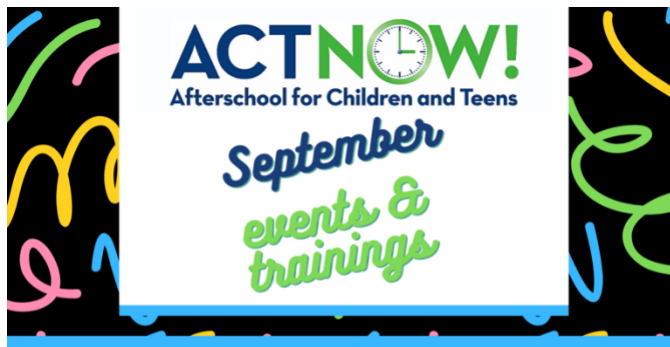


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## Policy Updates

### State Policy Updates

#### U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit: Partial Stay of Department of Homeland Security's Public Charge Rule

On **August 12, 2020**, a judge from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued a partial stay of the New York District Court's [temporary injunction which blocked implementation and enforcement of the DHS Public Charge rule nationwide for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency](#). **This partial stay means that the public charge rule is now back in effect as of August 12, 2020, in most states, including in Illinois.** The injunction however remains in effect only for states covered by the Second Circuit (New York, Vermont, and Connecticut).

The separate district court opinion issuing a preliminary injunction barring enforcement of the Department of State's Public Charge rule, which applies to visa applicants for admission from abroad, remains in effect for now. The preliminary injunction barring the enforcement of the presidential health insurance proclamation that would restrict immigration to the United States by people who are uninsured and cannot pay the costs of their health care also continues to be in effect nationwide.

#### Illinois State Board of Education: School District Reopening Dashboard LIVE

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has released its dashboard showing the reopening plans for school districts across the state for Out-of-School Time (OST) providers, families, youth, and community-based organization (CBOs). To access this information, click [here](#).

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

## Trainings, Events and Webinars

### Administration

ACT Now Webinar: Illinois Quality Program Self-Assessment Tool (IL-QPSA) Sneak Peek

The Illinois Quality Program Self-Assessment (IL-QPSA) is an online strengths-based self-assessment tool that allows individual out-of-school time (OST) providers the opportunity to self-assess on their performance based on the Illinois Statewide Afterschool Quality Standards. **ACT Now** and a team of stakeholders from around the state created the Tool and Standards to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement, and to engage in conversations about quality and promoting continuous quality improvement. To learn more, view the Pledge to Quality [here](#).

**Join us for a sneak peek webinar to walk you through the tool, as well as the assessment process!** This webinar will be hosted on **September 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. CT**. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

### **ACT Now Convening: Downstate Community Schools Providers**

On **September 24, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, **ACT Now** will be hosting a convening for Downstate Community Schools providers. *Please stay tuned for more information regarding the event and the registration link!*

### **Illinois Action for Children Webinar: Fair Tax and Early Childhood Providers**

The Illinois Action for Children is hosting a webinar on **August 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** to discuss the Fair Tax and how it will affect afterschool providers, educators, and families across Illinois. In particular, participants will learn how to use dollars from the Fair Tax to fund early childhood programs in your communities. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

## **Youth Development**

### **ACT Now Training: NBA Math Hoops**

The NBA Math Hoops program harnesses the competitive fun of a board game in the culturally relevant context of the NBA in order to both develop the cognitive skills of basic arithmetic, decision-making, and visual analysis while simultaneously developing students' intrinsic interest in the real world application of math. On **September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, **ACT Now** will be holding a workshop to teach afterschool providers how they can implement NBA Math Hoops in their own

programs. Participants will receive free access to NBA Math Hoops materials. To register for this event, click [here](#).

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

## Resources for Providers

### Youth Development

#### **The Summer Activity Guide: Resources, Survey, and Webinar Recording**

The FREE Summer Activity Guide is accessible on our website and offers providers a myriad of engaging activities and challenges to facilitate over the Summer and into the Fall. To access these guides and all supporting materials, click [here](#). *\*Note: Units 1 & 2 have been translated into Spanish and you can access them via our website.*

*In collaboration with the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network, and the 50 State Afterschool Network, ACT Now is soliciting feedback on the Summer Activity Guide from Illinois providers! To take a quick survey regarding the resource, click [here](#).*

Don't forget to watch the last webinar regarding using the Summer Activity Guide in Fall 2020 programming! To access the recording, click [here](#).

#### **American Youth Policy Forum: Social-Emotional Learning Resources for Providers**

Throughout the last few months, the American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) has collected a variety of resources related to COVID-19 in order to support youth, families, communities, afterschool providers, and educators. During Week 9, AYPF focused on highlighting free Social Emotional Learning (SEL) resources that are categorized in the following topics: resources from organizations, state and county actions/resources, policy guidance, and media coverage. To access the full list of AYPF's SEL and COVID-19 materials, click [here](#).

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

## Opportunities for Providers

### ACT Now and the Museum of Science and Industry: STEM Club Initiative for OST Providers Outside Chicago!

**ACT Now** is excited to partner with the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago (MSI) to bring high quality STEM materials and curriculum to afterschool programs outside of Chicago. For several years, MSI has run high quality science clubs in Chicago. ***This year ACT Now seeks to bring this resource to programs outside of Chicago.*** We are seeking 20 sites to participate in using MSI STEM curriculum for the 2020 to 2021 school year. Programs that participate must be outside the City of Chicago. The supplies provided will serve about 25 students per site. The curriculum is tailored to the elementary and middle grades (roughly third through sixth grade). For more information about this opportunity and to apply, fill out the form [here](#). If you have any questions please contact Susan Stanton at: [stantons@actnowillinois.org](mailto:stantons@actnowillinois.org). **Applications are due September 9, 2020.**

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## Youth Opportunities

### Youth Development

#### The Office of Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot: Chicago Youth Commission

The Office of Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot is looking for young people, ages 14 through 19, interested in joining the Chicago Youth Commission. The Commission collaborates with City leaders, communities, organizations, and agencies in order to positively impact youth and Chicago's future. To apply, click [here](#). Applications are due by **August 31, 2020**.

#### 4-H STEM Challenge: Mars Base Camp

In collaboration with Google and Virginia Cooperative Extension, 4-H is offering youth the opportunity to explore Mars and imagine themselves being the first humans to exist on the planet through its Mars Base Camp program. Activities are based in STEM concepts, including: mechanical engineering, physics, computer science, and space agriculture. To learn more about the opportunity, necessary materials and kits, and access the guides, click [here](#).

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## Funding Opportunities

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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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