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Join Our Team!

AzCASE, a statewide nonprofit resource and advocacy center dedicated to the expansion and sustainability of quality afterschool or out-of-school time (OST) programs for Arizona's youth, **seeks a part-time program assistant**. The ideal candidate will be available 20 - 25 hours per

The @fterschool advisor

October 17, 2014

Arizona Named a 'Top 10 State for Afterschool'

Arizona was ranked a "Top 10 State for Afterschool" based on the largest national household survey ever conducted to gauge parent satisfaction and support for afterschool programs.

The Afterschool Alliance's *America After 3PM* survey put Arizona as No. 6 in the nation based on responses indicating that 97% of Arizona parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program and 84 percent of Arizona parents support public funding for afterschool programs.

America After 3PM revealed that **178,554 children in Arizona participate** in an afterschool program, yet **318,223 children would be enrolled** in a program if one were available to them.

California was the top-ranked state followed by Washington, D.C., Florida, Vermont, Massachusetts, **Arizona**, Oregon, Nebraska, Tennessee and Hawaii.

BENEFITS OF AFTERSCHOOL IN ARIZONA

97% of Arizona parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program.

72% of Arizona parents agree that afterschool programs can help excite youth about learning.

71% of Arizona parents agree that afterschool programs help youth gain workforce skills, such as teamwork, leadership and critical thinking.

week, have strong writing and Microsoft Office skills, the maturity to represent AzCASE with afterschool providers and supporters, and be an organized, self-starter.

Experience with newsletters, social media and QuickBooks is a plus. Located in Tempe, close to the ASU main campus, this position is ideal for a student needing to balance work with school. The pay is \$12/hour plus parking.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to info@azafterschool.org



Register Today!

Registration is open for the **2014**

Arizona Statewide Out-of-School Time Conference and Awards of Excellence Luncheon.

"School's Out, Make It Count - Engaging Youth in Life and Learning" will take place on Saturday, November 15th, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Visit azafterschool.org to register.

Afterschool Standards Make a Difference

Does establishing standards for afterschool services improve their quality? Providers and parents in Washington



[Click here to download the Arizona After 3PM Report.](#)

Social and Emotional Development Workshops Featured at the Arizona Out-of-School Time Conference!

Only at the Arizona Out-of-School Time Conference can you attend your choice of **8 Social and Emotional Development workshops** geared specifically for out-of-school time youth program staff!

AzCASE is excited to offer this slate of professional development trainings, presented by experts in the field and addressing a variety of critical youth development topics!

Our Featured Social and Emotional Development Workshops include:

Peer Pals: Engaging Youth with Special Needs
Amy Maschue, M.S. CCC-SLP, Words to Grow On

Using Conflict to Teach Acceptance & Inclusion
Diana Brown, M. Ed., Mindful Discipline

Essential Skills of Love and Logic ®
Kami Kerby, Kerby Seminar Group

Building Positive Relationships
Liz Mangan and Jen Biddison, Kyrene School District

Understanding Children's Temperament
Neil Tift, Child Crisis Center

Creating Mentoring Relationships with Youth
Stephanie Garman, New Pathways for Youth

[Click here for the full workshop list and to register!](#)

state are finding out that the answer is "yes."



ParentMap (a parenting website) has launched a nine-part series about the impact of new standards on the quality of afterschool programs. The first story drives home the point that "what happens to kids after school matters, even more than we think."

Click here to read the first part of the series.

Calling All Presenters: 2015 NAA Convention

The National AfterSchool Association Convention is now accepting workshop and poster proposals through October 17, 2014.

The NAA Convention is March 8-11, 2015 in Washington, DC and is the largest gathering for learning and connecting in the afterschool field!

Find out more information about the call for presenters here.

Job Opportunity!

Stand For Children is currently looking for a very motivated, highly collaborative, policy-minded individual to join the outstanding Stand AZ team as Policy Manager. This is a great role for



Follow the official 2014 Arizona Conference hashtag #makeitcountAZ on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook!

AzCASE Professional Development Survey Results Are In

In September, AzCASE conducted a survey of Arizona out-of-school time programs on the topic of professional development. We were thrilled to have more than 300 programs respond, giving us a deeper understanding of the professional development offerings currently available to OST programs across the state. Here are a few key highlights from the results:

*** The majority of respondents indicated that they participated in professional development on a monthly (30%) or quarterly (28%) basis**

*** The majority of respondents attended professional development trainings (74%) and most of their programs covered the expenses (92%)**

*** The majority (75%) of respondents indicated their programs host professional development trainings internally**

*** The topic most addressed in respondents' internal trainings was 'Social and Emotional Development' (62%)**

*** 45% prefer in-person trainings over other formats like one-one coaching and webinars**

Survey respondents were entered into a raffle for one of three gifts. And the lucky winners are:


*** Izyajaira Laguna of the J.O. Combs Elementary School Before and After School Program, who won a \$100 Amazon gift card.**


*** Crystal Bustamante of the Lookout Mountain Elementary School Afterschool Program, who**

someone with a few years of policy or government affairs experience who wants to get very involved in driving change with partner districts.

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won the four 4-H Rockets to the Rescue STEM Activity Kits (\$100 Value).

*** Branwyn Davis of the Pendergast Elementary School District 21st CCLC Afterschool Program, who won a free AzCASE Annual Conference Registration (\$90 Value)**

Our thanks go out to all who participated in the survey and to those of you who recommended professional development trainers for the AzCASE OST Trainer Registry. As we work toward the development of a statewide professional development system, this information is critical to ensure we best meet the needs of out-of-school time programs and their staffs. We will now begin the hefty task of reviewing recommended trainers and planning our professional development calendar for 2015.

STEM Saturdays at Grand Canyon University

STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) is not only fun and exciting, but it is increasingly important as the economy changes rapidly. In support, Grand Canyon University has made it a mission to encourage a love of STEM subjects for all middle school and high school students and are thrilled to offer new, interactive and hands-on opportunities for students, educators and out-of-school time staff.

When: November 1, 2014

Where: Grand Canyon University

Cost: \$50.00 - Workshop and lunch

Space is limited. Visit gcu.edu/STEMSaturdays.

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

Sincerely,

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