



The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence (AzCASE) is celebrating 30 Years of serving Arizona's Youth Program Providers



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SCHOOL'S OUT, MAKE IT COUNT!

Program Resources

Events

Promoting Quality

Join Us for Spring Professional Development Sessions

Sessions are filling up fast!

Invest in your program by sending your staff to AzCASE Spring PD. Don't miss out on the latest hot topics for OST professionals.



We have seven sessions to select from - attend one or attend them all. Just \$25 per session.

[Check out the sessions and Register Today!](#)



2020 Out-of-School Time Awards Of Excellence Nominations Now Open

The Annual Arizona Out-of-School Time Awards of Excellence recognizes excellent out-of-school time programs and staff members for their exemplary work in providing and promoting quality youth development programs for Arizona's youth.

For the 19th consecutive year, the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence will honor winners in five categories. Winners will be announced at the School's Out, Make it Count Conference on October 17th, 2020.

MELANIE McCLINTOCK LEADERSHIP AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROFESSIONAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME NEW STAFF MEMBER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
INNOVATIVE PRACTICES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



FIVE-STEP PLAN TO DEVELOP STRONG WORK HABITS AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

From the National Afterschool Association:

Donald Sheffield outlines the plan in his book, *Practice Makes Perfect—Not! Understanding High Performance: Excellence Is a Habit*. In simple form, it consists of five steps: warm up, focus, finish, outlook and cool down. The plan works for any activity that's the responsibility of the child.

[Click here to read the article](#)



2020 Gro More Good Grassroots Grant

The 2020 Gro More Good Grassroots Grant presented by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidsGardening is designed to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. Awards

provide funding for the development of new and expansion of existing youth garden programs and greenspaces serving 15 or more youth. Application deadline is February 14th.

Brady Shines Youth Development

Brady Shines is currently accepting requests from nonprofit organizations, government entities, schools, universities, churches, and faith-based organizations that address the themes of Supporting the Disabled, Healthy Living, and Schools In Need. Grants ranging from \$250 to \$10,000 and product donations will be provided.

Renaissance Fair Student Days

Tuesday February 25th and Thursday February 27th

The Arizona Renaissance Festival Student Days offer a unique opportunity to bring an important era in history to life.

Student Days were created to highlight the educational aspects of the Renaissance; language, science, exploration, mannerisms, customs, commedia theatre, jousting tournaments, artisan demonstrations and music are just some of the learning opportunities that await your students.



[Click here for the details](#)

Continuous Quality Improvement Process

For Arizona Out-of-School Time Programs



Get your program started at: azafterschool.org/promoting-quality

- **Make it Count Pledge**
- **Quality Standards Self-Assessment Tool**
- **Arizona Accreditation**

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

Quality Program Details



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