of Chicago, and one outside of the City. Applicants must:

1. Demonstrate what a saturated approach to family engagement strategies within a community would look like
2. Test whether this approach would lead to measurable changes in parenting beliefs and skills as well as prepares children for Kindergarten.

Priority will be given to applicants that show a strong and compelling need for this project in their community and have an existing early childhood community collaboration. Applications are due **Friday, August 28, 2020**, and must be submitted electronically to choua.vue@actforchildren.org. To learn more about the opportunity, and apply for the grant, click [here](#).

Youth Development

Illinois Department of Human Services: Illinois Youth Investment Program

The Illinois Department of Human services is calling for applicants for its Illinois Youth Investment Program (IYIP), which aims to identify and invest in employment opportunities for youth ages 16 to 24. IYIP applications are due **Monday, August 3, 2020 on or before 12:00 P.M.** To learn more about the grant opportunity, click [here](#). To view the NOFO, click [here](#). To submit questions about the NOFO and register for the Technical Assistance sessions, click [here](#).

NOTICE: This Funding Notice replaces ALL previous versions with the same name that may have been posted to the DHS or GATA website. Applications will NOT be accepted that are based on previously released versions of the Illinois Youth Investment Program funding notice.

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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

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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