



@fterschool advisor – March 15, 2012

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## **Announcements from the Center**

# Save the Date!

**Healthy Minds.  
Healthy Bodies.  
Healthy Youth  
Afterschool.**



You're invited to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual

**Arizona Statewide  
Afterschool Conference  
& Awards of Excellence Luncheon**

**Saturday, November 3, 2012**

8 am - 3:30 pm

Phoenix Convention Center,  
West Building

**More information:**  
[www.azafterschool.org](http://www.azafterschool.org)

**Questions?**  
602.496.3308, [info@azafterschool.org](mailto:info@azafterschool.org)

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**Making Afterschool  
an Election Issue in 2012**



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 \(Gabrielle Giffords' Seat\) >>](#)**

April 17, 2012 Primary Election

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>

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**Register Today for a Training on  
High-Energy Summer Programs!**

**Tuesday, April 10th, Flagstaff  
Wednesday, April 11th, Tempe (FULL)  
Thursday, April 12th, Tucson**

**Time:** 9 a.m. - Noon

**Cost:** \$30 per person  
(Coffee & bagels included)

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Participants will engage in a dialogue about what makes a high-energy summer program and **learn strategies to maintain enthusiasm among staff and youth all summer long.**

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These trainings qualify for educational credit from the Arizona Department of Health Services.

**For more information:**

contact AzCASE at [info@azafterschool.org](mailto:info@azafterschool.org) or 602.496.3308.

**Registration is required.** [Register online here>>](#)

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**A Wealth of Resources and  
Curriculum from 4-H**

With an expansive network reaching every corner of the country, 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization. Head, Heart, Hands, and Health are the four Hs in 4-H, and they are the four values members work on through fun and engaging programs. The 4-H idea is simple: help young people and their families gain the skills they need to be proactive forces in their communities' and develop ideas for a more innovative economy.

We encourage you to take advantage of the broad diversity of 4-H low cost curriculum and resources available to all afterschool and youth development programs! The national 4-H Curriculum focuses on 4-H's three primary mission mandates: science, healthy living, and citizenship. From Aerospace to Service

Learning, youth activity guides are filled with engaging experiences that cultivate the skills that youth need for everyday living as they gain knowledge about subjects that interest them. Best of all, anyone can order and use them!

State 4-H programs within the Cooperative Extension System, 4-H National Headquarters at USDA, and National 4-H Council provide leadership for the development of National 4-H Curriculum. This partnership provides the knowledge, resources, and management necessary to develop and market quality youth curriculum.

[Check out curriculum and other resources here>>](#)

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## Calling All Afterschool Artists! Design the 2012 Lights On Afterschool Poster

The Afterschool Alliance wants your artwork for their 2012 *Lights On Afterschool* poster. The deadline for submissions is **May 1, 2012**.

The winning image will be **printed on 70,000 posters** displayed nationwide! Posters are sent to afterschool programs from coast to coast for *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations. The artist and/or program will be credited on the poster, and the image will be featured on our website.

Get inspired: Learn more about our [2011 poster contest winner Nicole Tanner](#) and check out the [2010 gallery of poster submissions](#). Guidelines for creating artwork: [download guidelines.pdf](#)

More information at: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loaSubmitArtPoster.cfm>

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## Rio Salado College Announces Afterschool Certificate Program

[Rio Salado College](#) is pleased to introduce a College Certificate program designed especially for Afterschool/School Age Professionals. The coursework in the School Age specialization of the 16 credit hour Academic Certificate in Child & Family Professional Development provides students with the Level I and II core knowledge identified in the National Afterschool Association's standards for Core Knowledge and Competencies for Afterschool and Youth Development Professionals.

Coursework for this Certificate can be completed online, and with Rio's 48 start dates, you can start at any time. Rio is also working to form education cohorts to complete this certificate program through an in-person course delivery modality. An educational cohort is designed to allow a group of students to work together toward their academic objective. This group starts and ends their program together. For students who live or work a distance from the college, cohort programs are often established at off-campus locations. This enables busy, working adults to further their education in spite of other demands on their time. Experience has shown that students, who participate in a cohort group, often succeed where individual students do not.

