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Contact Your AZ Senators Now to Keep Federal Afterschool Funding!

A bill introduced in the Senate this month contains language that would **eliminate** dedicated federal funding for afterschool, before-school and summer youth programs!

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Quality Standards Adopted City-Wide in Tempe

AzCASE is proud to announce that the **Tempe City Council** voted on February 12 to formally commit to using the Arizona Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs making **Tempe the first city in Arizona to officially adopt the standards.**

"Tempe's adoption of the Arizona Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs **unifies the City's educational goals for its students,**" stated Tempe Councilmember Robin Arredondo-Savage. "Having these standards in Tempe ensures that we have a **specific direction for improvement,** allowing us to build a coming language between out-of-school time programs, schools, funders and families."

Two days earlier, the **Kyrene School District Governing Board** also voted to endorse the Arizona Quality Standards making it the **first school district in the state to adopt the Quality Standards** for implementation in all their extra-curricular youth programs.

Whether Arizona's youth stay in school, are actively engaged in their education, involved in

Community Learning Center Program (21st CCLC), authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) since 1994, is the **only dedicated federal funding stream for out-of-school time youth programs**. These programs provide **critical expanded learning opportunities for more than 1.6 million US children and youth!** The current draft of the ESEA reauthorization bill puts these programs in jeopardy!

[Find your Senator's phone number, email, and AZ talking points for this issue here!](#)

You Still have Time to Join our Spring Parent Outreach!

The deadline has been extended to join or update your listing in the **AZ Afterschool Directory** and be entered to win fantastic prizes!



their communities, and prepared for the demands of the 21st Century workforce depends on the collective action and collaboration of the cities in which they live.

AzCASE congratulates the City of Tempe and Kyrene School leadership for their endorsement and dedication to better serving the needs of all Tempe's youth.

Nominate a STEM Leader or Program for a CONNECT2STEM Award!

AzCASE encourages out-of-school time programs across Arizona to **submit nominations** for the **first annual CONNECT2STEM Awards**.



Cox Communications and **AZ SciTech** sponsor this opportunity and AzCASE is proud to serve on the Award Review Committee to help **honor STEM Connectors** in the areas of business, nonprofit, education and afterschool programs.

Prizes for the six award winners are numerous, and include a 30 second spot produced by Cox, \$1,000 donation, and recognition at the 2015 AZ SciTech Celebration event.

[Find out more about the process, categories, prizes, and more on our site!](#)

March PD Opportunities Brought to You by AzCASE

Second in our lineup of presenters bringing you high-quality professional development are **Larry**

Accompany the roll out of the Directory 2.0 as well as the outreach that AzCASE will be engaging in soon!

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Kerby and Kami Kerby with some Love and Logic!

Get a deeper look into the program by joining AzCASE in one of our trainings for the **"Foundations of Love and Logic"** with **Larry Kerby** and **Kami Kerby** in:

**Phoenix on March 3rd, or
Glendale on March 5th.**

Or get the overview of the entire program with **"9 Essential Skills for Love and Logic in Out of School Time"** from **Larry Kerby** in:
Flagstaff on March 4th.

[Register while you can!](#) Space at these valuable opportunities is limited.

Thank you for your support of AzCASE happenings and all you do for Arizona's youth!

Sincerely,

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