

# ACTNOW!

## NEWSLETTER



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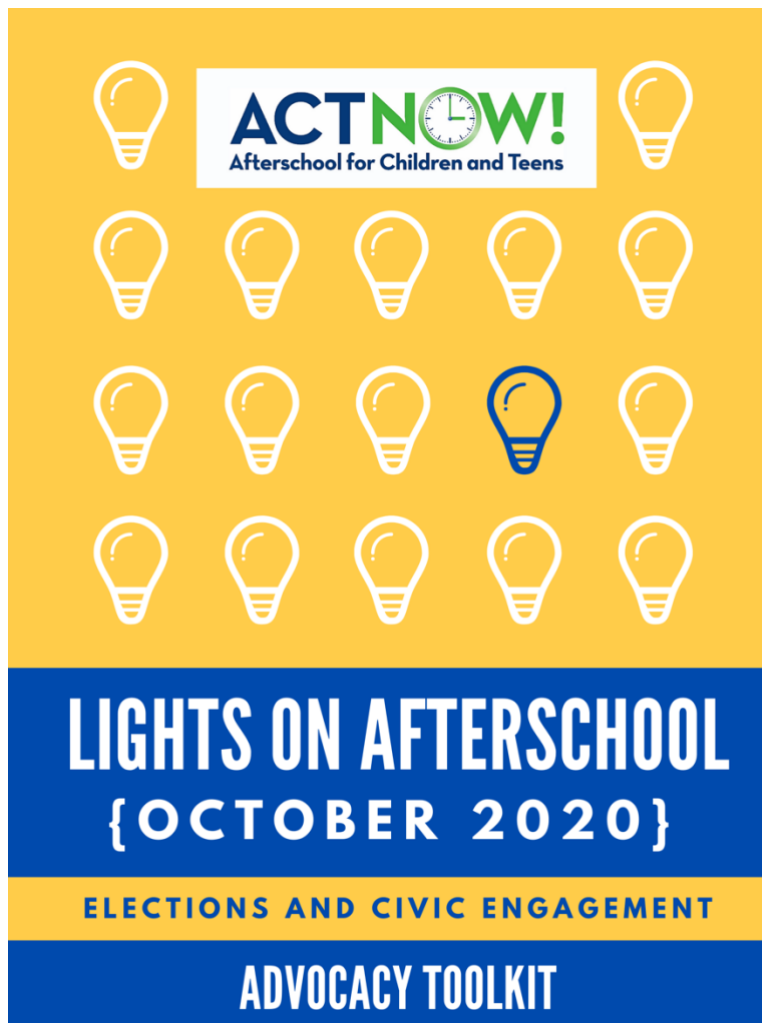


## Lights On Afterschool 2020 Toolkit

Lights On Afterschool is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families, and communities. We know that Out-Of-School Time (OST) providers have been integral in responding to the diverse needs of young people and their communities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and continue to offer holistic supports as we approach the fall.

Join us by celebrating afterschool on **October 22nd!**

Use our toolkit in order to advocate for the field, host an event (virtual or in-person), and share what afterschool means to you! To access the toolkit, click [here](#).



## Policy Updates

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

## Trainings, Events and Webinars

### Administration

#### **ACT Now Webinar: Illinois Quality Program Self-Assessment Tool (IL-QPSA) Sneak Peek**

The Illinois Quality Program Self-Assessment (IL-QPSA) is an online strengths-based self-assessment tool that allows individual out-of-school time (OST) providers the opportunity to self-assess on their performance based on the Illinois Statewide Afterschool Quality Standards.

**Join us for a sneak peek webinar to walk you through the tool, as well as the assessment process!** This webinar will be hosted on **September 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. CT**. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

#### **ACT Now: Community Schools Convenings**

**ACT Now** will continue to host training events for Community Schools (CS) providers throughout the state during FY21. Please note that more information regarding the regional convenings, is located on our Community Schools Corner page [here](#). *\*Note: The registration link for the first CS event for each regional group is live!*

## Upcoming FY21 Community Schools Trainings

Downstate	Suburbs	Chicago
SEPT. 23	OCT. 14	OCT. 15
NOV. 12	DEC. 17	OCT. 16
FEB. 12	FEB. 22	DEC. 8
MAR. 25	APR. 14	DEC. 9
		FEB. 23
		APR. 22

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\*Registration links will be developed for each meeting and based upon your regional group

For more information, head to the Community Schools Corner on our website!