**Limited scholarship funding is available** to support completion of this college certificate.

**To learn more** about how you can enroll in this program, become a member of a cohort or establish at cohort at your location contact us by phone at 480.517.8120 or by email at [early.childhood@riosalado.edu](mailto:early.childhood@riosalado.edu).

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## Arizona Afterschool Survey Results Are In!

We are proud to announce the release of the Arizona Afterschool Survey Report, '*Young Minds Keep Learning Even After the School Day Ends*'.

Conducted and compiled by the [Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence](#), [Valley of the Sun United Way](#) and [United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona](#) in partnership with [ASU's Morrison Institute on Public Policy](#), the Report highlights results of a 2011 survey of 681 afterschool and out-of school time program sites in Maricopa and Pima counties.

**Contact** 602.496.3307 or [mmcclintock@azafterschool.org](mailto:mmcclintock@azafterschool.org) if you or your organization would like a presentation or explanation of the key findings and what they mean for Arizona's youth.

**We look forward to working with you to build a meaningful afterschool youth development system for all Arizona's youth!**

[Download the Full Report here>>](#)

[Download a Summary of the Report here>>](#)

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## Afterschool in the News

### Feeding Children After School: The Expanding Role of USDA Child Nutrition Programs

USDA has a long history of subsidizing school meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program. Increasingly, USDA is also involved in feeding children after school, especially low-income children. Participation in the after-school snack component of the NSLP is rising, and an after-school meal option for at-risk children, administered through USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), was extended to all States in late 2010.

[Read more from Amber Waves>>](#)

### TUSD Considering Fee Increase for Extracurricular Activities

Tucson Unified School District students who participate in after school sports could have to pay more to play. Currently, fees are set at \$50 per sport or activity for high school students and \$20 for middle school

students. The fees for high school sports would go from \$50 to \$65 and from \$20 to \$30 for middle school sports. Before any fees are raised, TUSD wants to hear from those affected and they will be several meeting.

[Read more and see presentation schedule at KVOA.com>>](#)

### **Mayor's Adviser Promotes College Entry**

Phoenix College professor Trino Sandoval makes his living educating students, but before he could do that, he had to learn how to educate himself. Sandoval was born and raised in Mexico and was the first in his family to graduate from college. "My parents were very supportive, but they didn't know how to guide me because they didn't have the experience," Sandoval said...Sandoval, who now teaches languages and Southwest studies, is using his experiences and professional knowledge to help others attain higher education as Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton's senior policy adviser on education.

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

### **Flowing Wells' Effectiveness Isn't Highly Efficient; So What?**

Students measure enzyme reaction rates in a biotechnology class at Flowing Wells High School on Friday. The schools at Flowing Wells are too clean. The doors stay open too long. The teachers are trained too well. And apparently the students are learning too darn much. Those are the main findings of the state Auditor General's Office, which spent a year poking and prodding this small north-side district where a quarter of the students live in poverty and 71 percent are on free or reduced lunch.

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

### **Rookie Robotics Team Headed for Competition**

A rookie robotics team from Kofa High School will be traveling to Chandler later this month to compete against 50 teams from Arizona, New Mexico, Brazil, Canada and Mexico. The group of 20 students on Decepta-Kings, as the team is nicknamed, will be participating in the 2012 Arizona Regional FIRST Robotics Competition where they will be attempting to complete an obstacle course and score goals with their machine, said Anasone Silivongxay, Kofa FIRST robotics mentor/co-sponsor and AVID site coordinator.

[Read more from the YumaSun>>](#)

### **26 States and DC Submit Applications for ESEA Flexibility Waivers**

Last week 26 states and the District of Columbia met the second deadline for states seeking No Child Left Behind (NCLB) [flexibility waivers](#). The Department of Education launched the waiver process last fall as a way to give states a certain amount of flexibility from the mandates of the 10-year-old NCLB law in exchange for states' implementing standards and accountability reforms. Of particular interest to supporters of afterschool programs has been the optional 11<sup>th</sup> waiver allowing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup>CCLC) funds to be used to lengthen the school day, week or year.

