



Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence



Working together to increase the availability
and quality of afterschool opportunities statewide

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Announcements from the Center

Happy April Fools' Day from AzCASE!

April Fools' Day is the perfect time to play some **light-hearted pranks** on your friends, family, and co-workers. If you're a teacher or afterschool leader, **engaging students in friendly joking** can be fun and memorable for everyone.

[Edutopia](#) has compiled a list of **April Fools' Day resources and teaching ideas** to inspire a little holiday fun!

Happy pranking!

[Read more here>>](#)

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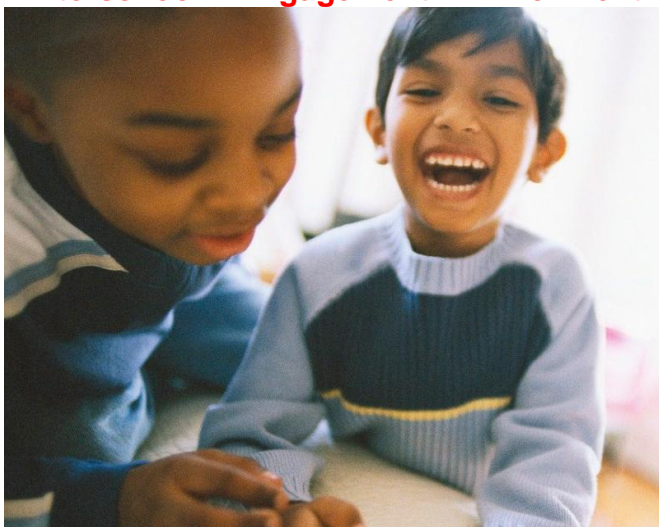
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About Us



The Arizona Center for
Afterschool Excellence is
dedicated to the
enhancement of child and
youth development and
educational achievement
through quality
afterschool

You're Invited To
Afterschool = Engagement + Enrichment



The 21st Annual
Arizona Statewide Afterschool Conference
& Awards of Excellence Luncheon

Saturday, November 2, 2013

8 AM - 3:30 PM
Phoenix Convention Center, North Building

More information
www.azafterschool.org

Registration
Opens June 2013

Questions?
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programming.

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**Want to Honor an Amazing Afterschool Program,
Leader, or Professional?**



**Submit a Nomination for the
2013 Afterschool Awards of Excellence!**

The **Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence** will honor 10 Arizona afterschool leaders at the annual **Spotlight on Afterschool: Awards of Excellence Luncheon** for exemplary work in delivering and supporting quality youth development programs in afterschool settings.

Show your **appreciation and pride** by nominating afterschool programs, staff and leaders for the **2013 Afterschool Awards of Excellence!**

Awards will be given in 3 categories:

- Outstanding Afterschool Professional
- Outstanding Afterschool Program
- Jane Romatzke Leadership Award

View descriptions of the awards categories [here](#).

Each recipient will receive:

- A \$1,000 cash award
- An engraved award
- Free registration to three AzCASE Trainings in 2014
- A certificate of recognition from Governor Jan Brewer

Three finalists in each category will be honored at the **Spotlight on Afterschool: Awards of Excellence Luncheon** on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Phoenix Convention Center, North Building Ballroom. Winners will be announced at the Luncheon.

Nominations must be submitted by

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013

[Visit the AzCASE website for more information](#)

SPACE IS LIMITED!
Register NOW For the Special Needs Workshop
with Dr. Gale Gorke!

In her **fun and energetic** way,
Dr. Gale Gorke will help afterschool administrators and line staff
gain an understanding of the challenges students with special
needs face, and how to make afterschool a **welcoming**
environment where all students are included
and able to be successful.

In this workshop, you will learn...

- **Intervention strategies** for working with students with special needs
- Tips on creative ways to **adapt activities** so everyone can participate as fully as possible
- An **awareness of the challenges** faced by these unique students and how you can accommodate for their needs.

DATES & LOCATIONS

FLAGSTAFF

April 16

9 AM - Noon

Flagstaff Family Resource Center
4000 N Cummings Street, Flagstaff
\$30 a person

PHOENIX

April 17

9 AM - Noon

Rio Vista Community Center
8866 W Thunderbird Road #A, Peoria
\$30 a person

TUCSON

April 18

9 AM - Noon

Donna Liggins Recreation Center
Multipurpose Room
2160 N 1st Avenue, Tucson
\$30 a person

REGISTER NOW!

Questions? Contact 602.496.3308 or info@azafterschool.org

It's Not Too Late To Take the AzCASE Newsletter Survey !

We're in the process of implementing changes to our newsletter
and **we would love to hear from you!**

**Please take a moment to share your thoughts and opinions
in our newsletter survey.** We want to ensure our readers are
engaged and informed and we need your help to make sure our
newsletter stays relevant to your professional goals and interests.

