



ARIZONA CENTER FOR  
AFTERSCHOOL EXCELLENCE  
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SCHOOL'S OUT, MAKE IT COUNT!

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ARIZONA FALLING BEHIND IN AFTERSCHOOL  
**EVERY HOUR COUNTS**



The newest data paints a black & white picture: Arizona is falling behind in afterschool. For every 1 child in an afterschool program, 3 are waiting to get in. The findings report accessibility as the most prominent barrier to program participation with almost 50% of Arizona youth eager to be in a program if one were available to them. Out-of-school time programs provide critical support for our school-aged youth:

- A safe space for youth to succeed while parents work,
- Academic support and homework help,
- Opportunities to be physically active,
- Space to learn social and emotional skills,
- Practice in team building, communication, and life skills,
- And much, much more.

These vital benefits are clear reasons why we need to ensure **all** Arizona youth have access to a safe, quality afterschool program. Our kids need more investment, not less!

Join us, starting tomorrow, for the **Every Hour Counts: Arizona Falling Behind in Afterschool** campaign where we'll highlight the importance of out-of-school time, barriers to participation, and how to get Arizona back on track. Mark your calendars for the **Every Hour Counts: Power Hour** (virtual) on Arizona Gives Day, Tuesday, April 6th, to hear from youth, families, and professionals on the impact of out-of-school time.

- Early Giving starts: Tuesday, March 16th
- Every Hour Counts: Power Hour, Tuesday, April 6th at 3 PM PST/ 4 PM MST (virtual)

**Early Giving**

**Power Hour Registration**



**On-Demand Workshops Are Now Available**  
More than 50 on-demand workshops are now available  
for only \$5 each!

Earn a 1-hour CEU certificate for each attendee registered.  
View a list of available workshops [HERE](#)

**AzCASE is a part of the Million Girls Moonshot!**

The Moonshot seeks to re-imagine who can engineer, who can build, who can make. It will inspire and prepare the next generation of innovators by engaging one million more girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) learning opportunities through afterschool and summer programs over the next 5 years.



MILLION GIRLS MOONSHOT

We need summer programs to share more about how they do STEM to help us to better understand how we can best support afterschool and summer programs statewide. The survey **should take 5-10 minutes** to complete. Everyone who completes the survey will have exclusive access to a webinar on engaging kids in hands-on engineering activities from home and will be entered into a **drawing for a \$100 gift certificate**.

Click [here](#) to take the survey!  
Learn more at <https://milliongirlsmoonshot.org/>



**Apply for a 2021 STEM Grant!**

Deadline to apply: April 1, 2021

After a year on hiatus due to the pandemic, we're thrilled to bring back our STEM Grants for out-of-school time programs! Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence and Cox Communications will award a total of \$15,000 in grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 to programs that incorporate or expand the use of STEM based learning in their programs. Applications will be reviewed by an independent judging panel with extra points given to programs that have

signed the **Make It Count Pledge** and who have submitted an Assessment using the **AzQSAT**. Additional consideration will be given to programs that promote equity.

► **View Full Criteria & Apply Now**

**Our 2021 Conference workshop slots are filling fast. If you haven't submitted a proposal yet, please do so soon.**

**Workshops will be presented on October 23, 2021  
at the Phoenix Convention Center.**

**[Submit A Proposal](#)**



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