[Read more from the Arizona Alliance>>](#)

### **Afterschool Programs Headed to the Big Screen**

[Brooklyn Castle](#), a documentary film about the afterschool chess team at I.S. 318, a public school in New York City, will premiere later this month at the *South by Southwest* (SXSW) film festival in Austin, Texas. The film chronicles the chess team through a series of deep budget cuts that threaten to undermine its hard-won success-and is as much about the five young teens it follows as it is about the ability of public schools to do great things when they have the resources. Learn more about the film and upcoming screenings [here](#).

[Read more from the Afterschool Alliance>>](#)

### **How to Support Teens in Listening**

Teens are quick to connect with each other by telling stories and passing along gossip via texting and social media. But students have lost the art of listening face to face by hiding behind the veil of anonymity. They talk at each other (of course, we adults do this too). As a public high school teacher, I

clearly see a need for teens to learn to listen intently. In fact, few of us in modern society know how to listen. [Henning Mankell's recent piece](#) on DailyGood only reiterated today's penchant for incessant white noise chatter.

[Read more from DailyGood>>](#)

### **PHS Grad Seeking Donations to Start Youth Art Studio**

With art getting less and less attention at school, aspiring artists have to increasingly rely on their own resources, buying paint, canvases and other supplies and seeking out instruction and encouragement by taking private classes. Now one young man wants to create a formal space for young artists by opening an art studio inside the Phoenix Theater on East Washington.

[Read more from PetalunaPatch>>](#)

## **Job Opportunities**

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

[Post it here>>](#)

### **Tempe Kidzone**

Lead Preschool Teacher - 2 Year Old Classroom

[Read more>>](#)

### **Volunteer Southern Arizona**

Youth Program Coordinator

[Read more>>](#)

### **Chandler Unified School District**

Community Education Manager

[Read more>>](#)

### **Paradise Valley Unified Mascot Club Program**

Program Manager

[Read more>>](#)

### **MentorKids USA**

Mentor Coordinator

[Read more>>](#)

### **Valley of the Sun YMCA**

Building Futures Mentoring Program Childcare

[Read more>>](#)

### **International School of Arizona**

Extended Care Program Supervisor

[Read more>>](#)

### **The Scottsdale/PV YMCA**

After School Counselor

[Read more>>](#)

## YMCA JOB FAIR!

The Valley of the Sun YMCA is seeking part-time and full-time professionals, summer/seasonal staff, interns and volunteers for all locations. Bring Resumes | Applications Available On-Site

Saturday, March 17, 2012

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

ASU Phoenix Downtown Campus/Civic Space Park Pavilion

444 N. Central Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85004

Parking available at the Lincoln Family YMCA

350 N. 1st Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85003

(602) 257-5138

<http://www.valleymca.org/careers.cfm>

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

## Funding Opportunities

**\*New opportunities in red**

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### Change the World Challenge

**Deadline: March 15, 2012**

The *Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge* encourages youth to solve environmental problems through project-based learning. Groups of youth and teachers/mentors are challenged to come up with solutions and innovations in areas such as food waste-to-energy, community-scale battery recycling, phantom-power load reduction, systematic behavior change, erosion control and more. The contest is for youth and teacher/mentors groups in three categories: elementary school (grades K to 5); middle school (grades 6 to 8); and high school (grades 9 to 12). Prizes vary and are in the form of scholarships, savings bonds, school grants, adventure trips and a chance to present their idea at the United Nations.