[Take the survey here>>](#)

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in the afterschool community,
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Job Opportunities

**HAVE AN AFTERSCHOOL JOB OPENING
TO POST IN OUR NEWSLETTER?**

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Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence

Program and Outreach Manager (Phoenix)

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Alliance for a Healthier Generation

Healthy Schools Program Ambassador (Nationwide)

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Tucson YMCA

Summer Day Camp Group Leaders I and II (Tucson)

[Contact email>>](#)

Tucson YMCA

Group Leaders I and II; Driver (Tucson)

[Contact email>>](#)

SAARC

Summer Program Assistant (Phoenix)

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Scottsdale Parks & Recreation

Recreation Leader II

[Read more>>](#)

Cartwright School District

STEM Specialist (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

[View the full list of available positions and descriptions on our website>>](#)

Funding Opportunities

Active Schools Acceleration Project

Acceleration Grants

Deadline: April 22, 2013

The ASAP Acceleration Grants campaign is giving schools across America everything they need to launch a new physical activity program, including seed funding, a plan to follow, and a support network of champions across the country embarking on the same path. \$1,000 will be awarded to 1,000 across the country to start one of the following programs: 100 Mile Club, BOKS, or Just Move.

[More information>>](#)

National Storytelling Network Brimstone Award

Deadline: April 30, 2013

This fund supports projects that promote understanding of the ways storytelling can promote change in individuals and communities. Grants of \$5,000 will be awarded in support of storytelling projects that are service-oriented, based in a community or local organization, and replicable in other places and situations. Areas of interest include health care, environmental education/activism, community development, law, multicultural awareness, organizational development, leadership, intergenerational initiatives, empowerment of the disabled, substance abuse prevention, and educational curriculum at all levels.

[More information>>](#)

Target Stores Arts, Culture, and Design in Schools Grants

Deadline: April 30, 2013

Target Stores Arts, Culture, and Design in Schools grants support programs that enhance students' classroom curriculum by bringing the arts and cultural experiences to schools, such as in-school performances, artist in residency programs, and workshops in schools. \$2,000 is awarded to selected programs in areas where the company's stores are located.

[More information>>](#)

Crayola and National Association of Elementary Principals 2013 Creative Leadership Grant Program

Deadline: June 21, 2013

The program will award up to twenty grants of no more than \$2,500 to elementary schools working to develop a team of leaders who can help increase arts-infused education in school and beyond. In addition, each program will receive an in-kind grant of Crayola products valued at \$1,000. Applications will only be accepted from principals who are members of NAESP. Every school that submits an application by June 10 will receive a Crayola product Classpack!

[More information>>](#)

National Inclusion Project Let's ALL Play Partnership

Deadline: September 15, 2013

Let's ALL Play is the National Inclusion Project's program model for recreational programs that are currently serving children with disabilities and wish to do it better or programs seeking to open doors currently shut to children with disabilities in their community. Let's ALL Play includes successful modifications, inclusive games, and other information to successfully run a program of inclusion. Up to \$10,000 per 12-month project will be awarded to successful partnership organizations.

[More information>>](#)

[Find more resources and funding opportunities on our website>>](#)

Trainings & Conferences

College Depot Workshops

April 2013, Burton Barr Central Library, Phoenix

Get tips and learn skills to ease the transition from high school to

college at College Depot's April workshops. Parents and students will learn about financial aid and scholarship searches, study abroad resources, and tips to choose a college major, and more. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling Burton Barr Central Library at 302-261-8847. The following college prep workshops will be held this month:

- *Beyond...Senior Sequence*: Saturday, April 6, 10:00 - 11:30 AM
- *How to Pay for College* (presented in Spanish): Wednesday, April 10, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- *Picking the Right college Major*: Thursday, April 18, 5:00 - 6:15 PM
- *How to Pay for College* (presented in English): Wednesday, April 24, 5:30 - 6:45 PM

[More information>>](#)

Ready, Set, Grow!

April 7, 2013, Homestead Community Center at DC Ranch, Scottsdale

In this leadership workshop for children aged 9 - 12 years old, kids will gain the knowledge, skills, tools and competencies to make wise choices and feel good about themselves. This fun, high energy, one-day program focuses on building strong friendships, increasing confidence, appreciating others and being resilient. We teach pre-teens how to step up and take accountability for themselves by teaching them specific strategies for developing skills in all of these areas and more. Workshop leader Dr. Franny has over 34 years' experience working with this age group and is an expert in pre-teen learning and behavior. The day will be rewarding, insightful, and of course tons of fun!

[More information>>](#)

School to Work Workshop

April 11, 2013, 9:30 AM, ASU Gammage, Tempe

School to Work is an interactive workshop that highlights potential career choices in arts administration. High school students interact with ASU Gammage employees and participate in real-world working scenarios in the box office, marketing, development, accounting and technical production departments. Students also get an exclusive backstage tour of Disney's Beauty and the Beast Broadway show by the company manager!

