



# Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence

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**UPDATE:** On January 31st, the Arizona Quality Assessment Committee convened to kick-off phase II of Arizona's Quality Improvement Process.

**AzCASE** would like to give a special thanks to the committee members for lending their skills, talent and time to serve on the committee. Your knowledge and ideas are greatly appreciated! We are thrilled to be working with you all.

the @fterschool advisor

Dear Melanie,

Arizona Out-of-School Time programs and staff are increasingly being expected to serve youth with special needs yet don't always feel competent to meet the needs of those youth.

Empower yourself and your staff by registering for "**Maximizing Communication with Children with Special Needs**" presented by **Amy Maschue, CCC-SLP**, the next in our series of professional development trainings. .

This training provides evidence-based practices that will help you maximize your communication with children with special needs.

You will review strategies and communication behaviors of special needs youth (at every level of communication ability), and receive training on social interaction planning tools to help you better communicate and interact.

The cost of the training is only \$30 per person. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the three hour session.



View a full list of committee members by [clicking here](#).

### The Life Cycle of Mentoring

Youth development experts, Gail Manza and Susan K. Patrick, explore the ever-changing and evolving bonds that are created when mentoring youth, in their book, *The Mentor's Field Guide*, through new research, evidence-based practices, and case studies.

They discuss the six stages in the "life cycle" that you, as a mentor, could encounter when working with adolescents.

1. Introductory Stage
2. Relationship-Building Stage

### Training Dates:

- February 18th - Phoenix, 9 am -12 pm
- February 19th - Phoenix, 9 am - 12 pm
- February 20th - Tucson, 9 am-12 pm
- February 25th - Flagstaff, 9 am -12 pm

To register, [click here](#).

Participation in this training meets the requirements of the new Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs (Standard IV: Equity and Inclusion).

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### Youth Mental Health Training



NARBHA and MHFA-USA are conducting **FREE** 8 hour 'Youth Mental Health First Aid' training courses for teachers, school admin, coaches, youth leaders, etc .

Participants will increase awareness and knowledge about mental illness and substance use, decrease fear to human beings experiencing problems, and walk away feeling comfortable to helping youth in our community.

#### Dates:

**Monday, February 24**  
**Monday, March 17**  
**Friday, April 25**  
**Wednesday, May 28**  
**Friday, June 27**

#### Location:

**NARBHA Bldg**  
**1300 S. Yale, Flagstaff, AZ**

To **RSVP** contact Heather Coate  
at **928-214-1194** or  
email [heather.coate@narbha.org](mailto:heather.coate@narbha.org)

3. Growth Stage
4. Maturation Stage
5. Transition Stage
6. Termination

Are you interested in becoming a mentor?

Click [here](#) for tips on getting started and staying motivated.

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### **Afterschool in the News**

*-Google pilots  
Computer Science  
afterschool program*

*-Free, interactive,  
STEM resource:  
Click2Science*

*-Phx Public Library  
kicks off "We Read"  
30-day challenge*

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### **AzCASE Resources**

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### **CocoNuts release FTC results**

The **CocoNuts Robotics Team** from **Coconino High School** in **Flagstaff, AZ** is the 1st robotics team of its kind in Northern Arizona. Since its founding in 2007, the CocoNuts have been recipients of prestigious awards such as the Inspire Award, Engineering Inspiration Award, and Regional Chairman's Award.

The Coconuts spend countless hours working in their community to spread excitement of FIRST Robotics, mentor younger FIRST teams in Flagstaff, teach a robotics curriculum, run a summer robotics program, and host the Arizona FIRST Tech Challenge Championships.

On January 18, the Coconino High School CocoNuts hosted 28 teams at the Arizona FIRST Tech Challenge Championship Tournament. The CocoNuts have been instrumental in the growth and quality of the FIRST Tech Challenge. When they began hosting FTC in 2009, there were only eight teams in Arizona. This year, the program contained 42 Arizona teams and 10 New Mexico teams.


The Inspire Award winning team is given to the team that serves as a role model for all FTC teams. This year, the winning team was team 5661 EFHS SHPE from Estrella Foothills High School in Goodyear.

The CocoNuts plan on competing for the Regional Chairman's Award again this year. They have received the Award four times in their six year team history. The winners of the Regional Chairman's Award will travel to St. Louis in April to compete for the Championship Chairman's Award.

To learn more about the CocoNuts and see the complete results of the Arizona FIRST Tech Challenge

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**Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence** would like to thank you for your continuous support and dedication to enriching the lives of youth in Arizona!

Sincerely,

**Melanie, Franny, & Angelica**  
The AzCASE Team

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