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State of the Afterschool Profession Survey

For the first time, **National AfterSchool Association** (NAA) is compiling a "State of the Afterschool Profession Report," which will provide useful details and information about their members that will help them better advocate for and serve professionals. The results of the report will first be shared at NAA's Annual Convention in March in Dallas.



NAA works to equip professionals and their OST programs with top-notch training, tools and skills. They have many organizations and groups willing to help with these resources-but first they must know more about their members. You just need to log in or create your account and update your profile by answering a few quick questions about your role and the program(s) you serve. This should take no more than a couple minutes of your time. **Five lucky respondents will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card!**

As partners to AzCASE, you all are NAA Ambassadors and receive the benefits of this great national partnership!

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Computer Science in OST—Challenges & Opportunities Report

Last week was Computer Science Education Week--did your OST program celebrate? [Share with us on social media!](#) A new report is out on OST and Technology!

A diverse group of stakeholders-including educators, business and industry, policy makers, and parents-agree that computer science education is vital for kids to become the creators and innovators for the next generation, making technology work for them and designing solutions for their communities.



Afterschool Alliance asked the OST field what they thought about computer science

education-and responses showed overwhelming interest! Almost 60 percent of respondents currently offer computer science to their students, or had offered it in the past. Despite this strong interest, OST providers indicated some big challenges to offering computer science to their students, especially finding qualified educators to teach it, securing funding, and accessing necessary technology.

[Read the Report](#)

Year Up Opportunities for Youth

YearUp Arizona is seeking 80 youth for its upcoming cohort. YearUp is an intensive, one year program for young adults 18-24 combining hands-on skill development and internships at the nation's top companies, emphasizing valuable hard and soft skills training. Youth in the program can earn up to \$600 per month and 30 college credits while participating. 85% of YearUp's graduates are employed in a YearUp related professional field and/or attending school at program completion and their average beginning salary is \$36,000 per year.



YearUp Arizona opportunities also include their [LYDC One Pager](#), [One Year to a Career](#), and [YUAZ Spanish One Pager](#).

If you know of anyone interested in becoming a student at YearUp Arizona, please have them complete an [interest form](#). For more information or to apply to the program please contact them at: Office: (480)376-0898 Email: azadmissions@yearup.org.

generationON Joy Making



generationOn, the youth division of Points of Light, is engaging youth from across the country in the **Joy Maker Challenge**. This program **gets youth involved in meaningful, hands on service**, helping them develop empathy and compassion for others. For each youth who engages in service, **Hasbro will donate a toy or game to Toys for Tots**--up to 1 million dollars worth! That means each act of kindness or volunteer service will have **TWICE** the impact!

Youth, teachers, parents or youth development professionals can [sign up and access project guides, lesson plans and more](#) and share their story for a chance to win grants to support further service! Any service projects counts!

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