

ACTNOW! NEWSLETTER

Quality Standards Training (QST) 102!



Quality Standards Training (QST) 102
for RETURNING USERS!



GOALS

- Dive deeper into specific Standards
- Learn how to creatively put these Standards into action
- Receive individualized Technical Assistance

Date & Time
December 7, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Next Training
APRIL 22, 2022
10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
IN-PERSON (CHICAGO)



Due to overwhelming demand and popularity, **ACT Now** has created an advanced version of the Quality Standards Training. Join us virtually on **December 7, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, as we dive deeper into crowdsourced specific Core Areas that need support in implementation and action! Participants will also access materials and technical assistance for implementing a continuous quality improvement model.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

***NOTE:** *Quality Standards 101 Training attendance is required prior to Quality Standards 102 Training registration. Credit for the provider trainings will be available through the Gateways to Opportunity system!*

Please direct any questions or inquiries to Emma Vibber (Quality and Professional Development Manager) at: vibbere@actnowillinois.org.

Policy Updates

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	Tips on Grant Writing	FRIDAY , from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	REGISTER
	ACT Now	Quality Standards Training (QST) 102	December 7, 2021 , from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	REGISTER
Professional Development	ACT Now	Community Schools CHICAGO Training:	December 1, 2021 , from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	REGISTER
	ShareMyLesson	Mindfulness and Yoga with Grand Love	December 1, 2021 , at 5:00 p.m.	REGISTER
	ACT Now	Community Schools SUBURBS Training: Advisory Boards	December 8, 2021 , from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	REGISTER

	ShareMyLesson	Do Re and Mi: Dive into Music and SEL Content for Early Learning	December 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.	REGISTER
Youth Development	Children's Home & Aid	Empowering Youth Through Policy and Advocacy	TOMORROW, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	REGISTER
	PBS News Hour	Bring Student Reporting Labs to Your Afterschool Program via Mizzen by Mott	TOMORROW, at 12:00 p.m.	REGISTER
	Institute for Educational Leadership	Co-Creating Leadership Development Opportunities for Immigrant & Refugee Youth	December 16, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	REGISTER
Safety, Health, and Nutrition	Illinois State Board of Education	ARP Funding II: Homeless Youth Funding	December 9, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	REGISTER

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

Resources for Providers

Administration

[Guide for Equitable Hiring and Staff Development Practices](#)

[The National AfterSchool Association \(NAA\)](#) has released a guide for organizations looking to review their hiring and staff development practices and to ensure equity is at the center of all opportunities for new or current staff.

[Updated Funding Database for Out-of-School Time Providers](#)

[The Afterschool Alliance](#) has updated its funding database for out-of-school time (OST) program providers. The opportunities can be filtered by state, grade level, program areas, and funding type (private versus government)!

[Coalition for Community Schools ACTION ALERT](#)

[The Coalition for Community Schools](#) is encouraging program providers across the nation to send their action alert in support of the expansion of the Full-Service Community Schools grant line. **ACT Now and urge your**

lawmakers to include \$443 million for full-service community schools in their appropriations bill by **Friday, November 19, 2021!**

Youth Development

[SEL Activities to Support Stress Management Skills in Youth](#)

[eSchool News](#) has compiled 10 resources for afterschool providers to incorporate into programming in order to support young people's stress management. There are activities and best practices that can be used in a variety of learning environments.

[Culturally Responsive Programming Resources from WHUT](#)

[The Afterschool Alliance](#) has written a blog post highlighting culturally responsive resources for afterschool providers. The blog focuses on [WHUT - Howard University Television](#), which is the first and only public broadcast television station, owned and licensed to a Historically Black College and University (HBCU).

Safety, Health, and Nutrition

[Child COVID-19 Vaccination Resources for City of Chicago Families](#)

The [Chicago Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) has developed some resources for families looking to access COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5 to 11 years old. There are also locations for adult booster opportunities.

- [PEdsPods](#) (English)
- [CDPH Tips](#) (English)
- [CDPH Tips](#) (Spanish)

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Opportunities for Providers

Administration

[DEADLINE EXTENDED - ACT Now Constituent Equity Survey](#)

ACT Now continues to be in the process of developing a comprehensive organizational equity strategy. Your participation in this initiative is deeply appreciated and important to our evolution as a coalition. You're invited to take part in a [survey](#) that is designed to help ACT Now understand our organizational capacity and opportunities for growth through the lens of program providers, funders, and diverse coalition

members. **The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete and is now due by November 22, 2021.** The **survey** is administered by [Thrive Paradigm](#) and they will uphold the confidentiality of participants. Identifying information will not be shared with **ACT Now** staff nor coalition members. **Our goal is to have every member participate as [survey](#) findings will inform the baseline equity report for the Coalition.**

