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Announcements from the Center

Afterschool Awards of Excellence DEADLINE EXTENDED to JUNE 15! WIN \$1,000!

Send in your nominations for the annual **Afterschool Awards of Excellence**, recognizing afterschool staff, programs and leaders throughout the state of Arizona for their exemplary work in delivering quality youth development programs in afterschool settings.

Awards will be given in 3 categories:

- Outstanding Afterschool Professional
- Outstanding Afterschool Program
- Jane Romatzke Leadership Award

Each recipient will receive:

- **A \$1,000 cash award**
- Free registration to three AzCASE Trainings in 2013
- An engraved trophy
- A certificate of recognition from Governor Jan Brewer

Who is eligible for an award?

Afterschool programs, staff, program directors, and school administrators serving Arizona youth in grades K-12 in programs outside of the regular school day are eligible for the Afterschool Awards of Excellence. Candidates may be from nonprofits, public, private or faith-based programs, or any other program that supports children and youth afterschool in your community.

Finalists & Winners

Finalists will be notified in September & winners will be announced at the [2012 Awards of Excellence Luncheon](#) on Saturday, November 3, 2012 in the Ballroom of the Phoenix Convention Center, West Building.

Nomination forms & award guidelines

[Guidelines for ALL Award Categories>>](#)

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Announcing the Launch of the Afterschool Directors Leadership Council

Responding to your requests, the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence announces the creation of a **Directors' Leadership Council**. The Leadership Council is meant to be a forum where Directors of Afterschool Programs gather to keep abreast of what's happening at the state and national level, share best practices, express and discuss concerns in a safe and supportive environment, and enjoy the camaraderie of your peers.

The Directors' Leadership Council is open to directors of licensed and unlicensed programs statewide. Your needs and your interests will drive the agenda.

Join us for the inaugural meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 9:30 - 11:30 AM at the Arizona K-12 Center, 99 East Virginia Avenue, Phoenix, Suite 150. Statewide participation is encouraged and those unable to attend in person can join telephonically by calling 877.391.5938, guest code 5336.

Please RSVP for the first meeting by emailing AzCASE at mmclintock@azafterschool.org.

Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed A Statewide Project for Youth in Afterschool

Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed is a statewide afterschool project aimed at empowering youth to prevent bullying and promote mutual respect in their social environments. Children and youth participating in summer programs throughout Arizona have the opportunity to create an Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed project. Many of the projects will be on display in an exhibit this fall, in conjunction with Lights On Afterschool as well as in a printed publication.

Guidelines:

- * Program staff engage youth in a conversation about bullying
 - * Youth work together to come up with strategies to eliminate bullying and promote a positive and safe environment in their afterschool program
 - * These ideas and strategies will then be used to create a project ([see project ideas](#)) that may be submitted for inclusion in the *Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed* publication
 - * Children & youth ages 5-17 participating in summer programs in Arizona are eligible to participate
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Submission:

[Register for free online](#) to participate. Mail or drop off completed Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed projects to: Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence, 112 North Central Avenue, Suite 700, Phoenix, AZ 85004 by **Friday, July 13th** for a chance to have your program's work displayed in a Lights on Afterschool exhibit and in a printed publication. Projects will not be returned.

Project ideas, resources, and how to start a conversation about bullying are available on the [Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed page of our website](#)

[Register to participate here>>](#)

City of Phoenix Votes to Restore 9 Phoenix Afterschool Program Sites

As a result of pressure from a multitude of community members and advocacy organizations like the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence, the **City of Phoenix voted on May 16th to direct a portion of the city's budget surplus to the restoration of nine PAC afterschool program sites.**

In 2007, PAC served more than 9,000 children at 124 afterschool and summer sites in many of Phoenix's most economically disadvantaged neighborhoods leaving the children and their families no low cost alternatives for receiving quality afterschool programming while the parents were working. In the past five years, budget cuts have reduced PAC to 30 sites --- soon to be 39 sites with \$386,000 directed to PAC in the approved city budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Quality PAC programs give children a safe place to go every day afterschool. Equally important is that PAC programs give low income children, the very experiential learning opportunities that their families can't afford and that increase a child's self worth, sense of belonging, engagement in school, and future academic and social success. Historically, the PAC programs have always filled a niche of serving low income youth whose families lack other affordable options and when a PAC program is not available, these children are left without a safe and nurturing place to go afterschool. The need is as high as it has ever been.

