

ACT NOW! NEWSLETTER

Policy Updates

State Policy

[Governor JB Pritzker: Guidelines for Illinois Reopening on June 11, 2021 Released](#)

On **June 4, 2021**, Governor JB Pritzker released guidelines for Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan. **This guidance will go into effect on June 11, 2021, and marks the full reopening of all activities in the state of Illinois.** The guidelines allow businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and seated-spectator venues to operate at full capacity for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. In Phase 5, fully vaccinated individuals may resume activities without wearing a mask except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. **The State will continue to recommend masking for unvaccinated persons, and require it for all people while traveling on public transportation, in congregate settings, in health care settings, as well as in schools, day cares, and educational institutions pursuant to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and CDC guidance.**

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

Trainings, Events and Webinars

Core Area	Organization	Name of Event/Training	Date	Registration Link
Administration	ACT Now	21st Century Town Hall Series	June 14, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	REGISTER
	Illinois Student Advisory Council	Pushing Educational Boundaries: Student Recommendations for	June 8, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	REGISTER

		Spending American Rescue Plan Funds		
Professional Development	National Council for Mental Wellbeing	Trauma-Informed, Resilience Oriented Crisis Leadership Workshop	June 8, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>
	Illinois Department of Human Services	Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Overview	June 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. June 24, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.	June 9 - <u>REGISTER</u> June 24 - <u>REGISTER</u>
	Mental Health America	Building Back Better: Federal Leadership for Children and Youth	June 15, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>
	National Science Teachers Association	What IS Social Justice Teaching in the Science Room?	June 12, 2021 June 19, 2021 June 26, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>
	EdSystems	Work-Based Learning Webinar Series	June 23, 2021 July 21, 2021 August 11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Career Exploration (June 23) – <u>REGISTER</u> Team-Based Challenge (July 21) – <u>REGISTER</u> Career Development Experiences (August 11) – <u>REGISTER</u>
	National Science Teachers Association	STEM21 Conference	July 26, 2021 to July 30, 2021	<u>REGISTER</u>
Youth Development	Central States SER	In-Person Job Fair Address: Central States SER Jobs for Progress (3948 W. 26 th Street, Suite 213)	June 16, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Samantha Walker (312) 825-9501 serbsr2020@gmail.com
	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and EdSystems	Career Development Experience Toolkit Companion Piece Webinar	June 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>

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Resources for Providers

Youth Development

[National AfterSchool Association Article: Breaking Down Cultural Barriers to STEM Education with Middle Schoolers](#)

[The National AfterSchool Association](#) has released an article highlighting how one afterschool program has successfully connected middle school students to STEM learning opportunities while simultaneously elevating cultural diversity. The article also shares strategies for breaking down cultural and gender stereotypes associated with the STEM sector.

[National Girls Collaborative Project: National Leap into Science Week \(June 7-13, 2021\)](#)

[The National Girls Collaborative Project](#) is reminding afterschool providers that **Leap into Science Week is June 7 to June 13 2021!** This week is a celebration of science and literacy learning for all and aims to increase awareness around science and literacy learning in community settings. Educators across the country are celebrating by hosting science and literacy workshops with their communities. Join in the fun by reading your favorite children's book or engaging in a hands-on STEM activity. Share your story and use the hashtags [#leapweek](#) and [#leapintoscience](#). Be sure to tag [@TheFranklin](#) and [@NGCProject](#) on social media.

[Afterschool Alliance Webinar Recap: How Summer Programs are Changing the Game for Youth](#)

Our friend Teresa Dothard-Campbell from Lights On for Learning at Glenview Middle School was recently a panelist on the [Afterschool Alliance's](#) webinar on summer programming. The presentation also highlighted how many afterschool programs pivoted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Panelists also spoke to planning for summer 2021. There is an article and webinar recording for interested providers looking to learn more!

Family and Community Partnerships

[The University of Chicago Survey Lab: Online Focus Group Opportunity](#)

[The University of Chicago Survey Lab](#) is looking for Chicago parents and families living on the South Side that are willing to take part in a 45-minute online focus group about access to pediatric dental care. Those who take part receive a \$45 check as a thank you. Interested participants willing to volunteer must call **872-256-3829** in order to learn more about this opportunity and see whether there are available spots within specific categories (parents or family members of different ages of youth).

