



Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence

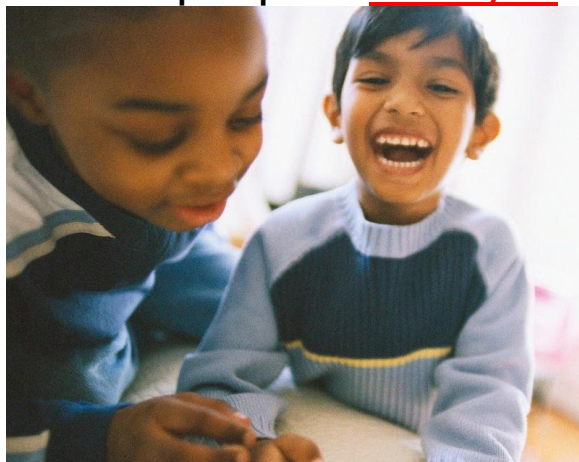


Working together to increase the availability
and quality of afterschool opportunities statewide

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Announcements from the Center

DEADLINE EXTENDED!
AzCASE Annual Conference
Workshop Proposals Due July 26!



We've received so many **exciting workshop proposals**
for the November 2nd Arizona Afterschool Conference
we decided to extend the deadline!

The extended deadline for proposals is Friday, July 26!
APPLY TODAY!

[Workshop Proposal Application & Details>>](#)

Questions? Call 602.496.3307 or email info@azafterschool.org

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The Arizona Center for
Afterschool Excellence is

Apply Today For a STEM Mini-Grant from AzCASE & Cox Communications!



The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence and **Cox Communications** invite afterschool programs statewide to apply for **one of ten \$1,500 grants** to create new or expanded STEM-based learning in afterschool or summer programming.

The goal for this grant is for afterschool **staff AND youth to brainstorm** what might be done using Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Math concepts to solve **real world** questions and problems. These issues should be relevant and of interest to the children and youth in the afterschool program. We are looking for hands-on, project-based learning, and a project that allows youth to design, build, and test their ideas even if their original concept doesn't succeed.

Eligibility:

Afterschool and out-of-school programs **serving youth ages 6 to 18** are eligible to apply and must submit a grant application with a full description and budget of their planned use for the funds by **Friday, September 6, 2013.**

ALL grant proposals MUST describe how the STEM grant funding will be used and the educational benefits derived.

Grants will be awarded statewide to programs based on their creative and innovative use of age appropriate technology or proposed STEM-based projects for the intended afterschool audience.

Application:

[View & print grant application here>>](#)

Grant applications must be submitted by **Friday, September 6**

For more information:

Contact Melanie McClintock at 602.496.3307 or email

dedicated to the enhancement of child and youth development and educational achievement through quality afterschool programming.

[More about AzCASE>>](#)

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AZ Afterschool Program Directory Updated: Add Your Summer & School Year Program Today!



The Arizona Afterschool Program Directory has undergone a few changes and is now **better than ever!**

The goal behind the recent revisions was to make the Directory even more **user-friendly and accessible** for afterschool providers and parents alike.

Updates include:

- Expanded location functions
- Greater flexibility to add and edit existing program sites
 - New administrative capabilities
- A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page

...and more!

Check out the new and improved **AZ Afterschool Program Directory** to experience these changes for yourself!

If your summer or school year program is NOT already in the Directory, we encourage you to add it today. The Directory is your **FREE, bilingual** resource for program promotion with parents and policy makers. **Reach your target audience through a trusted source statewide for the promotion of quality out of school time programs.**

[Visit our website to learn more>>](#)

Afterschool In The News

Join the Summer of Making & Connecting



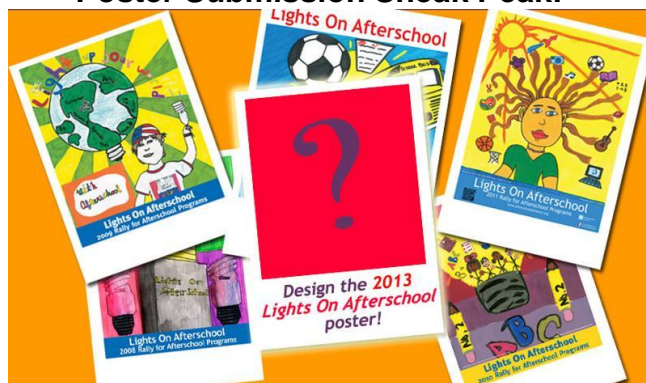
Summer might mean a break from the traditional school day, but learning doesn't have to stop just because class is out.