[More information>>](#)

### AZ Commission on the Arts

**FY2013 Grant Guides Now Available**

**Deadline: March 15, 2012**

If you are currently a recipient of grant funding from the Arizona Commission on the Arts, or are interested in applying for the first time, please visit [www.azarts.gov/grants](http://www.azarts.gov/grants) to find information about grant categories, eligibility and application requirements. Guidelines are now available for applying to the 2012-2013, fiscal year 2013 cycle of grants for organizations and schools. Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin preparing application narratives and materials now, using the [Guide to Grants](#) documents. The Electronic Grants Online Resource or EGOR - the online system used by applicants for grant application submission - will open in late January 2012.

[More information>>](#)



## **Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge**

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Siemens Foundation, Discovery Education, National Science Teachers Association, and College Board have partnered to provide funding to programs that encourage students to solve environmental problems through project-based learning. Eligible programs serve children in grades K-12.

[More information>>](#)

## **Ashoka Changemakers: Activating Empathy**

**Deadline: March 30, 2012**

*Activating Empathy* is a global collaborative competition to find the best ideas, programs, and learning-models from around the world that: encourage social and emotional development, unlock new ways of viewing problems, open the door to a new world of potential solutions, address bullying or aggression in ways that advance understanding of others' perspectives, promote community diversity and a respect for differences, and champion children as real-world problem solvers rather than simply bystanders. More than \$70,000 in-cash and in-kind prizes are available through the competition. **Prepare to Enter or Nominate** an individual, organization, or partnership with a solution online starting now. **For more information, please see the [Guidelines and Criteria](#) and [Prizes page](#)**

## **Youth Baseball & Softball Program Funding**

**Deadline: April 1, 2012**

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund, part of Major League Baseball, awards on a quarterly basis after a thorough and selective application process. The application evaluation process takes three-to-six months, which depends upon the date that the letter of inquiry is received. This funding is intended to provide funding for incremental programming and facilities for youth baseball and softball programs, not for normal operating expenses or as a substitute for existing funding or fund-raising activities. The program generally considers projects that include capital expenditures for youth baseball and softball programs such as baseball/softball equipment and uniforms, basic baseball/softball field renovations and construction (e.g. infield mix, sod/seeding, bases, dugouts, fencing, field lighting, irrigation system, grading, etc.)

[More information>>](#)

## **Active Schools Acceleration Project**

**Deadline: April 2, 2012**

ChildObesity180 and Partnership for a Healthier America will provide grants of up to \$100,000 to school-based programs and technological innovations that promote physical activity for children.

[More information>>](#)

## **Touching Lives Through Theatre™ Grants**

**Deadline: April 1, 2012**

Pioneer Drama Service is proud to offer Touching Lives Through Theatre™ Grants available for the upcoming 2012-13 school year. Because we believe so strongly in the power of theatre to make a difference in a student's life, we are awarding a total of \$5000 of grants in the form of Pioneer Drama credit to qualifying middle and high schools.

[More information>>](#)

## **Youth Advisory Board Service-Learning Grants**

**Deadline: May 4, 2012**

Every year, the State Farm Youth Advisory Board funds up to \$5 million to youth-led service learning projects to solve issues important to State Farm and communities across the United States and Canada. Grant requests can range anywhere from \$25,000 - \$100,000, and are completed online ONLY through the Youth Advisory Board website, found here: [www.statefarmyab.com/apply](http://www.statefarmyab.com/apply). Education institutions and nonprofits are both eligible to apply. Funding areas include: Financial Literacy, Access to Higher

Education/Closing the Achievement Gap, Community Safety and Natural Disaster Preparedness, Environmental Responsibility, and Societal Health and Wellness Issues.

[More information>>](#)

### **21st Century Community Learning Grant RFP Announcement**

**Deadline: May 7, 2012**

21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant funding is available for academic out-of-school time programs through the Arizona Department of Education. The grant provides funding for students to receive academic enrichment classes and opportunities in core academic areas such as reading, writing and math. Eligible organizations include any public or private organization that serves students who attend schools where at least 40% of the students qualify for free/reduced meals. Any organization that is not a school must partner with the school serving the students targeted for assistance. The application will be available on March 5th on the ADE Grant Management Enterprise under Fund Alerts.

