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

Wishing all a very happy, safe, and healthy holiday season!
Our offices will be closed from December 28 - January 1.
See you in the long-anticipated NEW YEAR!

Grants for middle school OST programs

The New York Life Foundation is seeking applications from afterschool, summer, or expanded learning programs serving underserved middle-school youth. In total, $1.35 million in grants will be awarded to programs all across the country. This is the fifth year of the Foundation’s Aim High grant competition, bringing the total amount awarded to $6.15 million. A total of 26 grant awards will be made nationwide—take a look to see which opportunity is a good fit for you, and apply today!

Grant categories:
- $100,000 Level
  - Eight (8) grants of $50,000 per year over the span of two years (for a total award of $100,000) will go to OST programs with annual program budgets of $250,000 or more and
- [Additional categories as needed]
In Arizona, unmet demand for afterschool programs has reached an all-time high, with more than 493,000 children who would be enrolled in a program if one were available to them. Demand for afterschool in Arizona surges as parents see key benefits from afterschool, including keeping kids safe, helping them learn and grow, and providing peace of mind for working families. As families face barriers to participation, such as cost and accessibility, there is strong support behind public funding for afterschool programs in the state.

Stay tuned, we are very close to announcing our date and location for our annual School's Out Make it Count Conference 2021!

Also, our Spring Training and PD details will be coming soon.