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Trainings and Events

ACT Now Regional Convenings

ACT Now will be holding regional convenings for ACT Now members and Community Schools members. These convenings will allow you to network with fellow program providers and leaders in the afterschool space, as well as learn more about the work of ACT Now. ACT Now will provide information about our advocacy efforts, as well as the resources we offer to support afterschool programs. Much of the time will be spent interacting with one another and creating new partnerships. ACT Now will continue to hold these convenings around the state throughout the year.

- **ACT Now Members Convening**
 - October 24th: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - ACT Now Office [1 N. Dearborn St. (Ste. 1000), Chicago, IL]
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Community Schools Members Convening**
 - October 30th: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - Bradley University (1501 West Bradley Ave, Peoria, IL)
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Community Schools Members Convening**
 - November 8th: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - ACT Now Office [1 N. Dearborn St. (Ste. 1000), Chicago, IL]
 - [Register Here](#)

2018 Voter Guide & Webinar

Forefront's Voter Guide can help you research the candidates who are running for office this November! You will be able to select and save your choices, make a plan to vote, and find your polling place. To learn more, [click here](#). On **October 18th**, BallotReady will host a webinar training to share more about how to use these tools. To register, [click here](#).

Back to School: Helping Children & Parents

Starting a new school year is exciting but can come with mental health challenges. Initiating routines, a positive mindset and leading by example can help make the transition back-to-school much easier. If you are a mental health professional that works closely with school age children, this [National Council for Behavioral Health](#) webinar will

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help you prepare your patients and their families for back-to-school and how to face challenges throughout the year. This webinar will be held on **October 17th at 12:00 PM**. To register, [click here](#).

Family Child Care for School-Age Children

NCASE is hosting a webinar on family child care (FCC). Presenters will share promising practices for state-level system building that can strengthen the quality of family child care experiences for school-age children; explore strategies, challenges, and solutions for building FCC supply and forging connections between state afterschool networks and family child care organizations; and review opportunities for supporting school-age children in mixed-age groups. This webinar is designed for state- and territory-level professionals; statewide afterschool network leads; 21st Century Community Learning Center leads; and other training and technical assistance professionals. This webinar will be held on **October 18th from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM**. To register, click [here](#).

Summer & At-Risk Afterschool Meals Summit

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Rise & Shine Illinois are hosting the *Summer & At-Risk Afterschool Meals Summit* on **October 16th from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the Double Tree Hilton in Alsip, IL**. This summit will engage Summer & At-Risk Afterschool Meals sponsors and focus on best-practices, challenges and successes, outreach, networking, and more. To register, click [here](#).

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

Youth Opportunities

International Day of the Girl

On **October 11th** – International Day of the Girl – Girls Who Code is galvanizing girls, women and allies to show the world the power of modern sisterhood. Girls Who Code wants to partner with you to help create a wave of positivity and support girl change-makers all over the world by raising your hand for sisterhood. Here's how:

1. **WRITE** on your hand(s) how you support sisterhood and activism with an issue that you're passionate about
2. **SNAP:** take a picture or video for your social channel(s)
3. **SHARE:** on October 11th your picture on social media with #sisterhood, tag @girlswhocode and tag your friends who you want to participate

To learn more, [click here](#).

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

Opportunities for Providers

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Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders 2019

Do you know someone under the age of 30 who is an afterschool champion and a believer in the power of afterschool? The National Afterschool Alliance (NAA) is looking to honor these individuals for the *Next Generation of AfterSchool Leaders 2019!*

NAA is specifically looking for individuals who:

- Are active in the afterschool community, including but not limited to NAA and its state affiliates.
- Demonstrate the NAA Core Competencies.
- Posses passion for their work as an afterschool leader; have a clear purpose in their efforts to support their program and their peers; and show persistence in their work to grow as a leader in the field of afterschool!

To learn more or nominate a leader, click [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

Nonprofit Summer Job Program

Tyson Foods will be accepting applications for its Nonprofit Summer Job Program. The Program provides 20 eligible nonprofit organizations a grant to pay the salary (\$13/hour) of a full-time college student to work for eight-weeks during the summer of 2019. Complete the online application by **October 26th**. Learn more and apply for a grant [here](#).

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

Resources for Providers

#MeTooK12

Allegations of sexual assault against Justice Brett Kavanaugh have led to unavoidable conversations throughout the nation's schools. In this PBS Newshour video, Education Week reporter Evie Blad discusses how some schools are dealing with very difficult conversations surrounding consent, assault, allegations, and consequences. To view the video, [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

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providers across the state! If you have any questions, please contact Faith Knocke (ACT Now! Youth Development Associate) KnockeF@metrofamily.org

ACT Now! Staff Update

ACT Now is excited to welcome our new Quality and Professional Development Specialist, Emma Vibber! Emma recently moved from the Philadelphia area where she received a Master's Degree in Communication Studies from West Chester University. Emma has been involved with a variety of nonprofits and enjoys seeing organizations engage with their mission and provide top notch services for their clients. Emma is excited to be a part of the ACT Now team and ready to become a true Chicagoan! Feel free to reach out to Emma should you need anything: VibberE@actnowillinois.org

