



## Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence "School's Out, Make it Count!"

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### **STEM Mini-Grant for Young Innovators**

Just this month, Guadalupe Branch Library has been able to implement a new STEM program!

"Thanks to a grant from the **Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence and Cox Communications**,

Guadalupe Branch Library will be hosting the Young Innovators Club for youth and teens, ages 10-17, beginning later this month.

The grant, used to purchase electronic tools and gadgets such as robotic balls, a 3D printer, littleBits electronics, and e-textile LilyPads, will aid in bringing science to life as club members delve into

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### **Connect with High-Quality Trainers Serving Arizona OST Programs**

AzCASE and Valley of the Sun United Way are pleased to announce a new resource for out-of-school time programs:

#### **The Arizona Out-of-School Time Trainer Network.**

The Trainer Network is designed to **connect Arizona out-of-school time programs with high-quality trainers** to support their professional development needs, and is searchable by geographic area served, topics addressed, cost, and more.

**AzCASE-Endorsed Trainers** come with our stamp of approval for their understanding of and commitment to the implementation of the **Arizona Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs**. The Trainer Network is part of Arizona's Continuous Quality Improvement System for out-of-school time programs.

Search the **[OST Trainer Network](#)**  
Are you a trainer? **[Apply to be listed](#)** in the Trainer Network

**[Learn more about the Continuous Quality Improvement System](#)**

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### **AZ Afterschool Directory Deadline is Almost Here!**

all aspects of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)."

[Read more about what the Guadalupe Library says about their grant-funded STEM program here!](#)

### Seeking STEM Help

Science Matters in America is currently seeking **STEM club Facilitators** and **Assistants** for locations in the East Valley and Central Phoenix. Positions require availability 1-2 days a week within the 3-5pm window.

Find more details about this opportunity and others on our [Resources](#) page, listed below.

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Would you like **Rockets to the Rescue! kits** for your youth? Or maybe **free registration to the 2015 AzCASE Conference** or **three free registrations to one Spring Professional Development Training** for your program staff?

Then update or create your AZ Afterschool Directory listing!



***The raffle closes on February 13<sup>th</sup>!***

Join the **AZ Afterschool Directory** to ensure that your program is featured in our **2015 Parent Outreach Campaign!** The Directory will be promoted in libraries, on KJZZ, and more!

Act now to attract more youth to your program. The Directory is where parents will search for summer and fall programs!

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### **It's Your Last Chance to Register for Diana Brown!**

AzCASE's 2015 Winter/Spring Professional Development Series begins February 10th!



Does your staff and program meet the **Arizona Quality Standard I. Safe and Healthy Environments** or **Standard II. Positive Relationships?**

Starting just next week, **Diana Brown of Conscious Discipline** will lead fast-paced workshops to empower OST staff to make meaningful steps to quality improvement!

Join AzCASE for "**Providing Structure and Encouragement in Your Program**" on February 10th, 12th, or 19th for just \$30!



**Register now**, before this opportunity is gone!

## Aaron Secakuku, Welcome to the AzCASE Board of Directors!



AzCASE is known for partnering with people passionate about the out-of-school time cause around Arizona. Sometimes, we're lucky enough to get them on board--on our Board of Directors, that is!

We're happy to announce that an outstanding OST professional is serving as our newest Board Member. **Aaron Secakuku**, we look forward to all you have to bring to our AzCASE team.

To capitalize on our good experiences, there are times when we get fantastic people on Board and then don't want to let them go. **JoAnne Hilde** joins **Ruth Solomon** and **Carolyn Warner** as members of our recently-created *Emeritus Board of Directors*.

Meet our [Board of Directors](#) on our site.

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Thank you for your support of AzCASE happenings and all you do for Arizona's youth!

Sincerely,

**Melanie, Franny, Genevieve & Caitlin**  
**The AzCASE Team**

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