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Announcements from the Center

**Don't Delay!
The Deadline to Submit Nominations for the
2013 Afterschool Awards of Excellence
Is **June 14th!****



Show your **appreciation and pride** for exemplary work delivering and supporting **quality youth development programs** by nominating programs, staff, and leaders!

Finalists will be honored at the **Awards of Excellence Luncheon** on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Phoenix Convention Center. Winners will be announced at the Luncheon.

[Visit the AzCASE website for more information](#)

**Reach the Afterschool Audience
with an Exhibit or Workshop
at the 2013 Afterschool Conference!**



Afterschool = Engagement + Enrichment

**2013 ARIZONA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL CONFERENCE
& AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE LUNCHEON**

Saturday, November 2, 2013

8 AM - 3:30 PM

**Phoenix Convention Center,
North Building**

EXHIBITS & ADS

Showcase your programs, field trips & services for **over 600 afterschool staff**
that serve youth ages 5-17!

[Review Exhibit, Advertisement, & Sponsorship Opportunities>>](#)

Deadline is Friday, September 27, 2013

WORKSHOPS

We are seeking proposals in the following areas:

- ***Executive Track***
 - Leadership, Staff Development, Program Administration
 - ***Program Quality***
 - ***Program Planning***
 - ***Program Evaluation***
 - ***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
- [Workshop Proposal Application & Details>>](#)
Applications must be received by July 12, 2013
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Only 1 Month Left to Take Part in the Vetting Process for the Arizona Afterschool Standards

The vetting process for a draft of Arizona's proposed Afterschool Standards is now **available for public vetting and comment!**

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence and the Valley of the Sun United Way has assembled a **diverse statewide committee** charged with creating a **quality framework for enrichment and expanded learning programs** serving children and youth across Arizona.



Please contact [Melanie McClintock](#) to request a **copy of the standards** for review.
The deadline for public vetting is **June 30, 2013**.

Afterschool In The News

HHS Releases New Regulations to Promote the Health & Safety of Children in Child Care



The Department of Health and Human Services announced revisions to the [Child Care and Development Block Grant](#) (CCDBG) regulations to **better protect the health and safety of children in child care**.

Under the proposed rules, states, territories, and tribes would be required to ensure that all child care providers who care for CCDBG funded children:

- Receive health and safety **training** in specific areas
- Comply with applicable state and local fire, health and building codes
- Receive **comprehensive background checks** (including fingerprints)
- Receive on-site monitoring

CCDBG has not been reauthorized in 17 years and the regulations associated with CCDBG have not been revised in 15 years! Now is clearly the time to **protect children in child care** and promote their **healthy development**.

Read the proposed regulations [here](#).

Summer Learning Day is June 21st!

Summer Learning Day is a **national advocacy day** designed to **raise awareness about the importance of summer learning** for our nation's youth in helping **close the achievement gap** and **support healthy development**.

Check out these **tips** from the [National Summer Learning Academy](#) on **ways to celebrate**:

- **Put your Summer Learning Day event on the national [map](#).** This is a great opportunity to spread the word about your summer learning event and organization, as the map and select events are used in outreach to print and online news media.
- **[Download the latest key messages](#) about summer learning** to use in communications to media, in blogs, e-mails, social media, and communications with parents, policymakers, funders, and the general public.
- **Print and distribute NSLA's [summer learning tip sheets](#) for families at your event.**
- **Join NSLA on Twitter on Summer Learning Day** for a [Twitter Chat](#) on summer reading.
- **Spread the word about Summer Learning Day to others!**

For more information on summer learning, consider attending NSLA's [National Conference on Summer Learning](#) this fall!

Keep Kids' Minds Sharp This Summer with Brain Games!

The [Museum of Science and Industry](#) is offering another fun summer of learning with **Summer Brain Games** designed to help kids stay engaged during summer vacation.

Summer Brain Games offers eight weeks of **free and fun** at-home science experiments designed to **combat the "summer brain drain,"** when kids lose months of critical learning.

