



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

You Spoke, We Listened!



**The Arizona Afterschool
Program Directory Is Improving!**

Your input over the past few weeks has prompted us to initiate
some **changes** to the **AZ Afterschool Program Directory!**

Our development team is fine-tuning the directory so it's
easier to navigate and **even more user-friendly!**

We expect to unveil the **new and improved
directory** in the next few weeks!

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

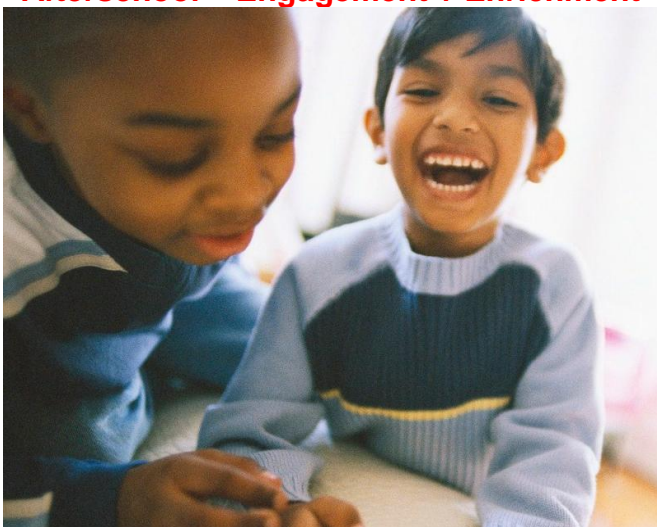
Not to worry- you can still access the directory to **check the status** of existing program entries, **edit** program specifics, or to **add new programs!**

Joining the directory is easy and **FREE!**
Click [here](#) to begin!

Questions? Please call 602.496.3307
or email info@azafterschool.org for assistance

SAVE THE DATE!

Afterschool = Engagement + Enrichment



You're Invited to 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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**Now Accepting Nominations for the
2013 Afterschool Awards of Excellence!**



AzCASE 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!**

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

Each recipient will receive **\$1,000** cash, an engraved award, **free registration to three AzCASE trainings in 2014**, and a certificate of recognition from **Governor Jan Brewer!**

Three finalists in each category will be honored at the **Awards of Excellence Luncheon** on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Winners will be announced at the Luncheon.

**Nominations must be submitted by
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013**

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

Have You Taken the AzCASE Newsletter Survey?



We've been busy brainstorming ways to make our newsletter relevant to your professional goals and interests and we need your help to ensure our newsletter is engaging and informative.

We would love to hear from you!

Please take a moment to share your **thoughts and opinions** in our newsletter survey.

[Take the survey here>>](#)

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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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Pioneer Preparatory School

Afterschool Tutor (Phoenix)

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Rancho Solano Preparatory School

Admissions Director (Phoenix)

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Whiteriver Unified School District

Elementary School Principal (Whiteriver)

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Scottsdale Unified School District

Student Teacher (Scottsdale)

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Tucson Head Start

Assistant Teacher (Tucson)

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

Funding Opportunities

Green in Action Awards

Deadline: April 30, 2013

Green In Action Awards will be granting \$250 to inspiring projects based on Green Education Foundation's sustainability themes. Winners are schools, classrooms or youth groups who have demonstrated their commitment, creativity, or passion for sustainability. Photos, videos, essays, or artwork describing your environmental project, activity, community service project, or green team program are welcome!

[More information>>](#)

Jan Stauber Grants

Deadline: May 1, 2013

The Beacon Society is awarding up to \$350 to persons and organizations proposing literary projects and other experiences that will introduce young people to the classic literary character Sherlock Holmes. The goal of the Beacon Society is to encourage young people to read- specifically works featuring Sherlock Holmes- and to honor Jan Stauber, a devoted "Sherlockian."

[More information>>](#)

STEM Impact Award 2013

Deadline: May 15, 2013

The Afterschool Alliance and the Noyce Foundation invite applications for one of two \$10,000 Afterschool STEM Impact Awards. In addition to a cash award, winners and notable applicants will be promoted nationally through a variety of

opportunities, including being featured in a special series of Afterschool Alliance issue briefs, participating in webinars, co-presenting at national and state conferences, and highlighted as model programs.