[Afterschool Alliance Wave 6 COVID-19 Survey](#)

Your voice matters: Help continue to showcase why afterschool programs are critical during the pandemic. This fall, the leaves have already started to change color, but what remains the same is the pandemic's presence, remaining top of mind for the afterschool field and the children and families they serve. **By [taking Afterschool Alliance's short survey](#), you are helping ACT Now further understand the ways in which the pandemic continues to impact your program, the supports your program is providing to the children and families in your community, and lift up the short- and long-term effects of COVID-19 on the afterschool field as a whole.** All those who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win one of 50 gift cards in the amount of \$50! The survey takes 10 minutes and is anonymous. **The survey will close 11:59 p.m. PT, Sunday, November 21, 2021.**

Professional Development

[Upcoming Grant Writing Workshop!](#)

Are you interested in learning more about ISBE's After School Program grant? Have you heard about the Restore. Reinvest. Renew. (R3) opportunity and need tips for applying? Excited about the chance to support youth and families by leveraging funding from the Reimagine Public Safety Act? **Join ACT Now [this Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.](#), for a webinar on how to write a successful grant proposal and hear from your expert colleagues in the afterschool field as they share keys strategies!**

Safety, Health, and Nutrition

[Free Application to Assist Families in Accessing Free Meals in Illinois](#)

[FoodFinder](#) has partnered with the [University of Illinois Extension SNAP-Ed](#) program to create Find Food IL, an Illinois-specific food resource tool for families. The application allows individuals to find places in their community offering free food or meals, stores and markets that accept SNAP/LINK or Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) coupons, and the closest Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) or WIC office.

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

Youth Opportunities

Administration

[ACT Now Policy and Communications Internship for Spring 2022](#)

We are seeking applicants for our in-person Policy and Communications Internship for **Spring 2022**. As our intern, you will have the opportunity to assist in ACT Now's federal and state policy initiatives and communications work. Applicants should have excellent communications skills, a strong work ethic, and a background in government relations, public policy, or social work. **Applicants must have also completed at least their sophomore year in their undergraduate institution and be able to work part-time, and in-person, at ACT Now. We are providing a stipend reflective of the intern's experience.** Please review the entire application package thoroughly. **Applications are due to Emma Spencer at SpencerE@actnowillinois.org by Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. CDT.**

Youth Development

[Girls Who Code Programming for 9th-12th grade Girls, Trans, Cis- and Non-binary Students!](#)

Ever wonder how a career in tech can help you pursue your passions? Join [Girls Who Code's](#) free virtual Summer Immersion Program (SIP) or Self-Paced Program (SPP) to find out! **The applications will be live in January 2022!**

- During the FREE 2-week virtual [Summer Immersion Program \(SIP\)](#) for 9th to 11th graders, students will learn an introduction to HTML, Javascript, and CSS as they build impactful projects that they care about. Major companies like YumBrands and Bank of America host SIP virtual classrooms, and in addition to SIP being 100% free, stipends of up to \$300 and tech support are available for those who qualify.
- Apply to the FREE [virtual Self-Paced Program \(SPP\)](#) for 9th to 12th graders where they can complete 10+ hour certification courses at whatever schedule works best for them! There are beginner-level certifications in HTML, Javascript, and CSS or Girls Who Code's brand new advanced-level certification in cybersecurity.

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

Funding Opportunities

Safety, Health, and Nutrition

[Funding for Students Experiencing Housing Insecurity](#)

[The Illinois State Board of Education \(ISBE\)](#) will be allocating \$38 million in federal funding to identify and support students experiencing housing insecurity, including \$33 million from the American Rescue Plan Homeless Children and Youth Part II grant. The funding will bolster schools' efforts to identify students in temporary living situations and provide them with services. ISBE has shared local education agency's (LEAs) allocation of funding, which can be accessed [here](#). Per federal guidance, LEAs allocated less than \$5,000 in funding as stipulated by the

formula are not eligible for the subgrant on their own. To receive a subgrant, the LEA must join a consortium of LEAs in which the sum of its members' allocations meets the \$5,000 threshold. Access the application in the Electronic Grants Management System. **ISBE's McKinney-Vento coordinator will provide an overview of how the funding can be used and answer questions about the application on [December 9, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.](#)**

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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 (Youth Development Associate) at Spencere@actnowillinois.org

NOTE: We sort our trainings and resources by the Core Areas in the Illinois Statewide Afterschool Quality Standards to promote better understanding and implementation of the Standards. **Blue headings denote a Core Area.** To learn more about the Quality Standards, click [here](#).

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