

CELEBRATING THIRTY YEARS!



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 •

VIRTUAL



Discounted Registration for 60 Hours of Workshops >>

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.

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



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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

REOPENING TOGETHER: FORMING STRONG AFTERSCHOOL & IN-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS WEBINAR & TWITTER CHAT SERIES

- WEBINAR** > **IMPORTANCE OF AFTERSCHOOL IN SCHOOL REOPENING PLANS**
JULY 30, 12PM ET/9AM PT
- WEBINAR** > **BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESSFUL IN-SCHOOL & AFTERSCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**
AUGUST 4, 2PM ET/11AM PT
- TWITTER CHAT** > **REOPENING TOGETHER: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**
AUGUST 6, 2PM ET/11AM PT



Afterschool Alliance Reopening Together Webinar Series



Missed the first part in this Webinar Series? Watch it on-demand on the Afterschool Alliance website [here](#).

Blueprint for Successful In-School & Afterschool Partnerships

Tuesday, August 4, 11 AM PT

This webinar will go over the specific tools afterschool programs & providers can use to form critical partnerships with states and school districts. We will highlight the **"Blueprint for How Afterschool Programs & Community Partners Can Help,"** as well as other tools & messaging guides. We'll be joined by program leaders who will share their experience, messaging, and success in advocating for afterschool to be included in reopening guidance.

[Register](#)

Reopening Together: Twitter Chat

Thursday, August 6, 11 AM PT

The Reopening Webinar Series will culminate in a Twitter Chat on August 6, 11AM PT to bring together partners from across the education spectrum to discuss & share best practices for advocating for expanded learning partnerships and answer questions from the field. Join us for a lively discussion and help us spread the word!

Lights On Afterschool is... On!

October 22, 2020

Autumn 2020 won't look like any year on record, but that won't stop the Afterschool Alliance from shining a spotlight on afterschool. The 21st annual Lights On Afterschool (LOA) is kicking off on October 22, 2020.

LOA 2020 will feature a full week of virtual, in-person, and hybrid events and activities to help afterschool programs, and the children and families they serve, celebrate.

Save the date for a Lights On Afterschool like no other!



[Learn more](#)



What does your program look like during COVID-19? *Share your photo!*



Say Cheese!

How is your program adapting
during the pandemic?

Have you gone virtual?
Socially-distanced?

Back to in-person programming?

**Share a photo that highlights
how your program has pivoted.**

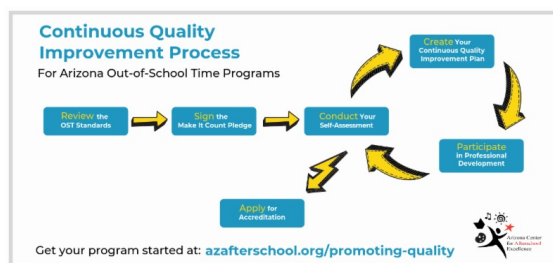
Ideally, photos will include staff and youth and have an indication of the program name, either on a staff shirt or name badge or background image. The photo can be of a virtual program, socially-distanced program or in-person program. Please only share photos of youth for whom you have a photo release.

Send photos to rbradstock@azafterschool.org

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.



OST Quality Standards

Arizona Accreditation

Make It Count Pledge

Assessment Tool



COVID-19 RESOURCES

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