

Policy Updates

State Updates

[Additional 21st CCLC Funding for Illinois](#)

On **October 27, 2022**, the [U.S. Department of Education \(ED\)](#) sent a [memo](#) to state education agencies and state superintendents outlining the state allocations for the \$50 million in additional 21st Century Community Learning Centers funding. The memo also clarified that state education agencies can spend up to two percent of the funding on administrative support and up to five percent on activities that support local programs. The majority of the funds (at least 93 percent) must be given directly to local programs to support middle and high school youth as stated in the [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act \(BSCA\)](#). **Illinois was allocated about \$2 million in funding.**

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	<u>Illinois Collaboration on Youth</u>	IDHS Trauma Training: Vicarious Trauma	November 8, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>

Professional Development	<u>ACT Now</u>	ACT Now Quality Standards 101 Training	November 2, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>
	<u>ACT Now</u>	21 st CCLC Town Hall	November 17, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>
	<u>National Girls Collaborative Project</u>	GSAWN Exemplary Practices & Celebration of National STEAM Day	November 8, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>
	<u>Chicago History Museum & Asian Americans Advancing Justice</u>	Virtual Educator Workshop: Teaching About the Asian Experience	November 8, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>
	<u>Illinois Afterschool Network</u>	Best Practices in Supporting Youth and Staff After an Incident of Community & Collective Violence	November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>
	<u>The Erikson Institute</u>	(Re)Imagining Early Childhood Teaching & Learning: Challenges and Opportunities	November 10, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>
	<u>Brookings Institute</u>	How District Leaders Start and	November 14, 2022,	<u>REGISTER</u>

		Sustain Community Schools	from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	
	<u>Learning Policy Institute</u>	Money Matters: Evidence Supporting Greater Investment in PK-12 Public Education	November 30, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>
Youth Development	<u>Youth Communication</u>	AMPLIFY Youth Voice Symposium	November 8, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>
Family and Community Partnerships	<u>Schaumburg Public Library</u>	Citizenship Workshop	November 8, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<u>REGISTER</u>

Resources for Providers

Administration

[Fostering Inclusive Environments](#)

[Edutopia](#) compiled helpful resources to assist educators in fostering an inclusive environment for students of diverse backgrounds. The resources include lesson plans, reports, and more!

[Be a Presenter at the Illinois AfterSchool Network's Annual Spring Virtual Conference](#)

The [Illinois AfterSchool Network](#) (IAN) is looking for experienced trainers to facilitate interactive professional learning sessions for other professionals in the virtual community for their [37th Annual Spring Virtual Conference](#). **The deadline to submit the application to be a speaker is November 18, 2022. The 37th Annual Spring Virtual Conference will be held March 29, 2023 to March 31, 2023.**

[Bipartisan Support for Afterschool Programming](#)

The [Afterschool Alliance](#) published a brief discussing the bipartisan support of afterschool programs across the United States. They conducted a survey of approximately 1,500 parents and found that parents who identify as Democrats, Independents, and Republicans continue to voice agreement that all young people deserve access to quality afterschool and summer programs through the pandemic.

Safety, Health, Nutrition

[Back to School Mental Health Toolkit](#)

[Mental Health America](#) has developed a Back-to-School Toolkit for program providers. The toolkit examines the issues impacting young peoples' mental health and tips on how to help them navigate these issues. The toolkit is also available in Spanish.

[Student and Staff Well-Being](#)

[Education Week](#) has curated a collection of articles covering benefits of investments in mental health services, best practices for COVID-19 prevention, how the Monkeypox outbreak may affect schools, research on setting regular bedtimes for students, data on staff's job-related stress, effective strategies for reducing principal burnout, and more.

[Social and Emotional Learning for Student Trauma](#)

[Education Week's](#) Spotlight on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) for Student Trauma is a collection of articles discussing how teachers can support traumatized students, insights into the benefits of prioritizing student well-being, research for supporting principals with SEL and school climate initiatives, how to defuse misconceptions about SEL, and more.

Youth Development

[Engaging Youth in Election Season](#)

[Share My Lesson](#) has developed a lesson plan for high school aged students that focuses on mail in voting and the impact it can have on this year's elections. The lesson plan has a video educators can show to students as well as discussion questions.

Family and Community Partnerships

[Election Day Resources!](#)

[Rock the Vote](#) has compiled resources to help prepare people for Election Day! The website has information on where you can vote in-person, how to request a mail in ballot, and more!

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

Opportunities for Providers

Administration

[Virtual Field Trip with NASA Telescope](#)

[NASA](#) is giving youth the opportunity to take a virtual field trip with Chandra, NASA's premier X-ray telescope! Youth will be able to see Chandra's operations control center, tour the Chandra spacecraft through virtual reality, and take a virtual trip to some exploding stars in our own galaxy. There is also a [Virtual Field Trip Teacher Guide](#) on the website. **Sessions run through December 8, 2022.**

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Youth Opportunities

Youth Development

[Operation Airlift 2023 Team Application](#)

The [Adler Planetarium](#) is accepting applications for their **9th annual Operation Airlift Competition**. Schools and youth-serving organizations are invited to bring a team to participate in this competition by designing and building a remote-controlled airship and completing a series of challenges. **Applications are due November 16, 2022.**

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

Funding Opportunities

Youth Development

[Chicago Engineers Foundation Scholarship](#)

The [Chicago Engineers Foundation](#) has a scholarship opportunity for students who are interested in pursuing a career in engineering. The initial award amount is \$1,200 and is renewable if students continue to meet eligibility requirements. **Applications are due April 1, 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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