The new city budget is a step in the right direction, but we have a long way to go to giving all of Arizona's youth equal access to quality, low-cost, afterschool youth development programs. **Thank you to all who came out in support of PAC at city budget hearings and through letters to your councilmembers! Your voice makes a difference.**

**Reach the Afterschool Audience with
an Exhibit or Workshop
at the 2012 Afterschool Conference!**

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Healthy Bodies.
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EXHIBITS & ADS

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

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

Deadline is Friday, September 21, 2012

WORKSHOPS

We are seeking proposals in the following areas:

*Physical Activity & Fitness
Nutrition
Mental & Behavioral Health
STEM, Arts & Literacy Program Ideas
Afterschool Safety
Site Management & Program Planning...and more!*

[Workshop Presenters information & application>>](#)

Applications must be received by July 9, 2012

Kids Care II Taking Applications

Starting May 1, some children on the KidsCare waiting list became covered under KidsCare II, a program similar to KidsCare that is paid for with money from three Arizona hospitals and federal matching funds. Thanks to this funding, nearly 22,000 children on the KidsCare waiting list will be eligible to enroll in KidsCare II. This enrollment is not automatic and families will be asked to

complete new applications.

- Families on the waiting list should update their address and find out if their children are eligible to enroll by calling the KidsCare II hotline at 1-800-377-3536.
- Families on the KidsCare waiting list have just 30 days to apply for KidsCare II when they receive their letter from AHCCCS.

Help make sure families don't miss this important opportunity!

Flyer available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

[Click Request Flyers here>>](#)

FIRST[®], The LEGO[®] Foundation and LEGO[®] Education Announce 'Graduation Grants' Available To FIRST Robotics Teams

[FIRST[®]](#) (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), a not-for-profit organization founded by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology, announced that Graduation Grants will be issued to *FIRST* robotics teams continuing their participation in the *FIRST* family of robotics programs. *FIRST*, in cooperation with The LEGO[®] Foundation and LEGO[®] Education, will provide a total of \$250,000 in grants to fund newly formed [FIRST[®] Tech Challenge \(FTC[®]\)](#) teams that include graduates from [FIRST[®]LEGO[®] League](#) (FLL[®]) teams.

The LEGO Foundation and LEGO Education will provide \$150,000 towards the costs of robotic parts and materials for eligible teams, while *FIRST* will contribute \$100,000 towards registration and additional costs for these newly formed teams. These grants were designed to encourage students to progress from one level in *FIRST* to the next. The grants are only available to U.S. teams on a first come, first served basis and are available immediately.

"It's clear that students who advance through our K-12 family of *FIRST* robotics programs have a competitive advantage, both in their skill sets and their opportunities for higher education," said Dean Kamen, *FIRST* founder and president of DEKA Research & Development Corp. "In this time of graduations, we're thrilled that *FIRST* and The LEGO Foundation have found the means to promote and reward students who continue their journey in science and technology through *FIRST*."

"The LEGO Foundation and LEGO Education are excited to continue supporting the growing efforts of the *FIRST* robotics programs," said Stephan Turnipseed, president, LEGO Education North America. "Through strong collaboration with partners like *FIRST*, we are inspiring children through hands on learning to create the future problem solvers of tomorrow."

For more information on the two Graduation Grant programs, and the grant application process, please visit www.usfirst.org/ftc/grow.

Making Afterschool an Election Issue in 2012

The Arizona Legislature adjourned two weeks ago and Children's Action Alliance has compiled an analysis of [Who's for Kids and Who's Just Kidding](#). View this legislative report card so you can see how your legislators voted regarding issues affecting children and families.

The Afterschool Alliance has released updated versions of its [Campaign Toolkit](#) and its

Candidate's Guide to Afterschool. Particularly during presidential election cycles, voters' concerns are brought to the forefront of the public debate and widely discussed in the media. But what concerns will be raised? Whose voices will be heard? What will candidates and pundits focus on? It is the voices of people in local communities that drive candidates' campaigns.

[Download the Campaign Toolkit here>>](#)

Register to Vote in Arizona

[Voter Registration - AZ Secretary of State>>](#)

Important Dates & Deadlines

[General Election>>](#)

July 30, 2012 Voter Registration Ends

August 28, 2012 Primary Election

November 6, 2012 General Election

October 8, 2012 Voter Registration Ends

[Tucson's District 8 Special Election \(Gabrielle Giffords' Seat\) >>](#)

June 12, 2012 General Election

More information

Access additional election resources, afterschool talking points, and find your legislators on our website at: <http://azafterschool.org/Resources/Advocacy.aspx>

Please take a moment to complete the [Afterschool Alliance's 2012 Uncertain Times survey](#) **Deadline Extended to Friday, June 8th**

As you may remember, the Afterschool Alliance conducted previous Uncertain Times surveys in [2006](#) and [2009](#) to gauge how the economy is affecting afterschool programs across the country. The results of those surveys have been cited in numerous national publications and were essential in informing the public and elected officials of the immense need for additional afterschool funding. In 2012, as the still weak economy is showing some signs of recovery, we want to know how your program has fared in the wake of the Great Recession. As we work with policy makers, funders and the media, the Afterschool Alliance is engaged in conveying the many ways the current economic climate is affecting afterschool programs. We want to know: What are the current trends in enrollment, funding and capacity? Have funding sources changed in the last several years and if so, how is that affecting students and families?