[Strengthening Chicago's Youth Podcast: The Parenting Supports](#)

The Parenting Supports Podcast, sponsored by [Strengthening Chicago's Youth \(SCY\)](#), is about all things parenting. SCY aims to empower their audience by providing information on topics relevant to the lives of parents, caretakers, family members, and community providers. Topics surround self-care, trauma, and managing stress and anxiety while adjusting to a pandemic. The podcast is also available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Google Podcasts](#).

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Opportunities for Providers

Administration

ACT Now: Afterschool Resource and Support and Specialists

We are soliciting applications for two new full-time positions! Eligible candidates must have a dedicated interest in youth development and the ability to start Summer 2021. To learn more about each of these unique opportunities:

- [Afterschool Resource and Support and Specialist \(Teen REACH\)](#)
- [Afterschool Resource and Support and Specialist \(School Partnerships\)](#)

Both of these positions are open and ready to be filled immediately. Please note that the application is different depending upon the position. Please submit applications by **June 30, 2021, but applications will be accepted until they are filled.**

Professional Development

Creating a Summer Like No Other: Free Virtual Summer Re-Boot Camp 2021

Are you looking for training for your summer staff? As we continue to navigate through the impact of the pandemic, many programs will be offering face-to-face camps and activities this summer. With the anticipated hiring of many new staff, there is a need for training services that will help develop the skills they need to serve children and families across the country.

We have worked hard to develop the SAN Re-Boot Camp in partnership with the [Connecticut After School Network](#), [Utah Afterschool Network](#), [Maine Afterschool Network](#), [Missouri AfterSchool Network](#), and [Oregon ASK](#), and in collaboration with the [50 State Afterschool Network](#). This free program consists of a four week intensive summer virtual training series. The 50 State Afterschool Network Re-Boot Camp will be broken into thematic weeks with at least five pre-recorded (asynchronous) sessions per week:

- Week 1 (May 31 - June 4):** Summer Programming 101: What to Expect
- Week 2 (June 7 - June 11):** More than Beads, Putting Intention into Activities
- Week 3 (June 14 - June 18):** Partnerships for Impactful Learning Recovery
- Week 4 (June 21 - June 25):** Connecting with Families and the Community

REGISTER TODAY!

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

Youth Opportunities

Youth Development

Central States SER: In-Person Job Fair for Youth in Chicago

[Central States SER](#) is hosting an in-person job fair for youth and program providers to attend on **June 16, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, at the following address: Central States SER Jobs for Progress, 3948 W. 26th Street, Suite 213. Participants are encouraged to bring five or more resumes, dress to impress, and will be following social distancing rules. Face masks will be required. Hiring companies include Marshalls, Advanced Security Solutions, and more. For questions, please contact Samantha Walker at sebsr2020@gmail.com

Girl Up Leadership Summit: Can't Stop, Won't Stop – Leading the Way to Social Change

[Girl Up](#) is hosting a virtual leadership summer from **July 13 to July 14, 2021**, in celebration of girl leaders, youth activities, and change makers. This year's summit is focused on elevating those who are committed to gender equality. Participants will gain leadership skills, training in community-building and advocacy, and interact with diverse stakeholders.

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

Funding Opportunities

Youth Development

Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation: Request for Proposals to Support Children's, Families, and Educators Mental Wellness

On **June 2, 2021**, the [Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation](#) issued two Request for Proposals (RFPs) aimed in providing community-based organizations and healthcare partners with grants to support child, parent/family, and teacher mental wellness.

- **Eligible zip codes within the City of Chicago include:** 60609, 60621, 60623, 60628, 60629, 60632, 60638, 60639, 60641, 60643, 60644, 60649, 60651, 60652.

- **Eligible Illinois counties include:** Fayette, Jackson, LaSalle, Macon, Macoupin, Marion, Montgomery, Peoria, Rock Island, St. Clair, Stephenson, Vermillion, Williamson, and Winnebago.

The Foundation will be hosting an informational conference call on **June 14, 2021**. In order to register for this event, please email nhunt@ilchf.org.

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