

# ACT NOW! NEWSLETTER

## Policy Updates

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

## Upcoming Community School Training and Networking Events

Don't forget to join us for our upcoming Community School Networking and Training Events! Each meeting provides an opportunity to hear policy updates from ACT Now, hear from a speaker on topics voted on by the group, and time to workshop ideas with your peers. See details below.

**Skokie (Rescheduled)—March 9, 2020 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

- **Topic:** Effective Messaging
- **Speakers:** Susan Stanton, ACT Now Network Lead
- **Location:** VIRTUAL
- Register [here](#)

## Trainings, Events and Webinars

### Administration

#### ACT Now Webinar: How to Build Relationships and Partnerships in Afterschool Programs

As part of its webinar series on "[How to Start and Afterschool Program](#)," ACT Now will present a webinar on how to build relationships and partnerships to

support your afterschool program. The webinar is **March 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** You can register [here](#).

## **Professional Development and Qualifications**

### **ACT Now 2020 Winter/Spring Quality Standards Trainings**

ACT Now is providing **FREE** in-person trainings on the Illinois Statewide Afterschool Quality Standards in order to help afterschool providers and staff continuously improve the quality of their programs. The trainings dates for 2020 are listed below.

#### **Springfield—March 19, 2020**

- **Location:** Capital Area Career Center, [Toronto Rd, Springfield IL 62712](#)
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Register [here](#)

#### **Chicago—April 23, 2020**

- **Location:** YMCA Learning Institute, [1030 W. Van Buren St., Chicago IL 60607](#)
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Register [here](#)

### **ACT Now's Trivia Night: Bloomington**

ACT Now is hosting our Trivia Night in Bloomington, IL on **Friday, March 27, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Join us the **evening before the Illinois AfterSchool Network Conference** for a night of fun and friendly competition to benefit afterschool advocacy! Participate in this team-building event and network with other members of the field over trivia, raffle, prizes, and free Hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$20 per person. Cash Bar. To attend, please click [here](#) to buy your ticket!

### **Afterschool Alliance Webinar: Afterschool for All Challenge Part II: Making the Case**

The Afterschool Alliance is holding its second installment of the *Afterschool for All* webinar series on **March 4, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.** Participants will learn about some of the biggest threats to out-of-school and summer learning programs. Click [here](#) to register.

## **The National AfterSchool Association Webinar: Summer Learning Toolkit & Recruiting and Engaging Students**

The National AfterSchool Association is hosting a webinar on **Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 12:0 p.m.** to encourage afterschool providers to explore effective engagement strategies for student recruitment and attendance in summer programming. The webinar will feature the **Wallace Foundation's Summer Learning Toolkit**, lessons from the **National Summer Learning Project (NSLP)**, and Pittsburgh Public Schools, one of the district's highlighted in the NSLP. To register for this event, click **here**.

## **Youth Development, Programming, & Activities**

### **ACT Now SEL Webinar 3: Developing Self Management in Afterschool**

ACT Now is hosting its third and final webinar on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) on **March 10, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** In collaboration with host speakers, ACT Now will breakdown the **CASEL SEL competencies** and share concrete examples of how to implement SEL into your program. The webinar will also focus on self management. In addition to the webinar, ACT Now will be sharing our ***Social Emotional Learning in Afterschool*** guidebook! To register for the webinar, click **here**.

### **National Girls Collaborative Project Webinar: Women and Girls: Gender Equity in Computer Science Education**

In recognition of National Women's History Month, Karen Peterson, Founder & CEO of the **National Girls Collaborative Project** is hosting a webinar on **March 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** highlighting the challenges and opportunities of encouraging girls around the nation to participate STEM programs and pursue STEM careers. To register for the webinar, click **here**.

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## **Youth Opportunities**

*For an archive of our previously listed Youth Opportunities, click **here**.*

## **Opportunities for Providers**

## **Administration**

### **Family Focus: Community Schools Resource Coordinator Position**

Family Focus is looking to hire a **full-time Community Schools Resource Coordinator** for their Burnham School location in Cicero, Illinois. For more information on the position, click [here](#). Please submit your Resume and Cover Letters to: **Jane Norton, Community Schools Program Manager (Family Focus, Nuestra Familia)** at jane.norton@family-focus.org

### **Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE): Seeking FY 2021 21<sup>st</sup> Century CCLC Program Grant Readers**

The Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) Wellness Department is seeking grant reader applications for FY 2021 21<sup>st</sup> Century CCLC grant competition. For more information, click [here](#). To complete the Grant Evaluator Application, click [here](#).

### **Chicago Community Trust: Open Call for Ideas**

The [Chicago Community Trust](#) is calling for ideas to improve the local and regional economy in areas where conventional market activity does not fully match community needs. The foundation is looking for new place- and area-based initiatives that advance neighborhood investment goals; creative uses of community assets, finance, and development tools that facilitate neighborhood ownership; and policy proposals focused on neighborhood investment.

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## **Funding Opportunities**

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## **Resources for Providers**

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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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