[Please take 15-20 minutes to share data from your afterschool program.](#) **Upon completing the survey, you will be entered to win a new iPad. You must submit your completed survey by 11:59 p.m. EST on June 8, 2012, to be eligible to win.**

With your help, we can build a strong information base that will help inform important conversations with decision makers. When you are filling out the survey keep in mind:

- We encourage site level coordinators to provide answers specific to their one site whenever possible.
 - If data, including funding information, are only available at the program or consortium level, please respond on behalf of the entire program/consortium and be sure to indicate the number of sites for which you are responding.
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Follow this link to get started on the Uncertain Times survey now:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UncertainTimes2012>

If you have questions about the Uncertain Times survey, please contact Chris D'Agostino at cdagostino@afterschoolalliance.org or (202) 347-2030.

Focus on Health

Afterschool programs play a key role in the health and well-being of youth through activities that encourage healthy behaviors, an environment that includes a healthy snack or meal, and opportunities for physical activity. This section will feature new topics, resources, curriculum ideas and activities to help you ensure youth are fit, healthy, and ready to learn. [See a complete list of our afterschool health resources here>>](#)



It is generally accepted that "peer pressure" encourages many young people between the ages of 10 and 18 to begin experimenting with smoking (American Cancer Society).

In Arizona, 25.6% drank alcohol for the first time before age 13 years, other than a few sips (High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2009).

Substance Abuse Prevention

Although participating in an afterschool program significantly puts them at less risk, youth need continual education about tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs in order to make safe decisions. Find lessons and printables to teach youth about smoking, substance abuse prevention, and health and wellness. Utilize these cross-curricular teaching resources on alcohol and drug awareness to make sure your youth get the facts.

[Read more on TeacherVision>>](#)

Resources for Health

New! Activities and Lesson Plans: Smoking

[An Honest Cigarette Ad?](#)

Increase youth awareness of media manipulations in advertising for cigarettes as they create their own honest ads.

[Smoking Lesson - Grades 2 and 3](#)

Present this lesson plan to help youth to understand the effects that smoking has on the smoker and nonsmoker.

[Smoking Lesson - Grade 4 and 5](#)

Use a lesson that explores the dangers of smoking, related vocabulary, and attitudes about smoking.

New! Activities and Lesson Plans: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs:

[Grades 2-3](#)

[Grades 3-5](#)

[Grades 4-5](#)

[More Alcohol & Drug Awareness Printables](#)

Fitness Fun Times Five

View these five lessons that combine fitness fun with other subjects including a sponge relay, baseball Frisbee, bowling math, and more!

[View 5 Lessons here>>](#)

Physical Activity Lesson Ideas

PE Central's database of health and physical education lesson and assessment ideas!

[View here>>](#)

Do you need easy to use afterschool or summer programming ideas?

Healthy Kids Challenge compiled [6 Easy to Use Afterschool and Summer Programming Ideas](#) to keep you busy planning and prepping. Check out these fun activities for youth that focus on 6 topics: eating breakfast, fruits and veggies, healthy snacking, serving sizes, beverage choices and active play.

Physical Activity Apps

SPARK has created a list of apps for your smart phone or tablet that can help engage youth in your program to get active! Measure heart rates, randomly create teams, use an interval timer that utilizes your music to inform you when it's time to rest and time to work, and much more!

[View list of apps here>>](#)

100 Healthful Snack Ideas

Whether you want to have simple and healthful snacks on hand at your site for you or the kids, this list from the Six Sisters' Stuff Web site will give you dozens of ideas. A tenth of the list are frozen grapes; sunflower seeds; frozen bananas; make-your-own trail mix; cherry tomatoes; animal crackers; pretzels; sugar snap peas; soy chips; and cubed apples and cubed cheese. For the other 90 ideas, [visit Six Sisters' Stuff here>>](#)

Source: [School-Age Notes](#)

99 Ways to Make your Afterschool Program Even Healthier!

The California Adolescent Nutrition and Fitness Program (CANFIT) have come out with a toolkit to help make your afterschool program even healthier! The toolkit includes simple ideas on how to promote healthy eating, provide time for physical activity, incorporate culture, promote a positive body image, engage youth in leadership roles, and much more!

