



CONNECTING TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS

ACT NOW SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS WEBINAR SERIES

OCTOBER 25, 2022; 10:00AM-11:00AM

CONTENT:

- ESSER III funding and requirements
- Partnering with established community-based organizations
- Best practices when developing community partnerships



LINK:

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[Connecting to Community Partners](#)

ACT Now's "Connecting to Community Partners" presentation will be the third in the webinar series targeted to school administrators and leaders. This webinar will provide background information regarding ESSER III funding and requirements, the benefits of partnering with established community-based organizations, and best practices when developing community partnerships. Attendees will engage in an interactive session and leave with tools to create partnerships! This presentation will be co-facilitated by ACT Now and Partnership for Resilience.

Policy Updates

Federal Updates

[Biden Signs Spending Bill That Averts Government Shutdown](#)

President Joe Biden signed an interim funding bill on **September 30, 2022**, preventing a government shutdown on the last day of the fiscal year. The continuing resolution keeps the government funded through December 16th, giving lawmakers more time to pass Fiscal Year

2023 funding bills. Appropriators likely will wait until after the November 8th election to start negotiating on an FY 23 spending bill. Congress is out on recess until mid-November.

[Tax Credit for Student Parents Act](#)

On **September 29, 2022**, U.S. Representatives Kim Schrier, M.D. (D-WA) and Peter Meijer (R-MI) introduced the Tax Credit for Student Parents Act. This bipartisan bill will make sure that student parents who are working to get a post-secondary degree, including vocational school and two and four-year universities, are eligible to receive the [Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit](#) (CDCTC), which helps to offset working families' child care expenses.

[Extended Deadline for CARES Funding](#)

The [United States Department of Education](#) released a memo on **September 29, 2022** stating that schools can apply for a 14-month extension to extend the deadline to spend CARES Act funding. The previous deadline was September 30, 2022.

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

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!

Core Area	Organization	Name of Event/Training	Date	Registration Link
Safety, Health, and Nutrition	ACT Now	SEL Webinar #1: Youth and Self	October 26, 2022, from 10:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m.	REGISTER
	Illinois Collaboration on Youth	IDHS Trauma Training: Nourishing Physical & Mental Wellbeing Through Food	October 25, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	REGISTER

Professional Development	ACT Now	Illinois Quality Program Self-Assessment Tool: New User Webinar #1	TODAY, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	REGISTER
	ACT Now	Community Schools Statewide Q1 Convening: The Extended Learning Day	October 12, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	REGISTER
	ACT Now	ACT Now Quality Standards 101 Training	November 2, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	REGISTER
	National Girls Collaborative Project	Addressing STEM Stereotypes with Youth and Young Adults	October 13, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	REGISTER
	National Girls Collaborative Project	Who Leads STEM? #GirlsLeadSTEM	October 18, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	REGISTER
	My CHI My Future	My CHI. My Future. City-Wide Meeting October 2022	October 19, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	REGISTER
	Click 2 Computer Science	Creating Inclusive Computer Science Learning: A Virtual Workshop	October 25, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.	REGISTER
	Learning Policy Institute	Whole Child Policy: Putting the Science of Learning and Development Into Practice	October 26, 2022	REGISTER
	Education Week	Virtual Career Fair for Teachers and K-12 Staff	October 27, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	REGISTER
Youth Development	Illinois Resource Center	The Language of YouTube: Leveraging	October 19, 2022, from	REGISTER

		Students' Interests & Promoting Language Development Opportunities	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	
	Afterschool Alliance	Lights On Afterschool 2022!	October 20, 2022 (ALL DAY)	Register YOUR EVENT
Family and Community Partnerships	Illinois Afterschool Network	Financial Literacy for Parents	October 15, 2022, 11:00a.m. until 12:15 p.m.	REGISTER

Resources for Providers

Administration

[Social and Emotional Learning and the Arts](#)

On **September 28, 2022**, [Edutopia](#) published an article on how providers and educators can encourage social and emotional learning through the arts. The article covers different techniques and strategies for incorporating the arts into programs and classrooms.