The Summer of Making and Connecting initiative organizes hundreds of events, projects and programs in communities across the nation, around the world, and online to help **youth connect learning to their interests and everyday lives**. The campaign brings together organizations from the worlds of DIY, making, writing, and learning to build the [Connected Learning movement](#), an essential learning approach for **engaging students** and **preparing youth for real life** and real work in a world of constant change.

Engage children and youth in the world around them by participating in the Summer of Making and Connecting.

[Learn more here>>](#)

Lights On Afterschool Poster Submission Sneak Peak!



Though the finalists have yet to be announced, [Lights on Afterschool](#) is offering a sneak peak at a few of the submissions they've received for their 2013 poster contest!

[Take a look at some staff favorites](#) and be sure to **stay tuned** for the announcement of the 2013 Lights On Afterschool poster winner!

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in the afterschool community,
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Research & Reports

REPORT: The Importance of Afterschool In Minority Communities



The [Afterschool Alliance](#) recently released a brief entitled *The Importance of Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs in African-American and Latino Communities*, which describes **the important role afterschool plays** in providing students with academically enriching and fun activities, healthy meals, and a belief in their ability to accomplish anything they put their minds to, especially in **African-American and Latino communities**.

The brief looks at Census Bureau and Department of Education data, national household surveys, and polling and research reports and finds that these communities are experiencing higher levels of poverty, homelessness and food insecurity, and are facing **disparities in education and access to extracurricular activities**. Yet despite the considerable need and demand for afterschool and summer learning programs in African-American and Latino communities, **afterschool programs serving these groups are struggling** to meet demands.

The Afterschool Alliance proposes a **greater investment in afterschool and summer learning programs in minority communities** in order to meet the demand for these programs and make certain all children are able to take advantage of the services and supports they have to offer.

[Read the full issue brief here>>](#)

REPORT: The State of STEM Afterschool Programming in Chicago



The [Chicago STEM Pathways Cooperative](#) has released the first **comprehensive city-wide survey and analysis of STEM opportunities in Chicago** afterschool and out-of-school time programs. The report identifies the breadth of programs and gaps in service and recommends better citywide coordination and **expanded outreach to underrepresented communities**.

The *State of STEM in Out-of-School Time* report establishes a road map to enable diverse youth to **become- and stay- involved with STEM experiences** from kindergarten through college. Despite the **diversity, energy, and availability** of Chicago's existing STEM and out-of-school time programming, the report found that there is a lack of coordination, a common language, and a clear set of goals. Of most concern, Latino students were underrepresented in programs relative to their population in Chicago Public Schools.

[Read the full report here>>](#)

Awards & Contests

United Way Seeking Agency Submissions for 2013 Days of Caring

LIVE UNITED



**United Way of Tucson
and Southern Arizona**

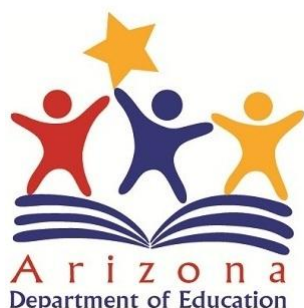
UnitedWayTucson.org

The United Way's **Days of Caring** invites local business people, school and community groups, and others from the Southern Arizona area to **lend their time, talents, and energy** to volunteer for projects that **make a difference** in the lives of children, families and seniors in the community.

The event will be held in tandem with [Make a Difference Day](#), the **largest national day of community service**, on October 26.

[Read more here>>](#)

2014 Achievement in Action Award Now Accepting Nominations



The newly-created ***Achievement in Action Award***, created by Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal and the Arizona Department of Education, is designed to **recognize and acknowledge** K-12 schools that have implemented **creative and innovative** programs that have **positively impacted student achievement**.

The deadline for submission is Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

[Read more here>>](#)

Job Opportunities

**HAVE AN AFTERSCHOOL JOB OPENING
TO POST IN OUR NEWSLETTER?**

[Post it here>>](#)

Literacy Connects

Literacy Infusion Program Manager (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

Reading Seed

Intensive Coordinator (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

Reading Seed

Program Coordinator (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

Children's Action Alliance

Director of Health Policy (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

Victim Witness Services

Triage Advocate (Flagstaff)

[Read more>>](#)

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

Funding Opportunities

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>>](#)

NEW: The Moyer Foundation Grants for Children's Programs

Deadline: August 15, 2013

Award: \$1,000 - \$10,000

The mission of the Moyer Foundation is to empower children in distress by providing education and support - helping them to live healthy and inspired lives. The Foundation supports community-based, nonprofit organizations in the states of Pennsylvania and Washington that provide direct services in alignment with the Foundation's key initiatives: bereavement and grief services and support for children and teens, and programming for children and teens impacted by drug and alcohol dependency.

