

ACT NOW! NEWSLETTER

Policy Updates

Federal Policy

NPR Article: FDA Authorizes Pfizer Vaccine for Children Ages 12 to 15

On **May 4, 2021**, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that it was in the process of authorizing the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children 12 to 15 years old. **Yesterday**, the FDA approved the Pfizer vaccine for this age group. To read the full article, click [here](#).

State Policy

Restore, Reinvest, Renew (R3) Board: May Board Meeting Recap

On **May 7, 2021**, the Restore, Reinvest, Renew (R3) Board met for its monthly meeting. To access the meeting agenda and review future meeting materials, click [here](#). ICJIA asked the Board to pass the following measures:

- **To accept the motion to increase funding to a collaborative in order to sustain and amplify services.** The R3 Board voted in favor to increase funding to this grantee.
- **To designate R3 Program funds for an emergency summer violence prevention program.** ICJIA is aiming to provide grants for a total of \$3 million to CBOs working to respond to the projected-increase in violence in communities of color during Summer 2021. ICJIA shared with the R3 Board that funding may be used for youth development programming, work development and employment services, and violence intervention programming for young people. Some of the eligible regions include: the City of Chicago, Cook County, Aurora, Bloomington, Decatur, Peoria, Springfield, Waukegan, and Rockford. Grantees can expect to receive between \$50,000 to \$300,000 depending on organizational capacity. **The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is expected to be released this month.** The R3 Board will review applications during the June 2021 Board meeting and grantees will receive funding on July 1, 2021, which must

be expended by September 30, 2021. The R3 Board voted in favor of this emergency fund and the release of the NOFO.

Finally, the R3 Board heard a status update on the second round of R3 funding. **ICJIA expects to release a new NOFO for a total of between \$10 to \$20 million in Fall 2021, with the application closing in December 2021. Please note that there will also be funding available for current R3 recipients to apply for in order to continue serving communities across the state.**

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	21st Century Town Hall Series	May 17, 2021 June 1, 2021 June 14, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Click here
	Afterschool Alliance	Powerful Partnerships: Schools and Summer Programs Together for Student Recovery and Success	May 12, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Click here
	Afterschool Alliance	America After 3PM: A Game-Changing Summer	May 18, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Click here
Professional Development	National AfterSchool Association	4 Keys to Engaging Community Partners to Grow Your OST Program	May 11, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Click here
	National Council for Mental Wellbeing	Addressing Trauma in Young Adults with IDD in a Post-Covid World:	May 12, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Click here

		Innovations and Strategies		
	Health & Medicine Policy Research Group	Moving from Burnout to Wellness for Providers and Advocates	May 13, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Click here
	National Council for Mental Wellbeing	Trauma-Informed, Resilience-Oriented (TIRO) Crisis Leadership Training	May 18, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Click here
	Institute for Educational Leadership	2021 National Family & Community Engagement Conference	Between June 1, 2021 and June 4, 2021	Click here
Youth Development	Coalition for Community Schools	Maximizing New Federal Relief Dollars for Students Success and Community Development: A Next Generation Community Schools Forum	May 12, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	More information forthcoming. Please contact ccs@iel.org
	YWCA Metro Chicago and DuPage Children's Museum	Night at the Museum 2021: Best Day Ever! Featuring Steven Spangler	May 19, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Click here
	Family Action Network	Life as a QuarantEEN: Youth Mental Health Post-Pandemic	May 25, 2021, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Click here
	National Association of Asian American Professionals	Role of Science and Technology as a Catalyst for Social Change	May 27, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Click here
	National Girls Collaborative Project	Resources for Afterschool Programs: Using the IF/THEN 	September 14, 2021, from 1:00	More information forthcoming.

		Collection for Programming	p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	
Family and Community Partnerships	<u>Illinois AfterSchool Network</u>	June Parent Cafe: In-Person and Virtual Summer Activities for Summer	June 12, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Click <u>here</u>

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Resources for Providers

Administration

Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Resources

We will continue to compile resources for celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and share educational resources for combatting systemic racism and racial violence throughout the month of May.

