



Best Time to Build a Love of STEM? When School Is Out.

We know afterschool programs can foster a love of STEM in the youth we serve. But did you know that these programs may be the most effective place to do so? "In a national survey last year, more than 78 percent of children said they'd had a positive experience with the STEM subject areas because of an after-school program, according to new research from the PEAR Institute at Harvard University, McLean Hospital and IMMAP: Institute for Measurement, Methodology, Analysis and Policy at Texas Tech University. The survey included 1,600 children and after-school program leaders in 11 states," (*The Hechinger Report*).



[Read more](#)

STEM Education For Blind Students

A recent episode of Arizona Public Media's *Arizona Week* highlighted the \$1 million grant that was awarded by the National Science Foundation to researchers at the University of Arizona to study how to better facilitate STEM education for students who are blind.



[Watch it here](#)

Invite Policymakers to Your Lights on Afterschool STEM Event!

We are a month away from the 18th Annual Lights On Afterschool Celebration on October 26, 2017! Policymakers at every level of government are critical allies in expanding the resources available to support afterschool programs. Consider inviting them to your celebratory event so they can see the impact your STEM programs are having, firsthand.

[View a sample invitation](#)



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