[View these helpful tips here>>](#)

Health Funding Opportunities

Healthy Kids Dance for Health™

Schools and Youth Programs Raise Funds and Get Healthy! For nearly a decade, Healthy Kids Challenge has been helping communities, schools, and youth programs support kids and adults in making healthy eating and physical activity a habit. Check out the [Event details](#) to support healthy lifestyles and raise funds for your school or program! [Start now!](#)

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[More information>>](#)

Arizona's Coordinated School Health Program provides current funding opportunities from their partnering organizations.

[View them here>>](#)

Research & Reports

YMCA of the USA/HSPH Initiative in Afterschool Programs Increases Physical Activity Levels in Youth

A Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) youth fitness and nutrition initiative conducted with the YMCA of the USA was found to effectively boost physical activity levels and time spent doing moderate and vigorous exercise among children 5-11 years of age enrolled in afterschool programs at YMCAs in four U.S. metropolitan areas, according to a paper published in the March 2012 print issue of *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*.

[Read more from the Harvard School of Public Health>>](#)

Conferences, Trainings & Seminars

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Afterschool in the News

Key to More Active, Slimmer Kids: Friends

Could your young child be putting on excess pounds because her friends sit around? A small study suggests it's possible: Kids seemed to become more active in after-school programs if they hung out with active kids, and the reverse was true, too. The findings don't prove that friends directly affect how active kids are, and it's not clear whether there's enough of an impact to make a difference in obesity or activity levels throughout the day.

[Read more from usnews.com>>](#)

FHS junior designs winning dress made of coffee filters

The first thing about the dress Amber Todecozy designed is this: it's beautiful. It's long and delicate. The sand-colored bodice gives way to flowing layers of petal pink ruffles. It looks like something you'd see on the red carpet at the Oscars. The second thing is this: the dress is made entirely out of used coffee filters. That's no typo. Amber, over the course of 45 hours of work, constructed the dress out of more than 1,000 used coffee filters. She entered the dress into a statewide competition held in Tucson, where she won the grand prize and admission to a national competition in Florida in July.

[Read more from the azdailysun.com>>](#)

Mayer Elementary receives Diamondbacks Foundation grant for after school nutrition

The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation announced this past week the 20 winning schools in the inaugural "D-backs \$100,000 School Challenge," and Mayer Elementary School was chosen to receive a \$5,000 grant for its After School Nutrition Program. With nearly 700 submissions from Arizona schools, the winning grants come from all around the state of Arizona and will fund projects ranging from anti-cyberbullying programs to a sign-language friendly library, after-school nutrition programs to an autism movement program and athletic facility upgrades to asbestos removal.

[Read more from Big Bug News>>](#)

BouMatic and Dugan Dairies Support Boys & Girls Club of Casa Grande, Arizona

BouMatic®, global dairy equipment manufacturer announces a pledge of \$5000 on behalf of Dugan Dairies, Casa Grande, Arizona for the Boys & Girls Club of Casa Grande. "Over the years BouMatic has developed a long and meaningful association with the Dugan family and their T&K Red River Dairy and we are pleased to contribute \$5000 to the Casa Grande Boys and Girls Club on the Dugan family's behalf," said Robert Luna, BouMatic President. "The dedication to improving the lives of young boys and girls in the Casa Grande area by the Dugan family is inspiring," he added.

[Read more from goldcanyontoday.com>>](#)

Phoenix budget reinstates 9 after-school programs

Earlier this year, a faith-based political-action group began putting pressure on Phoenix officials to reinstate some services after noting there was no additional funding planned for after-school programs in the initial version of the city's budget proposal. The Valley Interfaith Project, comprised of 40 church, school and neighborhood groups, applauded the council and city officials for agreeing Wednesday to restore nine after-school programs, and to extend swimming pool and library hours. The restored services are part of the city's proposed \$1 billion budget for the fiscal year that starts

July 1.

[Read more from azcentral.com>>](#)

Should public school districts continue to fund high school athletics?

Last week dueling guest columns in the USA TODAY prompted several days of impassioned letters from readers taking sides on the issue. It wasn't about gay marriage or bullying or Greek austerity or anything else prominent in the news the past few days. It was about whether it's time to stop funding high school athletics. Arizona is not the only state facing enormous K-12 funding pressure. During the economic downturn the past few years nearly every state either reduced education funding or held funding flat.

[Read more from the TucsonCitizen.com>>](#)

Third Grade A Pivotal Time In Students' Lives

In a growing number of states a single reading test determines which third-grade students advance to fourth grade. Proponents of the rule say that kids learn to read until third grade, and then read to learn. But critics argue that holding students back does more harm than good in the long run.

[Read more or listen at NPR.org>>](#)

Arizona kids still behind in science

The scores released Thursday in the "Nation's Report Card" indicate Arizona eighth-graders

improved only slightly from two years ago, the last time the test was given, and were higher than those in only five states. Forty-four percent of Arizona students lacked basic knowledge of science. The gains were only slight nationally, as well.