Safety, Health, Nutrition

[Supporting Youth Experiencing Homelessness](#)

[The Learning Policy Institute](#) published a report on **October 3, 2022** that covered how five school districts across the country are addressing the needs of students experiencing homelessness. The report also covered policy solutions to combating youth homelessness, some of which included increased investments to community schools and ensuring financial resources are available to cover the cost of staffing and supports for homeless programs as well as students and families' needs.

Youth Development

[Earth Science Week!](#)

This year, Earth Science Week is October 10 to October 16. To help program providers and educators prepare, [Earth Science Week](#) developed a toolkit that has learning activities, helpful resources, and more.

[Light Bulb Activity](#)

Every year, the [Afterschool Alliance](#) challenges afterschool programs across the country to take a photo of themselves mimicking the Lights On Afterschool logo and posting it on social media with the hashtags [#LightbulbChallenge](#) and [#LightsOnAfterschool](#). Then, participants challenge their followers to do the same! Don't forget to tag your elected officials, partners, and community members in your content!

[LGBTQ+ History Month](#)

October is LGBTQ+ History Month. To help providers and educators celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month, [lgbtqhistory.org](#) has compiled a list of resources. The resources include books suggestions, lesson plans, and more!

Family and Community Partnerships

[Chicago's Halloween Toolkit](#)

The [City of Chicago](#) and [My CHI. My Future.](#) developed a toolkit to help everyone celebrate Halloween safely. The resource includes COVID-19 guidelines and social media resources.

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

Opportunities for Providers

Administration

[Strategies to Reduce Racial Disparities](#)

November 4, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the [Illinois Collaboration on Youth](#) is hosting a series discussing strategies to reduce racial and ethnic disparities. Participants will experiment with developing more creative and possibility-filled opportunity spaces.

[Credible Messengers as a Youth Policy Solution](#)

The [American Youth Policy Forum](#) (AYPF) is hosting a virtual event on **October 26, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** AYPF Youth Policy Consultants will share how credible messengers relate to youth mental health, school discipline, and more. Dr. Bernadette Sanchez,

a leading researcher on mentoring, will discuss how important a credible messenger can be to the well-being of young people.

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

Youth Opportunities

Youth Development

[College Financial Aid Assistance](#)

The [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#) is holding in- person sessions all throughout the month of October where students and their families will be able to learn more about the college application and financial aid process. They are also offering one-on-one assistance from ISAC Corps members through phone, text, and their online chat service.

[Discovery Virtual STEM event](#)

On **October 20, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, [Discovery Education](#) is holding a virtual STEM event for youth in grades four through eight. The host of the event will introduce students to a local or global issue, explore why it is happening, connect with inspiring people working to find solutions, and help students uncover their own potential with exciting hands-on STEM activities.

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

Funding Opportunities

Administrators

[Afterschool Programs Grant](#)

The [Illinois State Board of Education](#) appropriated \$20 million for FY 2022 in General Revenue funds to provide the After School Programs Grant to school districts and community organizations for after-school programming, as well as other programming outside of the normal school day. The After School Programs Grant is a two-part initiative. School district grant allocations total \$17 million out of the \$20 million appropriated. Another \$3 million is competitive grant allocations for non-school district applicants.

[Cook County Promise Pilot](#)

[Cook County](#) is launching this two-year pilot program to offer stability and opportunity for financial growth to eligible Cook County residents. An open application and lottery will select 3,250 residents to receive \$500/month for 24 months. Apply by **October 21, 2022!**

[Mentoring RFP Application Period Extended](#)

[The Department of Family Support & Services](#) released an update stating the Mentoring RFP application period has been extended until Friday, **October 14, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.** There is a [new amendment](#) that applicants will be required to acknowledge if they have already started their application. For questions contact Lisa Hampton at Lisa.Hampton@cityofchicago.org.

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Call for Resources

If you have any questions, please contact **Emma Spencer** (Policy and Communications Manager) 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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