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"School's Out, Make it Count!"

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For more information, check out the [National Afterschool Alliance Summer Learning data](#) on Arizona.

**City of Tempe Kid
Zone on TV!**

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600 AZ OST Programs Pledge Continuous Quality Improvement



Arizona has reached a new milestone!

**600 out-of-school time
program sites have now
signed the Make it Count!
Pledge!**

We congratulate the **Sage Academy**, a Phoenix charter school with an impressive summer program for being the 600th pledge signer.

AzCASE congratulates all the programs that have committed to using the **Arizona Quality Standards** to raise the quality of their programming on behalf of the youth they serve. We invite all programs to join us in implementing this exciting statewide continuous quality improvement process.

Programs that sign the **Make It Count Pledge** commit to using the **Arizona Quality Standards for OST Programs** to **LIFT** (learn, implement, fine-tune, and teach) **their programs to new heights of quality.**

For more information about the Quality Standards and the new quality self-assessment tool that aligns with the standards, please contact Melanie McClintock at mmcclintock@azafterschool.org.

Learn More & Sign the Pledge

New BGCMP Clubhouse Partnering

One of the Kid Zone programs got a visit from [Tanya Mendis of 3TV](#), to share how they engage and enrich youth with their intentional programming and **summer literacy activities!**

Along with the Kid Zone leaders, including a literacy specialist from the school who was brought onto the team to help with summer reading and preventing that summer slide, **many of the Kid Zone youth voices are shared!**

[Watch the video here:](#)



Summer STEM Video Competition!

Summer Programs, remember that you still have time to enter the **STEM**

Uncovered [video competition!](#)



How does your program spark interest and excitement about **STEM** and its careers?

The MOTT and Noyce Foundations want to know!

[Submit your video](#) to win national recognition and **\$1,000!**

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with Balsz District and Community

AzCASE was excited to visit the **newest Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix** clubhouse, the **Bob & Renee Parsons Branch** that's **building partnerships and community** for **greater youth opportunity!**

The new clubhouse and offices are **phenomenal facilities** with **state of the art technology; beautiful and welcoming spaces; and access to shared school and community**



areas.


We were impressed to see so many youth, many of whom were **involved in the Boys & Girls Club experience in the school year while the clubhouse was built.** Some are now ambassadorial leaders in the new clubhouse, taking care of the facility and preparing for peer leadership roles!

Congratulations to both the BGCMP and Balsz School District for coming together to provide such a **great resource for an under-served community! It's collaborative partnerships like this,** with school districts and community centers and programs all working together to provide quality programming and enrichment for youth in Arizona, **that we need to lift youth to higher levels of access, success, and happiness in life.**

[Learn about the BGCMP and their newest clubhouse!](#)

Summer learning can help close the Achievement Gap.

Studies indicate that the effects of summer learning programs endure for at least two years after participation. (RAND Corporation, 2011)



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Thank you for your support of AzCASE
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Sincerely,

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