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9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
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December 4, 2013

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Dear Melanie,

We would like to thank you once again for helping us make the **2013 Arizona Afterschool Conference & Awards Luncheon** a grand success! Hundreds of professionals from around the state attended the conference and luncheon and participated in fun and unique professional development workshops.

This year, we were excited to honor **Vince Roig, founder of the Helios Education Foundation**, as the **2013 Afterschool Champion** for his life-long commitment to excellence in education! Also honored for their outstanding performance in our out-of-school network were the three 2013 Awards of Excellence winners:

- **2013 Jane Romatzke Outstanding Afterschool Leader-** Debbie Winlock, *Page Public Library*
- **Outstanding Afterschool Program-** ICAN
- **Outstanding Afterschool Professional-** Kim Alvin, *Boys Hope Girls Hope*

Thank you all for attending and thank you to the winners for your dedication to the enrichment of youth's lives through your out-of-school programs! [Read more about the winners and their achievements by clicking here.](#)

Access your copy of the new **Arizona Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs**.

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Afterschool in the News

-BIG READ Grant Application now open for developing reading programs-Up to \$20,000 award.

-Join the Children's Museum of Phoenix for SNOW MUCH FUN DAY! Dec 14th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

-Use this National Geographic resource for your program! Maps, beautiful pictures, articles about countries & cultures.
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developed by a statewide committee of experts, by submitting your request to mmcclintock@azafterschool.org or [clicking here](#).

Discover December!

This month explore inspiring art, exciting science, stories, music, history and much more with the

Act One Culture Pass.



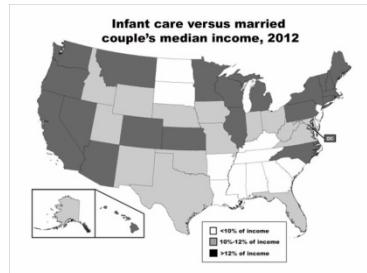
Library cardholders can check out a Culture Pass for two FREE admissions to various art and culture institutions around the valley, such as the Arizona Science Center and the Phoenix Zoo.

[Visit your participating library or click here for more information!](#)

Arizona is the 7th least affordable state for before-school/after-school child care.

According to Child Care Aware of America, a national advocacy group, in 2012, child care in Arizona cost the average family \$6,198. The study also discovered that

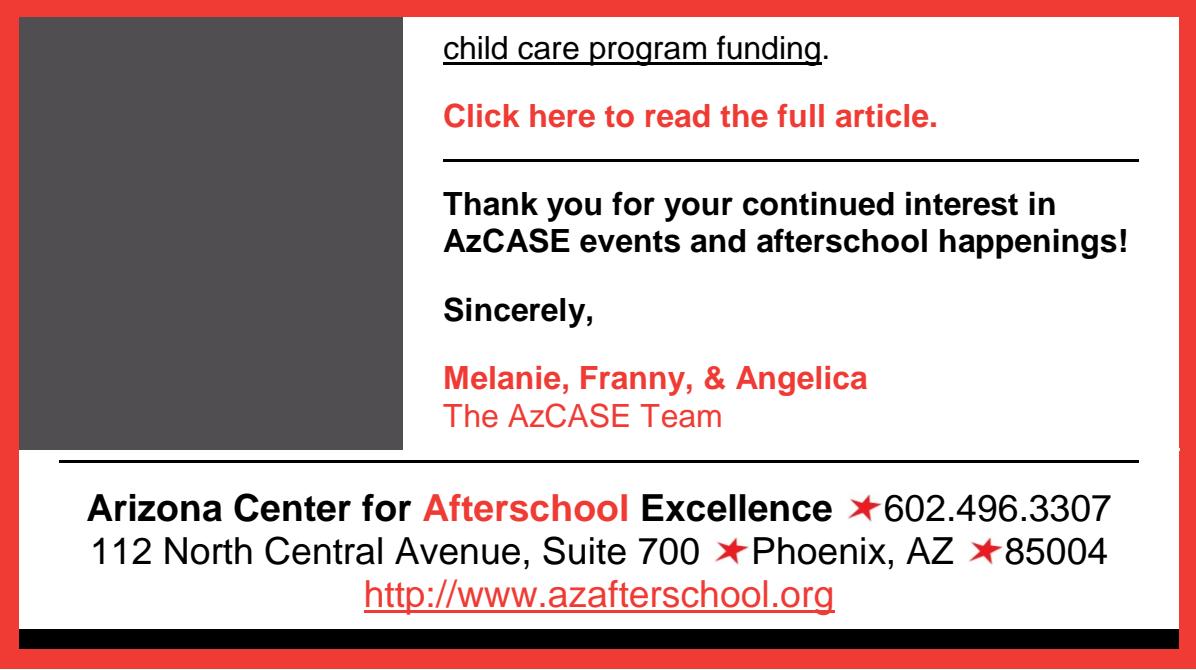
infant care in Arizona is only 10% cheaper than tuition at a public university.



Affordability of infant care as a percentage of a married couple's median income.

Liz Barker Alvarez, senior director of communications at First Things First, expressed that the skills gained when attending quality child care are "**crucial for their success in school and life**".

The Department of Economic Security also reported that child care subsidies **decreased about 50%** within four years. Without the help of DES, many parents cannot afford to go to work. Erin Raden, executive director of the Arizona Child Care Association, said her organization is encouraging Legislature to restore DES subsidy



child care program funding.

Click here to read the full article.

**Thank you for your continued interest in
AzCASE events and afterschool happenings!**

Sincerely,

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