### Protecting Immigrant Families - Illinois: Upcoming Trainings Opportunities

Protecting Immigrant Families - Illinois (PIF-IL) is hosting two webinars in October in order to help afterschool providers, community-based organizations (CBOs) and communities better understand the Public Charge Rule that is now in effect in all 50 states. On **October 1, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, join PIF-IL for a webinar on the Public Charge Rule, which is geared towards leaders and service providers who serve immigrants who could be impacted by the regulation. To register for this event, click [here](#).

Later, on **October 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, PIF-IL is hosting a webinar for staff of immigrant-serving organizations to gain more understanding of the rule. Attendees will also receive resources and language to interact and talk to community members in order to help mitigate the confusion about the rule. To register for this webinar, click [here](#).

## Youth Development

### ACT Now STEM Webinar: Talking About the Public Health Crisis in STEM & OST

On **September 24, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, **ACT Now** will be facilitating the first webinar in our STEM series. The webinar is for afterschool providers interested in fostering conversations with youth about COVID-19 and the scientific implications and innovations the public health crisis has pushed professionals in the STEM sectors to come up with. Hear from colleagues in the Out-of-School Time (OST) field that are implementing STEM programming and real-life epidemiologists about how STEM competencies are intertwined with the discovery of COVID-19, development of mitigation practices, the process of tracking the pandemic, and the establishment of health and safety precautions. To register for the event, click [here](#).

### ACT Now Training: NBA Math Hoops

The NBA Math Hoops program harnesses the competitive fun of a board game in the culturally relevant context of the NBA in order to both develop the cognitive skills of basic arithmetic, decision-making, and visual analysis while simultaneously developing students' intrinsic interest in the real world application of math. On **September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, **ACT Now** will be holding a workshop to teach afterschool providers how they can implement NBA Math Hoops in their own programs. Participants will receive free access to NBA Math Hoops materials. To register for this event, click [here](#).

### Illinois Afterschool Network Webinar: The New Normal for Family Child Care: COVID-19 and Remote Learning Edition

On **September 16, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, the Illinois Afterschool Network will be facilitating a training for afterschool school providers on practical ways to incorporate remote learning best practices into programming in order to support children (birth to school-age) as they participate in instruction from home. For more information and to register for the event, click [here](#).

## **Illinois Afterschool Network Webinar: Developing a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Climate in our School-Age Setting**

On **September 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, the Illinois Afterschool Network will be hosting a webinar for providers interested in learning how to foster a safe space for youth to learn and flourish. Attendees will dive deep into social emotional learning competencies and hear from colleagues in the field about some best practices for implementation. To register for the training, click [here](#).

*For an archive of our previously listed Trainings, Events and Webinars, click [here](#).*

## **Resources for Providers**

### **Youth Development**

#### **The National Conference of State Legislatures: The American Democracy Game**

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has launched a game for middle school-aged youth in order to help them understand what it is like to be a policymaker and allow participants to learn how to deal with public policy issues. [The American Democracy Game](#) is engaging and encourages civic engagement in students. Providers will be able to access complementary resources to help guide youth through the game. To access the materials, click [here](#).

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

## **Opportunities for Providers**

### **Administration**

#### **Chicago Student Innovation Convention: Become a STEM Mentor!**

The [Chicago Student Innovation Convention](#) (CSIC) is looking for applicants interested in becoming a STEM mentor in the fall. Applicants can include, but are not limited to K-8th Grade educators, afterschool program providers, and community-based organization administrators. CSIC will provide training for

potential mentors and STEM curricula. For more information, click [here](#). To apply, click [here](#).

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## Youth Opportunities

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## Funding Opportunities

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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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