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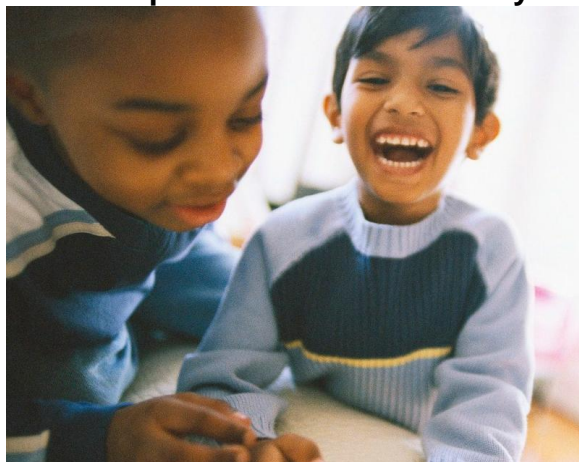


Working together to increase the availability
and quality of afterschool opportunities statewide

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Announcements from the Center

Proposals for AzCASE Annual Conference Workshop Presentations Due July 12!



Apply Today!

The deadline to submit proposals for the
November 2nd Arizona Afterschool Conference is **almost here!**

We are seeking proposals in the following areas:

- **Executive Track**
 - Leadership, Staff Development, Program Administration
- **Program Quality**
- **Program Planning**
- **Program Evaluation**

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The Arizona Center for
Afterschool Excellence is
dedicated to the
enhancement of child and
youth development and
educational achievement
through quality
afterschool
programming.

[More about AzCASE>>](#)

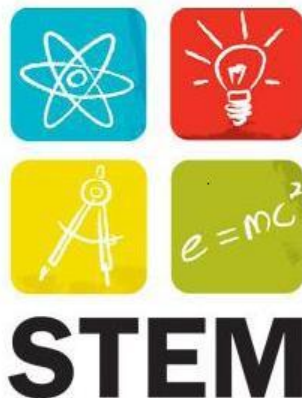
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- **Youth Development**
 - Youth Voice, Youth Engagement, Developmental Stages, Behavior Management
 - **Health**
 - Physical Activity, Nutrition, Wellness, Social/Emotional Health
 - **Humanities**
 - Arts, Literacy, Service Learning
 - **STEM**
 - Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
- ...and many more topics that are timely and relevant to afterschool providers and staff.

It's not too late! Apply today!
The deadline for proposals is Friday, July 12
[Workshop Proposal Application & Details>>](#)

Questions? Call 602.496.3307 or email info@azafterschool.org

The Arizona Afterschool STEM Survey Report Is Now Available!



We are excited to announce the availability of the final Arizona Afterschool STEM Survey report!

Those of you who know of or participated in this survey will be pleased to read the results for yourselves, and we hope that you will share this report within your own network of afterschool providers, managers, teachers, parents, and other interested parties.

[Read the report here>>](#)

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Congratulations to the Prize Winners of the Arizona Afterschool STEM Survey!



A big **congratulations** to the winners, who were selected at random from a pool of **over 350 STEM Survey participants!**

- **Daniel Glover**, *Extended Day Manager at Litchfield Elementary School District*, has won \$100 worth of Lakeshore educational CD-ROM programs!
- **Tom N. Powers**, *Greenlee County School Superintendent*, has won a \$150 LEGO Education Simple and Motorized Mechanisms Base Set!
- **Teresa Noon**, *Program Director with Operation Military Kids*, has won a \$250 Amazon.com gift card!
- **Ronda Frueauff**, of *Fort Huachuca Schools*, has won 2 FREE registrations to the 2013 Arizona Statewide Afterschool Conference!

Congratulations again, and a **big thank you** for participating in our **Arizona Afterschool STEM Survey!**

AzCASE Featured Program of the Month: **"Extra Innings" STEM Camp at Killip Elementary School in Flagstaff**

AzCASE is launching a **new initiative** to highlight a different program in Arizona each month that effectively demonstrates **best practices in afterschool**. We selected **Killip Elementary's "Extra Innings" STEM Camp in Flagstaff** as our inaugural program and are excited to share their story!

[Read more here>>](#)

Afterschool In The News

Carrie Severson of Severson Sisters Wins USA Network's Characters United Award!



Carrie Severson, CEO, founder, and leader of [Severson Sisters](#), a small nonprofit based in Scottsdale, AZ which aims to empower girls and young women, was recently awarded USA Network's Characters Unite Award! As a winner, Severson will take part in both local and national PSA campaigns launching later this summer. Severson Sisters will also partner with Cox Communications this fall to host a celebratory event at the Arizona Broadway Theater.

Says Severson,

The USA Network Characters Unite campaign is so powerful and I'm grateful to be a part of it! USA Network celebrates characters who unite! And I love that. I've been saying - Super Girls UNITE from the start. I believe in unity. I stand for unity.

[Read more about Carrie and her fellow Characters Unite Award winners here>>](#)

The End of Bullying? Breaking the Gender-Labeling Habit Early



The **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** recently published a report entitled *Guidance for Massachusetts Public Schools Creating a Safe and Supportive School Environment*, which serve as guidelines for **nondiscrimination** on the basis of gender and/or gender identity.

The report cites the need for schools- as well as afterschool and out-of-school time programs- to provide all students with a safe and supportive environment in which to grow academically, developmentally, and socially. The goal of such guidelines is to enable administrators, faculty, staff, and students to **create a culture in which all students, regardless of gender-identity, feel safe, supported, and included.**

Says columnist Sheryl Boris-Schacter of applying Massachusetts' guidelines to our own programs,

A good place to begin is for us to rethink common elementary school practices of labeling and sorting children by gender, because those behaviors both contribute to the stigma experienced by transgender students and reinforce detrimental stereotypes for all children.... We need to contribute positively to change by altering school-based practices that inadvertently limit the ways in which children see their worth, define their interests, and construct their identity.