[More information>>](#)

### **Captain Planet Foundation Grants**

**Deadline: May 31, 2012**

The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to fund and support hands-on, environmental projects for children and youths. Through environmental education, they believe that children can achieve a better understanding and appreciation for the world in which they live. Generally, the range of grants awarded by the Foundation is \$250 - \$2,500 for innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities.

[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>>](#)

### **Navy and Marine Corps STEM Education Grants**

**Deadline: September 20, 2012**

U.S. Department of Defense will give out multiple grants of \$200,000 to city or township governments, independent school districts, public institutions of higher education, tribal organizations, nonprofits, for-profits, small businesses to foster an interest in, knowledge of and study in science, technology, engineering and mathematics nationwide to ensure an educated and well-prepared naval and national STEM workforce by engaging students in STEM-related hands-on learning activities with Naval relevance.

[More information>>](#)

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

## **Awards, Contests & Fellowships**

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### **Doodle 4 Google**

**Deadline: March 23, 2012**

"If I could travel in time, I'd visit..." Youth in grades K-12 are invited to enter Google's annual art contest. Five national finalists will be flown to New York for the awards ceremony and win a \$5,000 college scholarship. One winner will take the big prize -- \$30,000 for college, a \$50,000 technology grant for his

or her school, and the winning art will be featured on Google's home page.

[More information>>](#)

## **Call for Nominations: Hon Kachina Volunteer Awards**

**Deadline: March 30, 2012**

The Hon Kachina Council seek nominations year-round for recipients of the Hon Kachina Volunteer Awards - Arizona's Most Prestigious Celebration of Volunteerism. You can help the Hon Kachina Council honor seven of Arizona's most deserving volunteers by nominating a volunteer, high school age or older, who has dedicated time, talent and passion to a variety of causes. In addition to recognition at the 2012 Awards event and extensive statewide publicity, each winner will receive a one-of-a-kind hand carved Hon Kachina doll and a cash award for their nonprofit organization. Nominations are being accepted at the Hon Kachina Council's website: [www.honkachina.org](http://www.honkachina.org).

## **College Scholarship Opportunity**

**Deadline: March 30, 2012**

The Tucson Hispanic Chamber Foundation Announces college scholarships to Hispanic High School Seniors! "Mi Exito" Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarships are available to students who will be attending any accredited university, college or vocational/trade school located in the Southern Arizona (ex. University of Arizona, Pima Community College, Cochise Community College). Scholarships start at \$1,000 based on financial need. Winners will be presented to the membership of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber at a luncheon on June 21st.

[More information>>](#)

## **Trend Micro's 2012 *What's Your Story* video contest**

**Deadline: April 3, 2012**

Unleash the videographer in your program's youth by having them enter Trend Micro's 2012 What's Your Story video contest. Entrants must create and upload an original video, no longer than two minutes, that addresses one of three issues: taking action against bullying; keeping a good reputation online; or being cell smart. The videos can be created in any style - a serious confessional, an educational lesson or a funny re-enactment. One \$10,000 grand prize and six \$500 secondary prizes will be awarded. The contest is open to residents of the United States and Canada (excluding Quebec) who are 13 and older.

[More information on the categories and how to register>>](#)

## **Youth Encouraging Healthful Habits**

**Deadline: April 16, 2012**

Suggest to a young person you know that he or she apply to serve on the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Youth Advisory Board for the 2012-2013 school year. Board members serve as ambassadors for the Alliance, share feedback on empowerME programs and activities and lead service-learning programs related to preventing childhood obesity and encouraging young people to develop lifelong, healthful habits. Applicants must be between the ages of 8 and 17 and live in the United States (including U.S. territories) when membership begins in July. They must be willing to share their unique experiences and opinions to shape the programs of the Alliance's Kids' Movement to make healthy living the norm, not the exception.

