



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

Spend 2 hours with area experts learning leading edge topics to support your program. \$25 each session.

Adam Brooks – *What is Social & Emotional Learning* -
February 19th in El Mirage , 10:00am-Noon

Corey Pruitt – *Sparking Creativity and Innovation in Others*
- February 20th in Phoenix, 10:00am-Noon

Dr Bryan Harris – *The Strategies for Youth Who Drive You Nuts*
- February 25th in Phoenix, 10:00am-Noon

Manuel Padia – *Tough Conversations with Youth*
- February 26th in Phoenix, 10am-Noon

Kara Largent – *Playful Group Management*
- February 27th in Tucson, 9:00am-11am

Nick Monzi - *NBA Math Hoops*
- February 27th -Tucson - 12-2pm

Lori Robinson – *Relationships Matter*
- February 27th in Chandler, 10:00am-Noon



**Register
Now!**

Did you know your program may be



eligible for reimbursement for snacks and meals?

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) offers cash reimbursement to entities who provide kids 18 and under with meals outside of regular school hours.

The program helps fill a large gap for students who don't have access to food when they leave school for the day. There are two core eligibility requirements:

- 1) The school must be located in an area with at least 50% enrollment of free and reduced price eligible kids. There are a couple ways to determine this, so reach out to alexander@azfoodbanks.org or your School Nutrition Programs Specialist at ADE for help if you are uncertain.
- 2) There must be an enrichment activity offered that is open to all kids. It is worth noting that participation in this activity does not need to be tracked, it simply needs to be offered. This can be something as simple as offering tutoring to kids.

About 6 months ago, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) implemented changes in the administration of CACFP that made it much easier for schools to enroll in the program. Previously, schools who desired to enroll in CACFP had to go through the Community Nutrition Department at ADE and complete an entirely separate application. Now, your assigned School Nutrition Programs Specialist at ADE is the only person you need to speak with to get started on the program.

Once a school is enrolled in CACFP, the program reimburses meals distributed to all kids, not just those that are free and reduced price eligible. That is to say, a qualified school may provide universal reimbursable free meals to all students. Due to the high reimbursement for CACFP, \$3.41 for a full meal, most schools find the program to be quite financially viable.

Under CACFP, schools may offer a meal, which consists of all five meal components, and a snack, which consists of at least two of the five components. The school may offer both the meal and the snack, or only one of the two.

For questions on any of this information, please reach out to alexander@azfoodbanks.org for support.



Funding Opportunities

Dollar General Literacy Grants

Summer Reading Grant

These grants support the creation or expansion of summer reading programs. Local nonprofit organizations, schools and libraries are eligible to apply

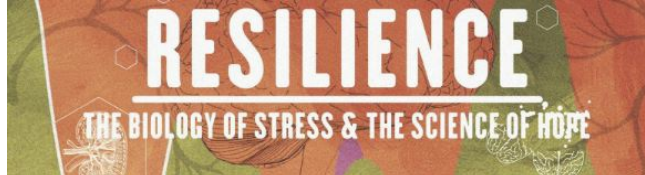
Youth Literacy Grants (due February 20th)

Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students who are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply.

Last Call for Resilience Documentary Viewings

We have a few spots available to bring the *Resilience Documentary* to your program. Check out our website for details and contact [Ryan Bradstock](#) to schedule your session!

Resilience Documentary Details



JOIN US FOR A SCREENING OF

RESILIENCE:
A DOCUMENTARY
FOLLOWED BY Q&A



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Continuous Quality Improvement Process

For Arizona Out-of-School Time Programs



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