[Read the full guidelines here>>](#)
[Read Boris-Schacter's article here>>](#)

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Awards & Contests

Call For Presenters:
AZ Summit on Volunteerism & Service- Learning



Inspire. Energize. Mobilize.
Arizona unites to serve.

The Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service-Learning has issued a **call for presenters** and a **request for proposals** for its 2013 Summit, December 6-7 at ASU West Campus in Glendale.

The deadline for submission is Monday, July 15, 2013.

[Read more here>>](#)

Future For Kids Seeking Program Hosts



Future for KIDS is now accepting applications for organizations that serve youth ages 6-12 who are interested in **serving as a host location** for Future For Kids "Discover Your Future" 2-hour enrichment program.

The deadline for submission is Monday, July 15, 2013.

[Read more here>>](#)

United Way Now Accepting Applications for 2013-2014 After School Prosperity Center Sites

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**United Way of Tucson
and Southern Arizona**

UnitedWayTucson.org

United Way is accepting applications for **After School Prosperity Center Sites** for the 2013-2014 school year.

**The deadline for submission is 5 PM on
Monday, July 22, 2013.**

[Access the application here>>](#)

[Submit completed applications to Pia Seebach-York>>](#)

Job Opportunities

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TO POST IN OUR NEWSLETTER?**

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United Way of Tucson

Senior Director of Community Development (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

Vail School District: Cottonwood Enrichment Center

Early Childhood Specialist/ Classified Preschool Teacher
(Tucson)

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Northern Arizona University

Assistant Director, GEAR UP (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development

Community Engagement & Public Relations Manager
(Phoenix)

[Email>>](#)

Childtime Learning Center

Lead Teacher- Early Childhood Education/ Pre-School
(Flagstaff)

[Read more>>](#)

[View the full list of available positions and descriptions
on our website>>](#)

Funding Opportunities

Enhanced Assessment Grants Program

Deadline: July 8, 2013

Award: \$9.2 million

The purpose of this program is to enhance the quality of assessment instruments and systems used by States for measuring the academic achievement of elementary and secondary school students. The Department is holding a competition to support the development or enhancement of a kindergarten entry assessment that is aligned with the State's early learning and development standards and that must cover all of the essential domains of school readiness. We will give priority to early learning collaborative efforts among States (collaborative efforts) in developing this assessment.

[More information>>](#)

Juvenile Justice Information Sharing & Technical Assistance Grant

Deadline: July 9, 2013

Award: Up to \$175,000

This initiative aims to enhance the ability of the juvenile justice, child welfare, mental health, and education systems to share information that will facilitate the provision of services and ensure better outcomes for children, youth, and families.

OJJDP will deliver training and technical assistance services to build state, local, and tribal capacities to implement solutions to address this nationwide need. OJJDP will build the capacity of juvenile justice, child welfare, mental health, and education systems and use existing information sharing standards, procedures, tools, and practices across agencies to improve services and outcomes for youth, families, and communities.

[More information>>](#)

Head Start University Partnerships

Deadline: July 26, 2013

Award: \$400,000 - \$500,000

This grant solicits applications for Head Start University Partnerships to support projects that will examine the role that Head Start can play in promoting family well-being, including health, safety, financial security, and school readiness.

Projects must be led by researchers working in partnership with one or more Head Start programs. Examples of the types of services of interest include, but are not limited to: sectoral employment initiatives or other intensive employment services; or workforce readiness skills, family language and literacy (including English classes for non-English speakers), mental health services, and domestic violence services. Results of these studies are expected to provide valuable information that can help guide programs in their decisions regarding strategies for improving parent well-being in ways that will ultimately result in positive child outcomes.

[More information>>](#)

Youth Engagement, Education & Employment Program

Deadline: July 31, 2013

Award: Varies

This grant from Fish and Wildlife Services aims to provide experiential, education, and employment program opportunities for youth of all ages (pre-K through early adult life, including students, associates, fellows, interns, members, and volunteers) to participate in conservation activities conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or in collaboration with other DOI bureaus; other federal agencies; and other non-Federal entities.

[More information>>](#)

Disability & Rehabilitation Research & Training Program Grant

Deadline: August 6, 2013

Award: Up to \$875,000

The purpose of this program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities.

[More information>>](#)

Planning Grants for America's Historical & Cultural Organizations

Deadline: August 14, 2013

Award: Varies

Grants will support the development of a museum or library exhibition, interpretive Web site, a reading or discussion group, or other projects that engage people in reflection upon culture, identity, and history. Organizations classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, local and state government agencies, and federally recognized American Indian tribal governments may apply.

[More information>>](#)

[Find more resources and funding opportunities on our website>>](#)

Trainings & Conferences

Road Maps to Common Core Success

Webinar

This webinar will allow participants to discover strategies and new approaches to common-core roadblocks, including:

- How states and districts are planning to turn the new standards into positive outcomes on the coming assessments.
- Which routes are being taken to choose or design curricula that truly reflect the new expectations.
- How leaders are ensuring teachers are prepared for the coming challenges to meet the needs of a diverse body of students.

[More information>>](#)

Community Events

Independence Day Celebrations

July 4, 2013, statewide

Looking for a fun way to celebrate the 4th of July with family and friends? Check out the **Fireworks Celebrations Guide** and have a happy and safe holiday!



[More information>>](#)



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