

ACT NOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Policy Updates

Proposed Public Charge Rule

On September 22nd, the Trump administration announced a proposed rule that would make it harder to obtain visas or green cards for immigrants who use public benefits programs like food assistance and Section 8 housing vouchers. The move will mainly affect legal immigrants and their families, as undocumented immigrants are not eligible for most federal benefits. The new rule could force millions of low-income families to choose between government assistance and permanent settlement in the United States. This could ultimately restrict children's access to necessary services, like Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) which is used to fund the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

The proposed rule will be officially published in the Federal Register in the coming weeks. Once the proposed rule is officially published, the public will be able to comment on the proposed rule. The comment period will last 60 days, starting on the day the proposed rule is published in the Federal Register. [Click here](#) to view full text of the proposed rule. [Click here](#) to view the Department of Homeland Security's official press release.

Trainings and Events

Webinar: Lights On Afterschool Toolkit

Join ACT Now to learn about planning and preparing for a Lights On Afterschool (LOA) event, as well as how to utilize our [LOA Toolkit](#). This webinar will take place **Friday, October 5th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** To register, click [here](#).

Quality Standards Trainings

ACT Now has added an additional training in **Moline, Illinois!**

ACT Now is providing [free trainings](#) on the Illinois Statewide Quality Standards in order to help afterschool providers and staff continuously improve the quality of their programs.

Upcoming Trainings:

Bloomington: October 9th, 2018—9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ([Register here](#))

Chicago: October 15th, 2018—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ([Register here](#))

Carbondale: October 17th, 2018—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ([Register here](#))

Moline: October 22nd, 2018—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ([Register here](#))

Chicago: November 12th, 2018—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ([Register here](#))

Afterschool Development Conference

All Stars Project is pleased to invite you and your colleagues to the Fifth Annual Afterschool Development Conference - a free conference for education, afterschool, and non-profit leaders and practitioners invested in creating high quality afterschool programs for Chicago's inner-city youth and building the field of Afterschool Development in Chicago. This conference will be held **Friday, October 12th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. at Loyola University-Water Tower Campus**. To register, click [here](#).

The State of Afterschool in Illinois 2018

ACT Now created the Afterschool Map & Database to define the afterschool landscape for policymakers, help to better connect programs to one another, help community members to find programs in their area, and help to better target resources to communities in need. Join ACT Now to learn about the current afterschool landscape in Illinois and what you can do to help grow the field and provide more amazing opportunities to Illinois' youth! This event will be held **Wednesday, October 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the ACT Now office**. To learn more, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

Webinar: Maximizing Youth Voice in Community and Conference Settings

In this webinar hosted by the [Adolescent Health Initiative](#) and the [Institute for Patient-And Family-Centered Care](#), hosts will identify and discuss best practices to plan for effective youth/adult partnership and co-facilitation. This webinar will be held **Friday, September 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** To register, click [here](#).

STEMfest

Attend the Midwest's premier festival for celebrating science, technology, engineering and math. Northern Illinois University STEM departments, student groups, regional corporations, museums, educators, and national labs are joining forces to present hundreds of activities that range in complexity to entertain people of all ages, and admission is FREE. This event will be held **Saturday, October 27th, 2018, 10am-5pm @ the NIU Convocation Center**. To learn more, click [here](#).

Science Works Career Celebration

ACT Now Newsletter 9/25/2018: Change in Immigration Rule and The State of Afterschool in Illinois 2018

The Museum of Science & Industry invites youth and families to learn about interesting jobs straight from the STEM professionals with an array of dynamic speakers, hands-on activities and one-on-one discussions. More than 100 professionals from over 40 companies and organizations are stationed throughout the museum. This event will be held **Saturday, October 13th, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (free with museum entry)**. To learn more, click [here](#).

To view ACT Now's calendar of events, click [here](#).

Resources for Providers

EWCed Video Resources

EWCed is a web platform for teachers and students (grades 6-12) that curates innovative and inspirational videos for students from reputable sources. They pair these videos with activities including thought questions for class discussion, and opportunities for further inquiry and creativity. EWCed is designed to fit into pre-existing lesson plans to enhance the relevance of ordinary schoolwork. To learn more, click [here](#).

For a list of previously listed afterschool and youth development resources, click [here](#).

Community Schools Corner

Community Schools: Call for Best Practices!

Are you a Community Schools leader or program provider that has valuable resources or best practices to share with the 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 Faith Knocke (ACT Now! Youth Development Associate) KnockeF@metrofamily.org