The free online activity guide features **weekly experiments exploring summer themes** like gardening, sunlight and sprinklers, all easily done at home with kids of all ages (and a little adult supervision).

The Summer Brain Games online kit will offer other engaging tidbits about the **science to be found around you all summer-and year-long**. Learn about optics by creating a pinhole viewer, watch plants grow without soil, build a weather station and much more.

[Register now](#) to be a part of MSI's Summer Brain Games!

Federal Cuts to SNAP Affect Children: **Take Action Today!**



The Farm Bill is out of committee and has hit the Senate floor, with some pretty deep cuts to SNAP, the food stamp program, which is a crucial support for low-income children and families. Let your Senators hear from you before they head off for the recess.

Visit Sparkaction.org to [learn more about Farm Bill 2013](#) and related issues.

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in the afterschool community,
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Research

U.S Census Bureau Offers Insight Into Education Trends

The U.S Census Bureau, as part of its [How Do We Know?](#) campaign, has released a series of infographics which offer at-a-glance information concerning the **state of education in America**. These infographics highlight data which are **vital to communities** in determining funding allocations and guiding program planning.

[See the infographics here>>](#)

New Guidebook Provides Strategies for Increasing Graduation Rates



[America's Promise Alliance](#) has released the updated *Grad Nation Community Guidebook (Community Guidebook)*, a **research-based toolkit** for communities working to **raise graduation rates** and better support children and youth from birth through college.

Created in collaboration with [Civic Enterprises](#) and the [Everyone Graduates Center](#) at Johns Hopkins University, the online *Community Guidebook* offers **approaches and tools that all communities can incorporate** at any stage in their work.

Read more [here](#).

Job Opportunities

**HAVE AN AFTERSCHOOL JOB OPENING
TO POST IN OUR NEWSLETTER?**
[Post it here>>](#)

Raising Special Kids

Family Support Specialist (Northern Arizona)

[Read more>>](#)

Raising Special Kids

Family Support Specialist (Central & Southern AZ)

[Read more>>](#)

Youth On Their Own

Student Advocate (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

Arts For All, Inc

Multiple positions (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

Catalina Foothills School District

Community Schools Program Coordinator (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

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

Funding Opportunities

HASTAC Grant

Deadline: June 10, 2013

Award: Up to \$10,000

The Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory is accepting applications for projects that provide hands-on summer learning opportunities for youth focused on making the Web more civil, safe, and empowering for all.

[More information>>](#)

Crayola Grant Program

Deadline: June 21, 2013

Award: Up to \$2,500

Grants of \$2,500, plus Crayola supplies, will be awarded to elementary schools to build leadership teams that work to increase arts-infused education in and out of school. School principals must be members of NAESP to enter.

[More information>>](#)

Best Buy Children's Foundation Grant

Deadline: July 1, 2013

Award: Up to \$10,000

The Best Buy Children's Foundation is accepting applications from local and regional nonprofit organizations working to provide teens with places and opportunities to develop twenty-first century technology skills with the potential to inspire their future education and career choices. Grants will be awarded for program activities such as computer programming, digital imaging (photography, graphic design, videography), music production, robotics, and gaming and mobile app development.

[More information>>](#)

US Airways Education Foundation Grant

Deadline: July 1, 2013

Award: Up to \$10,000

The US Airways Education Foundation is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations for educational programs that target economically disadvantaged or developmentally disabled children, with a focus on increasing student interest and academic achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math.

[More information>>](#)

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>>](#)

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

Trainings & Conferences

The Grrrls Project Free Summer Program

Multiple dates, Tucson

Girls aged 11-15 are invited to participate in The Grrrls Project workshops this Summer. Girls who participate in these empowering workshops gain knowledge and skills to plan for a better future.

Workshops topics include:

- Go Grrrls: Reproductive health
- Healthy relationships
- Decision Making
- Self Esteem and Positive Body Image
- TECHgyrls: Women in Science
- FUN Physics and Chemistry
- Graphic Design
- Safe Internet Usage

Participants connect with other girls their age and a professional facilitator whose goal is to empower them with skills for life. The girls who participate will receive gift cards, snacks each day of the program, and two lucky girls at each location will win an iPod Shuffle through the attendance raffle on the last day of the workshops.