[More information>>](#)

NEW: Nonprofit Resourcefulness Awards

Deadline: September 3, 2013

Award: \$10,000

This award provides three prizes- one each in Arizona, Colorado and Minnesota- to recognize outstanding non-profit revenue generation efforts. The Eide Bailly Resourcefulness awards are a means to reward invention, creativity and sustainability; while collecting data about both the traditional and novel revenue generation practices that non-profits are using successfully.

[More information>>](#)

NEW: Share Our Strengths Grants

Deadline: None

Award: \$5,000 - \$10,000

Share Our Strength offers grants to non-profit organizations,

schools, and other eligible organizations involved in the following activities:

- Increasing access to after-school snack and meal programs or childcare programs supported through CACFP
- Increasing access to summer meals programs supported through the Summer Food Service Program or the National School Lunch "Seamless Summer" Program
- Educating and enrolling more eligible families in SNAP/WIC
- Increasing the availability of Universal School Breakfast through alternative models such as in-classroom breakfast and grab-n-go
- Advocacy around any of the above anti-hunger issues

[More information>>](#)

NEW: Earth Savers Club Grants

Deadline: None

Award: \$50 - \$500

Greening Forward is offering \$50-500 to environmentally-focused, youth-led school, community, and faith-based groups that become a partner of the Earth Savers Club program. Partners are granted access to a number of resources, including mini grants, social activism training, mentorships, and the Earth Saver Award.

[More information>>](#)

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

Trainings & Conferences

WEBINAR: Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth

July 17, 2013, 12:30 - 1:30 PM EDT OR 1:30 - 2:30 EDT

Join White House and federal agency officials for a special webinar to discuss Obama administration plans to support comprehensive federal efforts to assist young people, especially disconnected youth. The webinar will focus on two initiatives to align and improve federal policies involving place-based interagency work, and will provide opportunities for feedback from participants.

[More information>>](#)

WEBINAR: Build, Create, & Innovate: Strategies for Engaging Youth Through Making

July 17, 2013, 12 PM EDT

The Afterschool Alliance is facilitating a three-part webinar series for afterschool and summer learning providers that want to embrace maker culture. The second webinar will focus on the different types of hands-on maker activities that can be integrated into afterschool curriculum; guidance for how to approach evaluation and assessment; tools and strategies for engaging youth in digital webmaking; opportunities to build program capacity through Maker Corps; and how to leverage other informal networks of support for the maker community.

[More information>>](#)

WEBINAR: Strengthening Physical Activity & Nutrition Programs in Afterschool

July 24, 2013, 2:00 PM EDT

This webinar will introduce the afterschool and summer learning field to the Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Standards in Out of School Time, the first-ever comprehensive national nutrition and physical activity standards for K-12 out-of-school programs, and Healthy Kids Out of School, an initiative that offers resources to provide healthy foods and increase physical activity. Guest speakers will also discuss how to take advantage of funding through USDA child nutrition programs.

[More information>>](#)

ECE 100: Intro to the Child Care Profession

August 1 - September 24, 2013, Pima Community College

Pima Community College's child care professional training course, ECE 100 Introduction to the Child Care Profession, is now accepting registrations. This course has been developed by the Department of Economic Security Child Care Administration expressly for those students who have had less than 12 months of paid child care work experience in the past three years.

If interested in registering, please call the Community Campus Student Services Center at **520-206-6468** to register for either of these courses. **There is no cost to register and take the course.**

Camp Erin

October 4 - 6, 2013, Camp Stein, AZ

Camp Erin is the largest national network of FREE bereavement camps for grieving children and teens ages 6-17. Camp Erin provides a weekend filled with traditional, fun, camp activities combined with grief education and support. The camp is facilitated

by child grief support professionals from Fairview Youth Grief Services and trained volunteers.

[More information>>](#)

Community Events

Concerts in the Park

Month of July, 2013, Flagstaff, AZ

The City of Flagstaff is hosting a free outdoor concert series, which runs through July every Wednesday night. The shows feature local artists representing several music genres including rock, folk, bluegrass, reggae, celtic, and blues. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy an evening of live music and fresh air in the beautiful setting of our mountain city.

[More information>>](#)



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