[More information>>](#)

Partners in Arts Education Grants

Deadline: May 16, 2013

MetLife Foundation Partners in Arts Education grants aim to improve teaching and learning in the arts by promoting exemplary partnerships between community arts education organizations and public schools. Awards of up to \$20,000 are given to specifically support partnerships that: exemplify best practices in creating and sustaining effective arts education partnerships; demonstrate joint design and execution of programming, curricula, professional development, and evaluation; provide high quality learning experiences that address national, state and/or local arts education standards; and serve significant numbers of public school students during the school day or extended day.

[More information>>](#)

Small, Rural School Achievement Program Grants

Deadline: May 31, 2013

The Small, Rural School Achievement Program, under the U.S. Department of Education, awards grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies to address the unique needs of rural school districts.

[More information>>](#)

Advanced Placement Test Fee Program

Deadline: June 3, 2013

The AP Test Fee program awards grants to eligible State educational agencies to enable them to pay all or a portion of advanced placement test fees on behalf of eligible low-income students who (1) are enrolled in an advanced placement course and (2) plan to take an advanced placement exam.

The program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who take advanced placement tests and receive scores for which college academic credit is awarded.

[More information>>](#)

National Endowment for the Humanities Implementation Grants

Deadline: August 14, 2013

Implementation grants from the America's Historical and Cultural Organizations program, administered by the National Endowment for the Humanities, will support the final stages of the preparation of a museum or library exhibition, interpretive Web site, a reading or discussion group, or other projects that

engages people in reflection upon culture, identity, and history.

[More information>>](#)

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

Trainings & Conferences

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>>](#)

Families Are Talking!- Talking With Young Kids About Bodies, Birth, and Sexuality

April 23, 2013, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, The Learning Center, Flagstaff

This interactive workshop will empower parents and guardians to have open and age-appropriate conversations with their kids about bodies, birth, and sexuality. Help kids feel good about their bodies and protect their health by sending healthy and positive messages. Participants will learn:

- what kids ages 0-8 need to know about these topics and when they need to know it
- how to identify their own attitudes and values about sexuality
- tips for talking with kids and specific steps for answering questions
- additional resources for more information

This workshop is open to the public and FREE. Contact Rachel Billowitz, MPH, Sexual Health Educator at 928-699-2807 for more information.

AZ Parks & Recreation Association- Teens & Trends

April 24, 2013, North Mountain Visitors Center, Phoenix

Looking for insight about teens? Join the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association for the upcoming training Teens & Trends. The training will include:

- a discussion of existing teen programs and their successes
- developing strategies for cultivating the support for implementing the types of programs teens really want
- perspectives on the issues facing today's teens from a High School Student Resource Officer
- a list of successful teen programs and ideas from all over the country

The training fee is \$10 for APRA members and \$15 for non-members and includes lunch.

[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>>](#)

2013 BOOST Conference

May 1 - 4, 2013, Palm Springs, CA

Be a part of the largest global convention of out-of-school time professionals at the BOOST Conference in Palm Springs.

Conference registrants will have access to workshop sessions, inspiration sessions, a film festival, networking opportunities including a reception, and other conference-sponsored events.

The deadline to register online has passed, but those wishing to

attend can still register on-site.

[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>>](#)

Community Events

National Park Week

April 20 - 28, 2013

Did you know Arizona has over 20 national parks? Celebrate spring with the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation during National Park Week! Take advantage of free entrance fees and get to know your Arizona national parks!

[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>>](#)

Trash to Treasure Tribute

April 27, 2013, 11 AM - 2 PM, Heritage Square, Flagstaff

The Trash to Treasure Tribute is a fun day out celebrating creative trash reduction through interactive games, a free community swap, ongoing recycled art workshops, trashy fashion show, trash model car derby, live music and more! The event is free and open to the public with an emphasis on families and youth engagement. This event can also be used by groups for their service and volunteer hours in cooperation with Global

Youth Service Day.

[More information>>](#)

The Literacy Center's 17th Annual Adult Mountain Spelling Bee

May 2, 2013, 5:30 - 10:00 PM, High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff

Join The Literacy Center for their primary fundraising event- The Mountain Spelling Bee- an adult spelling competition. Fifteen teams will compete to spell the hardest words in the English language. Outlandish words, dinner, cash bar, a silent auction and lots of audience participation spell unbeatable fun!

[More information>>](#)

Thank A Youth Worker Day

May 2, 2013, Nationwide

May 2nd is Thank A Youth Worker Day! Take the opportunity to show appreciation for the women and men who give of their time, talents, and energy to support young people. Sign up as a partner and receive great resources for saying thanks to those who make a positive difference in the lives of youth.

[More information>>](#)



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