[Read more from azcentral.com>>](#)

Job Opportunities

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

[Post it here>>](#)

Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is Hiring!

Program and Outreach Manager

Program and Outreach Manager sought to work under the direction of the Executive Director.

Duties include:

- Developing and maintaining resource center for statewide use including an internet based "mapping" project, initiating special events planning and budgeting
- Coordination of statewide professional development trainings
- Using QuickBooks to manage day to day financial operations
- Maintenance of website and publication of electronic newsletter
- Communication with network partners and assisting ED with the cultivation and support of the Board of Directors.

[Download full job description here>>](#)

Qualifications: Ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree, five years job experience and be an organized professional with critical thinking, problem solving and analytical skills. Proficiency using Microsoft Word, Excel, QuickBooks, PowerPoint and publishing software required.

How to Apply: Email cover letter, resume and names and contact information for three references to mmcclintock@azafterschool.org.

Queen Creek Unified School District Community Education Programs Coordinator

[Read more>>](#)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson

Clubhouse Director

[Read more>>](#)

Phoenix Day Summer Program Facilitator

[Read more>>](#)

Madison School District ECP Program Early Childhood Instructor

[Read more>>](#)

Washington Elementary School District
Budget and Grants Coordinator

[Read more>>](#)

Phoenix Elementary School District #1
Part-Time Instructional Assistant, Before and After School Program

[Read more>>](#)

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

Funding Opportunities

***New opportunities in red**

Construction, Maintenance and Completion Grants for Community Playspaces

Deadline: Varies

KaBoom is offering various grant opportunities to help with the purchase of playground equipment for a community playspace, the maintenance of a community playspace or towards improvements of an existing playground using the KaBOOM! community build model. Grant amounts are \$500, \$750 and \$15,000.

[More information>>](#)

Promise Neighborhoods Grants

Deadline: June 8, 2012

The U.S. Department of Education has announced the latest round of Promise Neighborhoods applications, which include both planning and implementation grants. The department expects to distribute 15 planning grants worth up to \$500,000 each, and five to seven implementation grants worth \$4 million to \$6 million each. Notices of Intent to Apply are due June 8; applications are due July 27.

[More information>>](#)

Tom's of Maine

Deadline: June 12, 2012

Tom's of Maine provides grants of up to \$50K for its 50 States for Good project that encourages volunteers to address community needs. Youth-serving nonprofits with annual budgets of less than \$2 million dollars are eligible to apply for a national grant opportunity supporting community projects that promote health as well as human services.

[More information>>](#)

US Airways' Community Education Grant Program

Deadline: July 1, 2012 The US Airways Education Foundation is accepting grant applicants for its 2012 Community Education Grant Program. The foundation will award multiple grants of \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations in Phoenix. To be eligible, applicant organizations must serve

children 18 years of age and younger through educational programs that focus on learning and academic achievement for economically disadvantaged or developmentally disabled children and programs that increase student interest and academic achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

[More information>>](#)

Best Buy Children's Foundation

Deadline: July 1, 2012

Through the Community Grants program, Best Buy teams across the United States select non-profit organizations that give teens access to opportunities through technology to help them excel in school and develop 21st century skills. This year, the Best Buy Children's Foundation will give \$2.8 million in Community Grants. Grant amounts will average \$4000-\$6000 and will not exceed \$10,000.

[More information>>](#)

The Fender Music Foundation

Deadline: Rolling (reopening in July)

Multiple awards ranging from \$500 to \$5000 worth of instruments and equipment. Provides music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music.

[More information>>](#)

Tony Hawk Foundation Skatepark Grants

Deadline: July 2, 2012

The Tony Hawk Foundation provides grants of \$1,000 to \$25,000 to encourage and facilitate the design, development, construction, and operation of high-quality public skateparks serving at-risk youth in low-income areas across the United States. 501(c)(3) public charity or a state or local agency (including public school systems or public projects) are eligible.

[More information>>](#)

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CVS Community Grants

Deadline: October 31, 2012

The CVS Community Grants Program will focus on inclusive programs and programs for children with disabilities under age 21; academic and enrichment programs at public schools; and programs that provide access to quality health care services and health education for at risk and underserved populations of all ages. Grant awards will be up to \$5,000.

[More information>>](#)

American Legion Grants

Deadline: December 31, 2012

The American Legion accept proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects which meet one of the Foundation's two basic purposes. To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual

welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth; and to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

[More information>>](#)

Scholastic Book Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Scholastic is sponsoring donations of 500 to 1,000 books to nonprofit organizations that foster literacy and a joy of reading among at-risk youth and families. Scholastic is particularly interested in promoting literacy in inner-city and rural areas.

