

# ACTNOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

## Policy

### Illinois Budget Update

On May 31st, the Illinois General Assembly passed a budget, [HB109 Amendment 2](#). It will now be sent to the Governor to sign. For a full update on what this means for afterschool, click [here](#).

### Federal Budget Update

The U.S. House Appropriations Committee recently approved [FY19 spending allocations](#) for its 12 subcommittees. The plan freezes funding for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (LHHS) which sets funding levels for all federal education, human service, health and labor programs and includes the 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative. Meanwhile, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$179.3 billion for LHSS in their [FY19 spending plan](#). This is roughly a \$2.2 billion increase compared to FY18. The FY19 budget deadline is September 30th.

***ACT Now policy updates affecting the afterschool/youth development field, including information about Teen REACH and 21st Century, can be found [here](#).***

## Trainings and Webinars

### What Can We Learn From Summer Camp?

Join Click2Science on **June 6, 2018** at 1:00 p.m. for their upcoming Webinar Wednesday. In the workshop, afterschool professionals will learn what makes camp experiences so impactful on young people and how they can incorporate those traits into their summer programs. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

### Connections CTE Initiatives Summer Workshops

The Connections CTE Initiative will be hosting four free professional development workshops in July throughout Illinois. For more information, click [here](#). The dates and topics are below.

- Math-in-CTE: **July 16, 2018** (Collinsville) and **July 17, 2018** (Springfield)
- Literacy-in-CTE: **July 23, 2018** (Moline) and **July 24, 2018** (Normal)

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

## Resources

### Afterschool as a Protective Factor Against Substance Use

Studies show that youth who are not involved in constructive, supervised extracurricular activities are more likely to engage in risky behaviors such as drug use. In communities battling the opioid epidemic and other substance use issues, afterschool and summer learning programs offer support by promoting positive youth development and social connections. For information on adolescent substance use, click [here](#). To learn more about afterschool as a preventative measure, click [here](#).

### STEM and Culturally Responsive Family Engagement

The STEM Next Opportunity Fund's expanding STEM access case study on Family Engagement highlights best practices and lessons learned from programs that serve communities with cultural differences across race/ethnicity, religion, geography, language, and immigration status. To read the report, click [here](#).

### Giving Youth Control

Afterschool is a space where youth can have control of their learning. For resources that assist frontline staff in facilitating experiences that allow school-age children and youth to build self-determination, set goals, and make decisions, click [here](#).

### Free Summer Meals

Free healthy and nutritious summer meals are available for all children 18 and under when school is out. To find a summer meal site close to you, call (800) 359-2163, text FoodIL to 877877, or visit [SummerMealsIllinois.org](http://SummerMealsIllinois.org).

*For a list of afterschool and youth development related resources collected by ACT Now, click [here](#).*

## Opportunity for Providers

### 2018 CSBG Scholarship Program

Chicago residents enrolled in a full-time Illinois college/university/trade school who meet income eligibility guidelines are eligible to apply for the 2018 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Scholarship. The deadline to apply is **Friday, June 8, 2018**. For more information, click [here](#).

*For archived opportunities for providers, click [here](#).*

## Youth Opportunities

*For archived youth opportunities, click [here](#).*

## Funding Opportunities

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

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