[Learn more>>](#)

## **Young Native Writers Essay Contest**

**Deadline is April 30, 2012**

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian is proud to announce the 2012 Young Native Writers Essay Contest. This essay contest is open to Native American high school students currently enrolled in grades 9-12. Five first-place winners will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship, an all-expenses-paid "Scholar Week" trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the National Museum of the American Indian and other prominent Washington, D.C. sites. Deadline is April 30, 2012

[More information>>](#)

# Trainings & Conferences

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## USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Webinars

Hunger and poor nutrition are among the biggest obstacles to student success, stunting not only children's educational development, but also making them more likely to miss school days due to sickness and other health issues. One of the many ways afterschool providers can fight hunger, especially among children, is through the federal Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The program provides funding to feed low-income children ages 18 and under when school is not in session.

[Visit the USDA's SFSP webpage for a list of upcoming webinar dates>>](#)

[Click for a list of state food nutrition contacts>>](#)

## Showcasing Your Program through Online Web Tools

**March 17, 2012, 9:00AM - 11:00AM**

Market your early childhood program using online web tools free and easy. Bring digital photos with you to help promote the wonderful work going on in your center. Showcase the learning and opportunities that you provide for children within each age group you serve. Even if you aren't feeling very creative, digital templates will help tell your story. This seminar will focus on the following objectives:

- \* Create a digital online scrapbook or photo album showcasing the benefits of your program
- \* Learn the basics to begin a Google site
- \* Begin to gather the success stories to share about your program within the webpage
- \* Understand the difference between a webpage and a blog

A Continued Education Certificate (CEU) is available for participants attending this seminar. The CEU certificate can be used to meet ADHS, DES and CDA National Credentialing training requirements.

[More information>>](#)

## **Free Math Activity Webinars**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

[Mixing in Math](#), a nonprofit center for math and science education in Cambridge, Mass., provides math-based activities that incorporate math skills with crafts, games, literacy, nutrition, physical fitness and science. Mixing in Math will offer two opportunities to attend a free Webinar this month on using Mixing in Math activities - exploring shapes, sizes and patterns in everyday life.

Upcoming Webinars scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (EST)

[Register for the March 19 Webinar>>](#)

[Register for the March 26 Webinar>>](#)

## **Afterschool Meals Matter conference call: Recruiting and Working with Individual Afterschool Programs**

**March 21, at 11:00 am MST**

Individual afterschool programs that operate on a smaller scale can successfully offer their own Afterschool Meal Program. Hear from a non-profit organization participating in the Afterschool Meal Program and learn the steps they take to operate a successful program. Hear from advocates and a state agency on how they work to recruit individual afterschool programs and aid them in the success of their Afterschool Meal Program.

[Click here to register>>](#)

## **Why Inclusion? Planning for Children with Special Needs**

**March 21 @ 7:00-9:00pm**

Bright Futures, 19 E. Beech St., Cottonwood, AZ

Research shows that everyone can benefit when children with special needs are included in community programs. This session will discuss these benefits and what to consider when enrolling a child with special needs.

Register: 866-9TRAIN9 or [projectmetoo@blake.easterseals.com](mailto:projectmetoo@blake.easterseals.com)

## **Webinar on Bullying & Harassment: The Law and One School's Response**

**March 22 at 12:30 p.m. MST**

Worried about bullying and harassment in your school? You are not alone. Join the National Women's Law Center for a free webinar to learn about how schools can and should respond to bullying and harassment. [Please join us by registering today>>](#)

## **Everybody Wins- Conflict Resolution Strategies for School Age Programs**

**March 24, 2012 @ 8:00-10:00pm**

Flagstaff Federated Church, 400 W. Aspen Ave. Flagstaff, AZ

Children mirror what adults around them do. This is one of the basic ways children learn what is okay and not okay. If we want children to handle conflicts constructively and nonviolently then we need to take a look at how we handle conflict. This workshop presents handling conflicts in a positive way. Come and start walking the talk. Child Growth and Development; child guidance and methods of discipline.