[More information>>](#)

Singing for Change

Deadline: Ongoing

Funded by singer Jimmy Buffet, offers grants that promote the health, education and protection of children and their families. Start with a letter of intent. The foundation then invites grant proposals from selected organizations. Grant range: \$500 - \$10,000.

[More information>>](#)

National Alliance for Accessible Golf

Deadline: Ongoing

With funding from the U.S. Golf Association, supports programs that help youth with disabilities play golf. Programs can include improving access to the driving range and the golf course, golf instruction, golf clubs and bags, adaptive teaching equipment, transportation to and from programming, and inclusion activities. Grant range: \$20,000.

[More information>>](#)

Youth Program Grants

Deadline: Varies

Entertainment Software Association Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth. Support will be granted to geographically diverse projects and programs that benefit American boys and girls of all races and religions. To receive funding, an organization making a grant request must meet specific criteria:

[More information>>](#)

Grants for Archery Programs

Deadline: Ongoing

Each year, the Easton Sports Development Foundation gives grants that benefit archery and bow hunting programs. Grant requests of less than \$25,000 from schools and qualified 501(c)3 organizations may be eligible to receive funding at any time.

[More information>>](#)

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

Awards, Contests & Fellowships

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Nominate an Outstanding Public Employee

Deadline: June 18, 2012

Do you know a leader with exemplary public service achievements, an innovator who brings new ideas and technology to government, or an accomplished public servant who has helped inform, engage and connect with citizens? If so, nominate them for The Gabe Zimmerman Awards, named

in memory of Congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's Director of Community Outreach who lost his life while serving the citizens of Arizona.

[More information>>](#)

Youth Activist Awards

Deadline: June 30, 2012

The Mario Sivio Youth Activist Award, which carries a cash prize of \$6,000, is presented each year to a young person with a deep commitment to human rights and social justice and a proven ability to transform this commitment into effective action. The recipients must have demonstrated leadership ability, creativity and integrity. The cash award is divided equally between the individual recipient and an organization of his/her choosing.

[More information>>](#)

Arizona Art Education Association Awards

Deadline: July 30, 2012

Each year the Arizona Art Education Association recognizes those who have gone above and beyond in their service to the field of Art Education. Award recipients are announced and honored at the AzAEA annual State Conference. Complete award descriptions and guidelines are available at: <http://www.azaea.org/aaea-awards>

The Green Thumb Challenge

Deadline: September 30, 2012 (for grant)

The Green Thumb Challenge seeks to encourage children to pursue gardening and the foundation offers free activities and standards-based lessons. All resources are free to registered members. Three campaigns within the challenge are Adopt a Plant, Plant with A Purpose and Volunteer.

[Register and learn more>>](#)

[View curriculum and activities>>](#)

The foundation also is offering a Green Thumb Challenge Grant, which will recognize a school or youth group's garden project with a \$5,000 prize.

[More information on the grant>>](#)

Trainings & Conferences

Everyone's an Asset Builder

June 12, 2012, 5:30pm-8:30pm

Flagstaff Family Resource Center, 4000 Cummings Street

This workshop will introduce you to ideas on how each of us can contribute to the health and well-being of all our children and youth. You'll learn: detailed information about the things that contribute to the healthy development of our young people, how you can be an active player in building these skills, experiences and opportunities in our community, and ways to join forces with other community members to make our community a place where young people THRIVE!

Who Should Attend: Parents, teachers, students, counselors, providers, community members and any adults and youth who care about children and youth, their future, and our community's well-being.

RSVP required. To register, and for additional details, contact: Julio Quezada, jquezada@northcountryhealthcare.org

Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center Presents: The FRIEND Program

Friday, June 15, 2012, 9:00am-3:00pm
@ SARRC VLSA in Phoenix, AZ

This training offers an overview of the FRIEND Program, an inclusive social skills program for preschool-12th grade students which provides increased awareness of autism spectrum disorders, and how to create learning opportunities for individuals with ASDs to engage appropriately with typical peers in the natural setting at school during lunch and recess. Participants will develop an understanding of ASD learning challenges that may impact social interactions with peers.