[More information>>](#)

First Flight Education - Robotics Workshop for Teachers

April 13, 2013, Phoenix

Teachers of grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate in this STEM-based, full-day hands-on professional development workshop. Participants will:

- Build content knowledge and skill base in S.T.E.M., Aeronautics, or Robotics
- Learn engaging teaching methods and resources
- Increase ability to influence students' interest and understanding of science & math
- Leave with a variety of teaching demonstrations and hands-on, minds-on activities

All lessons and training materials provided by NASA educational resources. Up to 12 professional development hours will be awarded upon completion of the training. As a bonus, all "Intro to Robotics" and "Robots & Rockets" workshop attendees will build and keep a Robotic Arm or Rocket Blaster to take back to their classroom/district!

[More information>>](#)

Successfully Including Special Needs Youth with Dr. Gale Gorke!

April 16, 9 AM - Noon, Flagstaff Family Resource Center

April 17, 9 AM - Noon, Rio Vista Community Center, Peoria

April 18, 9 AM - Noon, Donna Liggins Rec Center, Tucson

Dr. Gale Gorke, a perennial favorite of the Arizona afterschool community, is presenting AzCASE's April workshops, Successfully Including Special Needs Youth Afterschool!

In this training, you will learn intervention strategies for working with students with special needs and creative ways to adapt activities so that everyone can participate as fully as possible. Dr. Gale is an afterschool superstar, so register now to make sure you don't miss out!

[More information>>](#)

SARRC Conference - Bullying & Autism: What We Know and What We Can Do About It

April 26-27, 2013, Scottsdale Public Library Civic Center Auditorium

This conference, hosted by the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center, will address what is known from research & the relationship between autism spectrum disorders and bullying-from prevention to intervention.

[More information>>](#)

Darkness to Light: Preventing Childhood Sexual Abuse with Courage

May 3, 2013, McGee Auditorium, Flagstaff

Rene Hobbs, Early Childhood Trainer and Coach for ASCC will be facilitating [Darkness to Light's](#) Stewards of Children workshop. This program aims to increase knowledge, improve attitudes and change child-protective behaviors of young children and youth providers.

This training will provide you with:

- Awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse
- Steps to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse
- A challenge to take personal responsibility to create change in your community

[More information>>](#)

2013 ABEC Annual Conference - Leadership in an Evolving Economy

May 3, 2013, Phoenix

Join business, education, legislative, and parent leaders to examine the many sides of collaborative leadership. Keynote speaker Kelli Wells, Director of US Education with GE Foundation, will discuss use of collaborative models in transforming schools. Other topics include skills sets necessary for a successful future, leadership in Arizona, and the importance of community collaboration and partnership in education, and more.

[More information>>](#)

Community Events

Walk and Roll to School Day

April 12, 2013, Nationwide

Be healthy and enjoy the sunny Arizona spring weather by walking or biking to school! Participating schools will receive promotional posters and a prize for each student. The first 40 schools to register will receive a scooter! To register your school, call 243-BIKE (2453).

[More information>>](#)

Third Annual Early Childhood Fair

April 13, 2013 9 AM - Noon, Flagstaff

Flagstaff's Third Annual Early Childhood Fair is being held in celebration of children and will help initiate Flagstaff's observance of the National Association for the Education of the Young Child's Week of the Young Child. The theme of the event is "Early Learning, Early Reading," and will be held in the dome at Mount Elden Middle School on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 9 AM to noon. The event will provide information about early childhood care, health, and education in the Flagstaff area and will feature several related organizations.

[More information>>](#)

A Morning to Remember Brunch

April 14, 2013, Tucson Marriott University Park

Join Child and Family Resource in commemorating Child Abuse Prevention month at the annual Sunday brunch celebration and fund raiser. CFR is one of the leading prevention organizations in Arizona that works to ensure children are ready for school and that families succeed. A Morning to Remember will honor the unsung heroes for children and families in Arizona.

[More information>>](#)

Free Documentary Film Screening - *Bully*

April 17, 2013, 6 AM - 8:15 PM, Studio Movie Grill, Scottsdale

Join SARRC for a FREE screening of the documentary film *Bully* followed by a Q&A. The film tells the stories of five young people's experiences with bullying in rural America. [NPR](#) calls *Bully* "a wrenching, potentially transformative look at an epidemic of adolescent cruelty and adult paralysis in the nation's public schools." Reservations are required due to limited seating. Seated is first come, first served.

[More information>>](#)

Keep Phoenix Beautiful - Earth Day 2013

April 22, 2013, 11 AM - 1:30 PM, Cesar Chavez Plaza, Phoenix

Join Keep Phoenix Beautiful in downtown Phoenix on the 43rd anniversary of Earth Day, April 22nd 2013 from 11am-1:30pm at Cesar Chavez Plaza. You'll learn about recycling and sustainability, take home useful giveaways and share your enthusiasm with thousands of environmentally minded attendees!

[More information>>](#)



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