Register: 866-9TRAIN9 or [projectmetoo@blake.easterseals.com](mailto:projectmetoo@blake.easterseals.com)

## **What's In My Back Pocket? Activities for School Age**

**March 24, 2012 @ 10:15am-12:15pm**

Flagstaff Federated Church, 400 W. Aspen Ave. Flagstaff, AZ

Children need to have an understanding of the importance of waste and recycling. This workshop will provide participants with a clear understanding of the process and teach them ways to share this knowledge with school age children in their care. Activities will take into consideration all of the developmental domains with a fun/exciting recycling approach. Child Growth and Development;

developmentally appropriate activities. Register: 866-9TRAIN9 or [projectmetoo@blake.easterseals.com](mailto:projectmetoo@blake.easterseals.com)

## **2012 Arizona Directors Conference**

**Saturday April 21, 2012 @ Rio Salado College, Tempe**

The conference theme is Best Practices in Early Childhood Program Management. Limited to 100 participants, this conference has been designed especially for early care and education program Directors, Managers and Administrators. This conference will provide 6 clock hours of training in Management and Administration.

[Register here>>](#)

## **APEX Great Seminars**

Rio Salado College, in collaboration with KAET/ASSET (Arizona State University), is initiating a coaching model for early childhood professional development. These seminars will take place once a month and are being offered as professional development opportunities for early care and education professionals. Each Seminar has been designed to provide participants with information, knowledge and skills that will enhance their practice in the field of early care and education. *Participants will receive a Continued Education Certificate (CEU) for attending each seminar. The CEU certificate can be used to meet ADHS, DES and CDA National Credentialing training requirements.*

**April 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM-11:00AM:** [PBS KIDS Super WHY! Learning Adventure Tool Kit](#)

**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM-4:00PM:** [The Arizona Family Child Care Conference](#)

## **Boost Conference**

**April 25-28, 2012, Palm Springs, CA**

The BOOST Conference, presented by Boost Collaborative, is one of the nation's largest, most recognized and comprehensive conferences for afterschool and out-of-school time professionals. Set in a retreat-like atmosphere, this extraordinary event will rejuvenate your passion and boost your direction for quality programming. Register today for an invigorating blend of:

- \* Keynote presentations by Milton Chen & Sir Ken Robinson
- \* Networking and teambuilding opportunities
- \* Exceptional workshop presenters to learn and grow with and the latest trends and research in out-of-school time programming
- \* In depth learning sessions through our 1-day Pre-Conference Academy
- \* Opportunities for targeted conversations and learning through Inspiration Stations
- \* Legacy Summit sessions to support working with older youth
- \* Connections with over 125 Exhibitors sharing the newest resources, products and services to enhance your programs
- \* Options to earn college credits and CEU's
- \* All-inclusive opportunities to experience guest speakers, authors, special events, and entertainment that will inspire you to create change
- \* Healthy meals and plenty of sunshine in beautiful Palm Springs, California

[Details and Registration here>>](#)

## **Afterschool for All Challenge: Transforming Research into Action**

**May 8-9, Washington, D.C.**

The [Afterschool for All Challenge](#) brings together program staff, community leaders, youth, parents, educators, advocates and elected officials from across the country to discuss the hottest topics in afterschool and meet face to face with policy makers about the importance of federal support for the afterschool programs that keep our kids safe, inspire learning and help working families. This year we'll be exploring the evidence base for afterschool-how before-school, afterschool and summer learning programs can and are supporting a wide range of positive outcomes for kids, families and communities. Afterschool experts and professionals working in the field will be on hand to discuss the latest research and describe how programs are already putting it to work for continuous improvement.

[Register](#) by March 31 for the early registration rate of \$150 per person.