[More information>>](#)

Addressing Summer Learning Loss Webinar

June 5, 2013, 2 PM EST

This webinar, with participants such as NSLA and hosted by the America's Promise Alliance, will feature NSLA's senior policy director, Bob Seidel, who will review summer learning loss research and a few effective strategies for combating summer learning loss.

The webinar will also feature guest speakers from two summer learning communities highlighting their collaboration with local school districts, as well as the importance of strategic partnerships in summer learning.

To participate, please e-mail [Chrystal Morris](#), VP of Community Engagement at America's Promise Alliance. Webinar instructions and relevant links will be e-mailed to all participants prior to the webinar date.

Workshops for Youth & Families- Footprints

June 9 - 14, 2013, 4 - 6 PM & June 10 - 14, 2013, 9 AM - 5 PM, Homestead Community Center, Scottsdale

Footprints is an introductory workshop for 9-12 year-old boys and girls. Early adolescence is the optimal time for shaping enduring patterns of behavior that set a young person on a successful life course. This workshop lays the foundation for change by helping preteens develop the skills they need for

strong, positive peer relationships. Footprints presents the opportunity to practice strong relationship skills that will enhance engagement in the school, at home, and in the community. Participants will learn healthy ways to express a wide range of emotions and listen to their peers do the same.

Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. Healthy snacks and drinks will be available for sale at the workshop during breaks.

[More information>>](#)

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training Workshop

June 11, 2013, Tucson

Arizona consistently ranks among the top ten states in high rates of suicide. Reports from the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Arizona Suicide Prevention Coalition indicate that suicide is the second leading cause of death during the teen years. Furthermore, suicide rates among Arizona's Hispanic and Native American populations are disproportionately high. In more remote rural or isolated areas of the State, the issues affecting suicide can be even more intensified. This workshop offers practical skills on suicide prevention.

[More information>>](#)

Special Needs Workshops

June 15, 2013, Arizona Department of Education, Tucson

Raising Special Kids offer several workshops for parents, educators, afterschool staff, and others to support special needs children. Workshops are free!

Upcoming sessions include:

- **Team Building IEPs and Beyond: Strategies for Managing Conflict and Improving Relationships**
 - 8-10 AM
- **Turning 3, What's Next? AzEIP to Preschool Transition**
 - 10:15-12 PM
- **Disability Categories under IDEA**
 - 1-3 PM
- **IDEA: What You Need to Know**
 - 3-5 PM

[More information>>](#)

Summer Institute Workshops

June 24-28, 2013, Tucson Magnate High School, Tucson

Celebrate learning at the Office of the Pima County School Superintendent's Summer Institute. Offering professional development sessions in:

- Common Core Math
- Common core English Language Arts
- Reading Foundations K-5
- Early Childhood Education
- STEM
- Counseling

Cost is \$60 per day and includes breakfast, lunch and all materials.

[More information>>](#)

Community Events

Youth Job and Career Fair

June 6, 2013, Sentinel Building, Tucson

Job and career opportunities for youth 16-24 years old, sponsored by the United Way Youth Development Coalition and Pima County One Stop Program. Employers, paper and online applications on location.

[More information>>](#)

Fair for Education

June 24, 2013, 3 - 8 PM, Tucson High Magnate School, Tucson

Make life a never-ending learning experience-in and out of the classroom. This event is free and fun for the whole family!

Enjoy:

- Tucson Food Truck Round-Up
- Home Improvement Demos
- Ask a Scientist
- Dance for Your Health!
- Lighthouse Projects-from REAL classrooms
- Robotic Demonstrations
- Fun-On-a-Bike Exhibits
- Teacher's Resources & Workshops
- Competitive Jump Rope Team
- Music, Music, Music!

[More information>>](#)



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