[More information>>](#)

Splish, Splash- We're having a Blast

Saturday, June 16, 2012, 8:00am-10:00am
@ ChildTime, 7090 N. Thornydale Rd., Tucson, AZ

Ever wonder what to do with those older children all day? Come find out how much fun school age programs can be. You will learn new activities, themes, and games for outdoor play. Come and have fun as we explore fun activities to do with school-agers! Register for free by calling 866.987.2469 or email projectmetoo@blake.easterseals.com

Advanced Youth Nonviolence Institute

July 9-13, 2012, 9:30-4:30 PM

This Training of Trainers (TOT) is intended to prepare and certify students as Youth Nonviolence Trainers. NVLP is accepting nominations of 5-7 students each from middle schools, high schools and youth-serving organizations in Tucson and Pima County to participate in this five-day TOT. Contact Ann Yellott, NVLP Coordinator, to discuss sending a delegation of youth to this Advanced Youth Nonviolence institute (520-991-6781; azyellott@aol.com). Cost: \$20 per student (scholarships available)

2012 National Conference for Principals and Child Care Directors: *What Really Works? Impact and Innovation for Young Learners.*

July 15-18, 2012, Baltimore, Maryland

Whether you are a veteran or novice, this conference will inspire and support you. Participants in previous conferences report that the conference helped them to meet the following objectives: Bolster their leadership skills, strengthen their capacity to implement school improvement, sharpen their classroom observation skills through school site visits, learn about tools that help them to assess and better meet the needs of children, collaborate more effectively with community-based organizations and families, use their program's diversity as strength, and have and use a specific plan for their own program in the coming year.

[More information>>](#)

NIOST Summer Seminars 2012

July 23-27, 2012, Boston, MA

The National Institute for Out-of-School Time - NIOST -- (www.niost.org) has an exciting lineup for the 2012 Summer Seminars! Energize your leadership skills and network with other youth-serving professionals in the OST industry! Find the training seminar that is right for you... [APAS \(Afterschool Program Assessment System\)](#) for those interested in program self-assessment, [OST Systems-Building in a New Age of Education Reform](#) for those involved in city or regional collaboration, [Using Data for Program Improvement and Reaching Positive Outcomes](#) for those already performing program self-assessments, [HOST - Promoting Healthy Active Out-of-School Time](#) to introduce the new national standards into your program, or Delve deeper into your leadership skills in our new [Session 3 - The Courage to Lead: A Retreat for Personal](#)

[Renewal](#), a one-day retreat at the beautiful Wellesley College campus.

[More information here>>](#)

Summer Changes Everything™ National Conference

Oct. 22-24, 2012, Pittsburgh, Pa

Join the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) for its 2012 *Summer Changes Everything™* national conference. You'll attend sessions designed to inform on a variety of current topics, from program planning to health and nutrition to STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics, and Engineering) to policy trends. *Summer Changes Everything™* is an excellent opportunity for summer learning practitioners and stakeholders across the country to take advantage of meaningful professional development, resources and networking opportunities to further enhance program quality and expand opportunities for the youth they serve.

[More information here>>](#)

Community Events

Microsoft Store Summer Camps are Now Open for Registration!

Scottsdale Fashion Square

Introducing the Microsoft Store's 2012 Summer Camps, where technology meets creativity for ages 8-13. Classes are offered to camp participants free of charge. The 2012 Summer Camps are first come, first served. Choose from Digital Movie Madness, Digital Art Smarts, Office Unleashed, and Game Masters Camp.

[More information>>](#)

Summer Leadership Institute

June 4-15, 2012, 9-4 PM @ City High School, Tucson

Based upon the Greater Tucson Leadership's issue-day model, each day youth participants will be exposed to an important issue facing our community through personal contact with high level leaders and prominent organizations. High school age youth are invited to participate. Cost: \$300 (*Scholarships available*)

[More information>>](#)

Future for KIDS Youth Sports & Fitness Camp

June 9th, 2012, 8:30am to 1pm (Registration at 8:30am, camp begins promptly at 9am) @ ASU Football Practice Field (Rural & 6th Street).

The camp features fun sport and fitness rotations, photos and autographs with celebrity athletes and team mascots. ASU's New Head Football Coach, Todd Graham, will be the special guest speaker along with NFL athletes. Each participant will receive a free camp shirt, healthy lunch and snacks. Open to youth ages 6 to 13. Visit www.futureforkids.org or Call (480) 947-8131 for more information and to reserve your space.

Celebrate Summer Learning Day

June 21, 2012

June 21 is Summer Learning Day-a national advocacy day offering an opportunity to showcase your community's summer learning program, as well as spread the word about the importance of summer learning. Host an event during the week of June 21 or anytime during the summer! During this national showcase, your summer program will want to highlight how you work to:

- Maintain and advance participants' academic and developmental growth
- Support working families
- Keep children safe and healthy
- Send young people back to school ready to learn

Are you having a Summer Learning Day event? Visit www.summerlearningdaymap.org and put it on the National Summer Learning Association's event map to spread the word! Make sure your event is listed by June 21.

Free Summer Health Careers Camp

July 12-21, 2012

High school students interested in an in-depth look at healthcare careers still have time to apply for Northwestern University's eight-day Health Careers Institute for High School Students. Each day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm during this exciting hands-on program, Northwestern faculty and advanced students will teach workshops in anatomy, physiology, and introductory skills for various health professions, with a special focus on how to prepare for college and what to expect from each profession. Applications for the annual summer event, which will take place on the Northwestern University Campus in Glendale, must be postmarked by **May 1**. Call 623-572-3353 to request an application, or visit the event page at www.midwestern.edu/azhealthcareersinstitute.