## **NIOST Summer Seminars 2012**

**July 23-27, 2012, Boston, MA**

The National Institute for Out-of-School Time - NIOST -- ([www.niost.org](http://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>>](#)

## **Community Events**

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### **MY Fest '12**

**Sunday, March 25, 2012 @ Tempe Beach Park, 12:00-5:00PM**

MY Fest is a music, art, entertainment and youth involvement festival hosted by MY LIFE (Magellan Youth Leaders Inspiring Future Empowerment) to raise awareness about mental health, substance abuse, foster care and other issues facing youth and young adults. MY Fest '12 will feature live music, a break dancing stage and crew competition, entertainers, artists, food, youth groups, and a variety of youth and family-based organizations offering information, resources and services. MY Fest '11 drew a crowd of nearly 7,000 people and featured 80 youth and family serving community and social service organizations. MY Fest '12 will no doubt be even bigger and better than ever before! [See video highlights from a previous MY Fest!](#)

MY LIFE is also proud to offer exhibitor space for MY Fest '12 to organizations that provide youth and family-based services or resources. There is no charge for exhibitor space. Please see the [exhibitor application](#) for more details.

### **Global Youth Service Day**

**April 20-22, 2012**

The Arizona Governor's Youth Commission invites youth groups across the state to join together to conduct service projects in the focus area of education, an area critical to Arizona's future, *to demonstrate the power* and value of the collective impact of Arizona's youth. Please email registration by Wednesday, February 8, 2012 to: Carla Friedman at [gyc@az.gov](mailto:gyc@az.gov).

### **Submit Your Proposal for the HandsOn Greater Phoenix's 19th Annual Serve A Thon**

**Saturday April 28, 2012**

The 19th Annual HandsOn Greater Phoenix Serve A Thon brings together 1500 corporate, civic and individual volunteers for a day of hands-on community service projects at locations across the Valley. Working in partnership nonprofit organizations, under-resourced neighborhoods and schools, teams of volunteers will clean up neighborhoods, brighten classrooms, paint murals, revitalize homeless and domestic violence shelters, plant gardens and much more! The effort will provide 15,000 hours of service and leave a lasting mark on the community and those in need.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime to leverage resources and volunteers. HandsOn will do a complete site visit with your organization, identify needed supplies and resources for the projects, recruit the volunteers and oversee the project. **Less than 35** projects will be chosen for this event!

[Submit your proposal here](#), email proposals to Todd Byard [Todd@handsonphoenix.org](mailto:Todd@handsonphoenix.org) or fax to 602-973-9233. Contact HandsOn Greater Phoenix at 602-973-2212 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

### **Future for KIDS Youth Sports & Fitness Camp**

**Saturday, 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](http://www.futureforkids.org) or Call (480) 947-8131 for more information and to reserve your space.

### **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 Midwestern 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, Midwestern 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 Midwestern 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](http://www.midwestern.edu/azhealthcareersinstitute).

## **Resources, Research & Reports**

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### **Khan Academy - Free Online Learning Resource**

Khan Academy, recently featured on [60 Minutes](#), is a not-for-profit with the goal of changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education to anyone anywhere. All of the site's resources and materials are available to you completely free of charge. Youth can make use of their extensive video library, practice exercises, and assessments from any computer with access to the web. Coaches, parents, teachers, and afterschool providers have unprecedented visibility into what their students are learning and doing on the Khan Academy, such as the ability to see any student in detail, a real-time class report for all students, and better intelligence for doing targeted interventions.

[Find out more about Khan Academy>>](#)

### **Where the Kids Are: Digital Learning In Class and Beyond**

Technology is dramatically changing the way young people learn, especially when they're learning on their own. Kids with means and access employ web-based learning every day, at home and at school. In the rapidly evolving world of digital learning, we can use that passion to help kids master the skills and content they need to know, and to connect them to a world of other students and adults who encourage them to aim higher and go farther. We also have a chance to ensure that the least advantaged kids are not left behind once again.

[Download the report here>>](#)



## **STEM Afterschool: A Key Partner in Future Workforce Development**

A recent study from Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce showed clearly that there is a problem of scarcity of workers with basic STEM competencies across the entire economy. The study also shows that the demand for these competencies is only increasing, along with compensation and employment prospects that are very attractive. However, as things stand now, there are some sectors with unfilled jobs because the employers can't find people with the required skills to fill those jobs.

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