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Afterschool for Children and Teens

Check out these exciting upcoming events with ACT Now!

(Continue reading for additional resources and events!)

ACT Now Events Calendar				
NOVEMBER 2018				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
05	06	07	08	09
	Election Day!		Community Schools Members Meeting (Chicago, IL)	
12	13	14	15	16
Quality Standards Training (Chicago, IL)				
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
		IL-QPSA Webinar #2: How To Do a Self-Assessment		
03	04	05	06	07
		To register for events, click on the calendar, or visit: actnowillinois.org For questions, email Faith Knocke (ACT Now - Youth Development Associate) at KnockeF@actnowillinois.org		

Policy Updates

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Public Charge: What Does It Mean for Afterschool?

Many afterschool advocates are joining advocates from the children's health, anti-hunger, immigrant rights, and education communities to express concern over the administration's "public charge" proposal as it could mean children and families will avoid support they need. Though federally funded afterschool programs are not part of the administration's "public charge" rule, participation could still drop due to a lack of accurate information or the spread of misinformation, which would result in young people missing valuable opportunities to help them reach their full potential. [Click here](#) to read more about what you can do support immigrant families.

Illinois Voter Guide

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 6th**, and ACT Now is urging everyone to make sure you go vote. Our communities depend on us to elect policymakers who will support and invest in afterschool programs in Illinois. To find your polling place and learn more about the candidates, click [here](#).

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

Trainings and Events

Regional Meeting for Community Schools Providers

ACT Now will be holding a meeting for community schools providers to network with one another and learn more about the work of ACT Now in the Community Schools space. At this meeting, ACT Now will discuss the transition of community schools program providers from the Federation of Community Schools to the ACT Now Coalition. Come prepared to share your ideas about making sure this transition is as smooth and effective as possible! **The Community Schools Providers Meeting will be held on November 8th in Chicago, IL (ACT Now Office) from 10 AM to 12 PM.** To register, click [here](#).

Guiding Children & Youth Behavior

This workshop session, offered by the Illinois Afterschool Network, focuses on developing positive and preventive strategies to effectively guide and facilitate children and youth's behavior in afterschool programs. This workshop will be held on **November 15th in Champaign, IL from 10 AM to 12 PM.** *The cost of this workshop is \$10 per person.* To register, click [here](#).

Welcome to ACT Now (Webinar/E-Meeting)

ACT Now will be holding a webinar for new ACT Now members to learn more about the work of ACT Now. During this webinar, ACT Now will provide information about our advocacy efforts, as well as the many [free](#) resources we offer to support afterschool programs. Additionally, program providers and staff will have a chance to share

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information about their programs. This webinar/e-meeting will be held on **November 27th from 10 AM to 11 AM**. To register, click [here](#).

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

Youth Opportunities

Winnetka Teen Drop-In Center

Winnetka Youth Organization (WYO) fosters individual development in junior high and high school youth in the North Shore by providing adult-to-youth mentoring, prevention services, and opportunities for leadership, citizenship, and education within a safe and informal environment. WYO is a drop-in program, so there is no need to register for programs - just stop on by! To learn more, click [here](#).

Partners in Education Program

Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Residents (ages 15-20) can receive one-on-one coaching from an Education Navigator to support post-high school plans, or to assist in continued post-secondary enrollment through Project S.O.A.R. To learn more, click [here](#).

Power Minds Tutoring

PowerMinds.org offers a powerful platform where children, youth and adults can connect to qualified tutors and counselors online. The online network consists of volunteers that are expert in their areas and are willing to share their knowledge and help you succeed. To learn more, click [here](#).

GeoChallenge

Afterschool programs are invited to take on the 2018-19 GeoChallenge—Tackling Plastic! Teams of students (grades 5-8) will investigate the urgent issue of plastic pollution in our waterways. If your team is ready, you can submit your solutions by **January 15th** to join the national competition. (Participants must register to receive the program materials.) To learn more or register, click [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

Expanding Internet Connectivity in Schools

ISBE has released a notice of funding opportunity/request for proposals (NOFO/RFP) for state funds to expand internet connectivity in schools. The General Assembly appropriated \$16.3 million to fully close the broadband gap in Illinois schools by the 2020-21 school year. Applications are due no later than **4 PM on January 25th**. The [Learning Technology Center of Illinois](#) is available to provide free assistance to

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districts to help with their applications. To view the full NOFO/RFP, click [here](#). To apply, click [here](#).

For a list of previously listed funding opportunities, click [here](#).

Resources for Providers

Preventing Anti-Semitism in Schools

What is the responsibility of schools to teach about the history of anti-semitism and the Holocaust? Every state sets its own content standards for history and social studies, and there is no one repository that spells out what each of them requires. In this article, you can find information for yourself on each state's Jewish population and any laws it has on teaching the Holocaust. To learn more, click [here](#).

STEM Resource Finder

Use this resource finder to find hundreds of trusted STEM models and activities, developed and researched with funding from the National Science Foundation. Plus, register for a free account to create classes for your students, assign activities, save work, track student progress, and more! To learn more, click [here](#).

Spotlight on Afterschool

Congratulations Bensenville SD #2

ACT Now would like to recognize Bensenville School District #2 for being awarded a Full-Service Community Schools grant. Full-Service Community Schools provide comprehensive academic, social, and health services for students, students' family members, and community members that result in improved educational outcomes for children. Congratulations, Bensenville SD #2! ACT Now looks forward to seeing how you utilize these funds to improve the coordination, integration, accessibility, and effectiveness of services for children and families.

To read more Spotlights on Afterschool, click [here](#).

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 Faith Knocke (ACT Now - Youth Development Associate) KnockeF@metrofamily.org



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