Game Design Workshop

July 16 -20 & July 23-27, 9:00am - 3:30 pm

The University of Arizona School of Information: Science, Technology, and Arts is offering a summer workshop on game design for students entering grades 6-12 on the U of A campus. For more information or to register, [click here](#)

Resources, Research & Reports

Global Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities: A Call to Action- NY State Afterschool Network

This policy brief argues that high-quality global learning in afterschool programs and expanded learning Opportunities is critical to youth success and offers policy recommendations in New York. In an ever-changing world, young people need to prepare for a far different future than the world we know now. That preparation should include global learning opportunities so young people can develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies they will need to be engaged participants in a global world, and effective workers in a global economy. Global learning, or the process of developing global competence, needs to be infused throughout a student's day, become an essential and integrated part of every aspect of their learning and development, and occur anytime and anywhere through a range of opportunities and in a variety of settings.

[Download the PDF here>>](#)

Expanded Learning and Afterschool Project

Join in a new 50-state initiative that offers educators and community leaders like you access to **research** and **promising practices** for leveraging the time beyond school for student success. Learn more about this work and see the research by visiting the website:

www.expandinglearning.org.

Global Learning Policy Brief from NY State Afterschool Network

The brief argues that high-quality global learning in afterschool programs and Expanded Learning

Opportunities (ELOs) is critical to youth success, and suggests how global learning supports student achievement. The brief also features exemplars in New York State and presents policy recommendations to make global learning more accessible. NYSAN hopes this policy brief will be a useful tool for programs, stakeholders, and policymakers, and will raise awareness around the need for more global learning opportunities and the positive impact they can have for education and youth development.

[Download the PDF here>>](#)

Afterschool Programs That Follow Evidence-Based Practices to Promote Social and Emotional Development Are Effective

This research summary by Joseph Durlak (Loyola University Chicago) and Roger Weissberg (University of Illinois at Chicago) underscores the link between high quality programs and student achievement. Their analysis of more than 60 studies of afterschool programs showed that certain high quality afterschool programs are associated with increased academic performance; increased attendance; and significant improvements in behavior

[Read full report>>](#)

A New Approach to Accountability: Creating Effective Learning Environments for Programs

Nearly 20 years into the era of results-based accountability, a new generation of afterschool accountability systems is emerging. Rather than aiming to test whether programs have produced desired youth outcomes, an increasing number of afterschool funders and sponsors are shaping more flexible, collaborative, and lower-stakes accountability systems. Could they do even more? By designing accountability systems that fully embrace the notion of afterschool programs as learning organizations and by using research from organizational development, education, and youth development to create effective learning environments, funders and sponsors can help programs to improve quality-and therefore, to succeed in their goal of achieving better outcomes for young people.

[Read more from NOIST>>](#)

Featured Activity

Cabbage Indicator

Grades: 3rd -8th

Time: 15-20min

This week's experiment is a very old classic, but it is still a very fun one. We will throw in a slightly new twist, to make it easier and a bit more dramatic.

Materials:

- a jar of pickled red cabbage from the grocery store
- vinegar
- baking soda
- a drinking glass
- 2 cups
- lemon juice

Directions:

1. Open the jar of pickled red cabbage and drain the juice from that into a glass.
2. Pour some of the juice into a saucer.
3. Sprinkle just a tiny pinch of baking soda into the juice. Watch what happens. As soon as the white baking soda hits the red cabbage juice, you get green foam. If you put in much baking soda, you will get a lot of green foam, so be ready to clean up your mess. Eventually, all of your red cabbage juice will turn green.
4. Add a little vinegar to the green cabbage juice. What do you get? Pink foam! Again, there is the potential for lots of mess, so either be careful or have lots of paper towels ready. The coloring in the cabbage juice is an acid/base indicator. It is a chemical that changes color. When it is in an acid (such as vinegar), it turns red. When it is in a base (such as baking soda), it turns blue-green. There are many other chemicals that do this, and chemists use them to measure how acid or basic a substance is. You can use it to find out which substances in your refrigerator are acids and which are bases.
5. Divide your cabbage juice into two cups.
6. Use a little vinegar and baking soda, so that the juice in one cup is red and the other is green. Put one drop of each onto a plate.
7. Add a drop of lemon juice to each. What happened? The red juice stayed red. The green juice turned red. That tells us that lemon juice is an acid.

Source: *The Teacher's Corner* <http://lessonplans.theteacherscorner.net/science/experiments/cabbage.php>



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