



# Q2 Statewide Convening



## Family and Community Partnerships

December 6, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Invite your family members, family liaisons, and community stakeholders!



## Upcoming Community Schools Statewide Training

This year, **ACT Now** will be focusing on a different pillar of the community school model for each statewide training as we work through the year creating a unified statewide coalition. The second meeting on **Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** will focus on **Family and Community Partnerships**. This session is open to all providers across the state who engage with community schools. We will:

- Examine how to intentionally incorporate family engagement into all aspects of Community Schools work
- Learn about ongoing ways of creating meaningful partnerships with community members
- Split into breakout rooms based on your role in your Community Schools model for individualized work groups and discussions
- Hear policy updates for the provider field

We are thrilled to have three speakers from West Chicago District 33 and Brighton Park Neighborhood Council to share how their Community Schools are engaging families and community members in their work. We would specifically love for you to invite family members, family liaisons, and community stakeholders!

*For questions and concerns, please contact Lesley Rivers (Program Coordinator) at [chapmanl@actnowillinois.org](mailto:chapmanl@actnowillinois.org).*

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## Policy Updates

### State Updates

#### [Illinois Ranks 5th in the Nation for Number of Advanced Placement Exam Takers in 2022](#)

The [Illinois State Board of Education](#) (IBSE) announced that Illinois ranked fifth in the nation for the number of students taking Advanced Placement (AP) Exams during the 2021-22 school year. The data also shows that Governor JB Pritzker's investments in AP Exam fee waivers for low-income students continue to have a positive impact in expanding access to this opportunity. Nearly 31,000 low-income students were able to take AP Exams thanks to the fee waivers. The state's \$2.5 million appropriation for the AP Exam fee waiver reduced the AP Exam fee to \$5 per exam for low-income students, which many Illinois school districts paid on their behalf.

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

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## Trainings, Events and Webinars

To register for all upcoming **ACT Now** trainings, please sign up for the [ACT Now Center for Afterschool Learning \(ANCAL\)](#). ANCAL is an online learning and training platform that is FREE for all Illinois afterschool and OST professionals. Within this new online learning system, you will be able to access a full list of all of our professional development opportunities!

### ACT Now Events:

- **Teen Reach Quarterly #2 Meeting**: **TOMORROW** November 16, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Town Hall**: November 17, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- **RPSA YDS Quarterly #2 Meeting**: November 30, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **STEM Webinar: How to Choose**: December 1, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- **STEM Resource Fair**: December 6, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Statewide Community School Convening: Family and Community Partnerships**: December 6, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **External Events:**

- **To & Through Project: Centering Equity in Organizational Change**: December 1, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **UChicago: Physics with A Bang!**: December 3, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.
- **Illinois AfterSchool Network: Distance Learning Session: Engaging and Empowering Parents in Your Out of School Program**: December 7, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Institute for Educational Leadership: Virtual Youth Town Hall: Immigrant & Refugee Youth Sense of Belonging**: December 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.
- **National Girls Collaborative Project: Holiday Sweater Networking**: December 13, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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## **Resources for Providers**

### **Administration**

#### **Embracing Inclusive Programming**

[eSchool News](#) outlined three ways that educators and program providers can embrace and implement inclusive programming. Inclusive programs and curriculum design make space for all the unique identities and experiences that youth bring into the classroom.

### **Safety, Health, Nutrition**

#### **How to Support Middle School- Aged Students**

A new report from [Chiefs of Change](#), a network of state and district leaders, outlined the unique academic and social- emotional support that middle school student need, and the best way for administrators to provide it. Research has shown that middle school is a pivotal time in a child's life regarding academics, and it is crucial to make sure they are being adequately supported.

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

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## Opportunities for Providers

### Administration

#### [After-School Math Plus Curriculum Training](#)

In this workshop series, participants will be introduced to [After-School Math Plus](#). The hands-on curriculum builds students' awareness of the importance of math skills for future educational choices and career options. The program engages students in grades 3 to 8 who are attending out-of-school programs. The workshop will take place on the following dates:

- [November 22, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.](#) Meeting ID: 931 5017 3110
- [December 13, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.](#) Meeting ID: 931 5017 3110

#### [ACRES Moonshot Virtual STEM Coach](#)

In partnership with [Million Girls Moonshot](#), the [ACRES](#) team is looking for afterschool program leaders who work directly with frontline staff to be trained to become an ACRES Virtual STEM Coach. As an ACRES Virtual STEM Coach, you will build your organization's capacity by training three to six members of your staff in at least two ACRES modules. **Apply by November 23, 2022.**

#### [North Chicago Community Partners is Looking for Talent to Join Their Team!](#)

[North Chicago Community Partners](#) is hiring for multiple Program Associate positions. Program Associates will directly support students and lead classrooms in the afterschool

and Saturday Enrichment Programs. To apply, email your resume to Kelly Gallego at [careers@northchicagocommunitypartners.org](mailto:careers@northchicagocommunitypartners.org).

### **Girls Empowered Making Moves is Looking for a Program Coordinator!**

[Girls Empowered Making Moves](#) (GEMMS) is looking for a Program Coordinator to work in the Far South side of Chicago. To apply, send your resume to Annette Kelly at [akelly@4usyouthdevelopment.org](mailto:akelly@4usyouthdevelopment.org). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

### **Upcoming Workshop in the Impact of Community Violence**

The [Illinois AfterSchool Network](#) is hosting a virtual workshop on **January 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** that will provide participants with the recommended best practices that have been proven to help support youth and staff deal with the aftermath of a community crisis.

## **Family and Community Partnerships**

### **Native Folklore Event!**

The [Rolling Knolls Forest Preserve](#) in Elgin is celebrating Native American Heritage Month on **November 30, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** by hosting a free event where they will walk through native animals' folklore.

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

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# **Youth Opportunities**

## **Youth Development**

### **eCYBERMISSION Competition**

Registration for the 21st annual [eCYBERMISSION](#) competition is now open! Form a team of 2, 3, or 4 students and work together to identify a problem in the community and use

scientific inquiry or engineering design to propose solutions to that problem. Compete for State, Regional, and National Awards. **Registration closes January 25, 2023.**

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

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## Funding Opportunities

### Administration

#### [NEA Big Read Grant is Now Open!](#)

Applications are now open for grants to support [National Endowment for the Arts \(NEA\) Big Read](#) projects between September 2023 and June 2024. The NEA Big Read annually provides support to selected nonprofit organizations to host community-wide reading programs. Matching grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 each. **The Intent to Apply deadline is January 18, 2023.**

### Youth Development

#### [The Chicago Coalition for Homeless Scholarship](#)

The [Chicago Coalition for Homeless](#) will award college scholarships to graduating seniors who experienced homelessness while in high school. The award amount is \$3,500 and applications are due **May 6, 2023.**

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**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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