- Asian Americans Advancing Justice and Hollaback: [Bystander Intervention Training](#)
- Scholastic: [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Lessons and Curriculum](#)
- Zine Education Project: [Asian Americans and Moments in History Resources](#)
- Learning for Justice: [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Resources](#)

Youth Development

Afterschool Alliance: Million Girls Moonshot STEM Resources

[The Afterschool Alliance](#) has released the full list of Million Girls Moonshot STEM Resources from the previous month of April. There are a variety of materials for at-home STEM experiences, resources for Professional Development, and quality STEM afterschool programming. To access these resources, click [here](#).

STEMNext Article: Six Ideas for a Summer Full of STEM

[STEMNext](#) has written an article highlighting several STEM ideas for providers to use for summer 2021 programming. The article hosts resources, including lesson plans and curriculum, and videos. There are also tips for engaging youth in STEM programming in a meaningful manner. To read the article, click [here](#).

Safety, Health, and Nutrition

NBC Chicago: Resources for Families on the Pfizer Vaccine for Children

[NBC Chicago](#) has released an article with information for families and parents looking to understand more about the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 12 to 15. To review this information, click [here](#).

Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago: Voices of Child Health in Chicago Report

[Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago](#) has written a new report regarding youth mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. This report focuses on data from youth living in the City of Chicago and highlights what resources are available to young people and families. To read the report, click [here](#).

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Opportunities for Providers

Administration

COVID-19 Relief Sign On Letter

Illinois is receiving a historical level of federal aid to support afterschool and summer learning providers. As a result, the Coalition has written a letter highlighting several recommendations for state agencies to consider when allocating and utilizing COVID-19 relief aid. To advocate alongside us and read the letter, click [here](#). To sign on, click [here](#).

Complete the Survey!

We launched our annual spring Resource Survey!

Take the **Survey!**

The information you share will be critical in helping us continue to serve your needs as an afterschool professional and expand upon the services we already offer. We are also, for a limited time, sending

resources to interested respondents. **People who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 Target gift card or a \$50 Amazon gift card.**

Youth Development

Chicago Public Schools: Summer Learning Provider Grant Opportunities

[Chicago Public Schools](#) (CPS) is calling all summer learning programs to connect with CPS schools in order to provide programming opportunities for young people. To learn more about this opportunity, click [here](#).

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

Youth Opportunities

Youth Development

Afterschool Alliance: Youth Ambassadors Application Live

[The Afterschool Alliance](#) is soliciting applications from youth ages 13 and older for its Youth Ambassador Program. **Submissions are due by June 30, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST.** To learn more about eligibility, the application's prompts, and to apply, click [here](#).

TechGirlz: Computer Art Mini Camp

[TechGirlz](#) is partnering with [ORCSGirls](#) in order to host a mini camp on computer art for interested youth on **May 22, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Participants will learn how to utilize functions and computers to create art. To learn more about this event, click [here](#).

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

Funding Opportunities

Youth Development

National Science Foundation: Racial Equity in STEM Education Grant

[The National Science Foundation](#) is soliciting applications from community-based organizations, museums, and other "non-traditional STEM spaces" for its Racial Equity in STEM Education Grant. The grant aims to empower entities and programs to engage with diverse partners and leverage resources to ensure equity in the STEM sector. **Proposals are due July 13, 2021.** To learn more about this grant, click [here](#).

NASA: NASA Teams Engaging Affiliated Museums and Informal Institutions Grants

[NASA Teams Engaging Affiliated Museums and Informal Institutions \(TEAM II\)](#) is now accepting proposals for two opportunities, **due June 17, 2021, and July 19, 2021 respectively.** Eligible applicants include U.S. youth-serving organizations. To learn more about these grant opportunities and to apply, click [here](#).

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