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The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is celebrating 30 years of serving Arizona's youth program providers.



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Arizona's Out-of-School Time Conference

• OCTOBER 17-30, 2020 •

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EARLY BIRD RATES EXPIRE THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
REGISTER TODAY TO GET DISCOUNTED RATE

Early Bird Registration is open for the 28th Annual School's Out, Make It Count Conference, taking place virtually from October 17 - 30, 2020.

We're delighted to bring you 60 hours of workshops from a talented pool of presenters, including dynamic duo **Kami and Larry Kerby** who will discuss the difference between praise and encouragement and why your program will transform when encouragement is the standard.

Continuing Education Units are available for all workshops and CARE monies may be used toward registration.



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[Learn more & register](#)

[Head to our website](#) for more information, including a registration tutorial to walk you through the steps!



Take advantage of this **BONUS EVENT** for School's Out, Make It Count Conference Attendees...

Open Minds, Open Spaces: From Pivot to Reimagine

A Virtual Event About the Power of Afterschool, October 16, 2020

This fall, join colleagues from across the West for a special, one-day event focusing on the unique role of afterschool programs in communities.

Afterschool professionals are working around-the-clock to support youth, families, and our staff. We are focused on improving children's safety and well-being, helping essential personnel continue to do their jobs, maintaining touch points with families, creating engaging learning opportunities for young people, and providing food and other supports for families in need. We're also working to protect and retain afterschool program staff.

As we pivoted, we reacted; now we reimagine what afterschool can and should be in a time of unknowns. We are flexible, resilient, nimble, clever and powerful. On October 16th, we convene virtually to learn, collaborate and connect together.



Sign up for the Conference to Join the Open Minds, Open Spaces event

Are you a teacher looking for CEUs or know someone who is? New this year, all 74 hours of professional development workshops qualify for Continuing Education Units from the Arizona Department of Education. Register Now

<https://azafterschool.org/upcoming-events/conference-2020/>

ABOUT REOPENING

As schools reopen, we know you have a lot of questions. We've added a new section to our website to provide some guidance during this challenging transition. [Click here for more information](#)



First Book Partnerships

Collaboration that makes a difference for kids in need.

Join First Book for 2 Free Webinars on Critical Topics

Not signed up yet? No problem! [Sign up with First Book for free](#), then RSVP below to join us in these important conversations.

"Empowering Educators: A Convening on Racial Equity in Education"



Join Jason Reynolds, award winning author and National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, and AU antiracism scholars on **Wednesday, August 19 (11:00AM - 3:00PM EST)** for an exciting FREE virtual event hosted by the American University Antiracist Research & Policy Center, presented by First Book and Pizza Hut

[RSVP HERE](#)



"Supporting Students Coping with Grief and Loss During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

As educators prepare to resume classes and programs, we know that student mental health is an incredibly important concern. Join us for a FREE live webcast and Q&A on **Tuesday, August 11 (6:00 PM -7:30 PM EST)** to learn tangible ways to support grieving children from Dr. David Schonfeld, a leading developmental-behavioral pediatrician and founder of the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement. Presented by First Book and the New York Life Foundation.

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The Campaign for
**GRADE-LEVEL
READING**

LEARNING LOSS RECOVERY CHALLENGE

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AUGUST 18 ➡

Afterschool Opportunities: An Antidote to Learning Loss During COVID-19

Please join me on [August 18, 3–4:30 p.m. ET](#), as Dr. Terry K. Peterson, a proven education expert and "godfather" of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, moderates a conversation exploring lessons from afterschool and summer programs operating during the pandemic. Panelists will also discuss how these lessons might inform our efforts to reengage and reconnect students and support families after this time of extended challenges, isolation and learning loss.

Charles English of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas will share the solutions he and his staff have found in the midst of the pandemic and explain how the new approaches they are embracing can inform efforts both now and post-COVID-19. Jodi Grant of Afterschool Alliance will lift up the five essential building blocks of a community response that supports students in the coming school year and describe the roles that afterschool and community partners can play whether schools are operating in-person, all-remote or in a hybrid model. Angelina Garner of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation will introduce "Mizzen by Mott," a free, all-in-one tool for afterschool programs that delivers high-quality content and simplifies program planning. Jenn Conner, my colleague at Foundations, Inc., will share a wide range of resources to support programs as they plan for the coming year, offering tips on how to design virtual sessions, strategies and tools to engage staff and students in virtual learning and how to create a virtual learning plan that sets staff up for success.



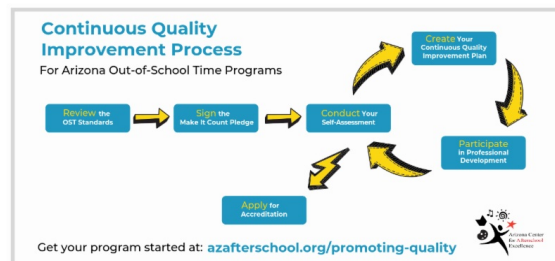
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Arizona Quality Out-of-School Time Programs

There is widespread agreement that while out-of-school time programs can be strong tools for youth development, this is only the case when these programs are of high quality. Quality programs come in a variety of shapes and sizes. There is no one program, style, curriculum, or method that meets the needs of all youth. Rather, a quality program is one that is a living organism, growing and adapting to meet the needs of all youth. Learn about the Arizona Continuous Quality Improvement Process for out-of-school time programs on our [website here](#).

Need help or have questions about the Arizona Quality Standards? Just give us a call! 602.734.5434.



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