



Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence



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and quality of afterschool opportunities statewide

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Announcements from the Center



Now Accepting Nominations for the 2013 Afterschool Awards of Excellence!

The **Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence** will honor 10 Arizona afterschool leaders at the annual **Spotlight on Afterschool: Awards of Excellence Luncheon** for exemplary work in delivering and supporting quality youth development programs in afterschool settings.

Show your **appreciation and pride** by nominating afterschool programs, staff and leaders for the **2013 Afterschool Awards of Excellence!**

Awards will be given in 3 categories:

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

View descriptions of the awards categories [here](#).

Each recipient will receive:

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The **Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence** is dedicated to the enhancement of child and youth development and educational achievement through quality afterschool programming.

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- A \$1,000 cash award
- An engraved award
- Free registration to three AzCASE Trainings in 2014
- A certificate of recognition from Governor Jan Brewer

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.

Three finalists in each category will be honored at the **Spotlight on Afterschool: Awards of Excellence Luncheon on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Phoenix Convention Center, North Building Ballroom**. Winners will be announced at the Luncheon.

**Nominations must be submitted by
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013**

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

Take the AzCASE Newsletter Survey Today!

We're in the process of implementing changes to our newsletter and **we would love to hear from you!**

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and opinions in our newsletter survey. We want to ensure our readers are engaged and informed and we need your help to make sure our newsletter stays relevant to your professional goals and interests.

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Register NOW For the Special Needs Workshop with Dr. Gale Gorke!

Students of **all abilities and needs** are increasingly part of afterschool programs, and it is vital for afterschool professionals to develop skills that will help all kids be successful. In her **fun and energetic** way, Dr. Gale Gorke will help afterschool administrators and line staff gain an understanding of the challenges students with special needs face, and how to make afterschool a **welcoming environment** where all students are included and able to be successful.

In this workshop, you will learn...

- Learn **intervention strategies** for working with students with special needs
- Get tips on creative ways to **adapt activities** so everyone can participate as fully as possible
- Gain an **awareness of the challenges** faced by these

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unique students and how you can accommodate for their needs.

Registration is now open and space is limited! Don't miss the opportunity to gain valuable skills and training from a true afterschool superstar- [register now!](#)

DATES & LOCATIONS

FLAGSTAFF

April 16

9 AM - Noon

Flagstaff Family Resource Center
4000 N Cummings Street, Flagstaff
\$30 a person

PHOENIX

April 17

9 AM - Noon

Rio Vista Community Center
8866 W Thunderbird Road #A, Peoria
\$30 a person

TUCSON

April 18

9 AM - Noon

Donna Liggins Recreation Center
Multipurpose Room
2160 N 1st Avenue, Tucson
\$30 a person

REGISTER NOW!

Questions? Contact 602.496.3308 or info@azafterschool.org

AzCASE Awarded STEM Grant from Noyce Foundation

We are proud to announce that the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence was one of **only five statewide afterschool networks nationwide** to receive a grant from the Noyce Foundation to increase informal science within afterschool programs at the state and local level!

The \$5,000 planning grant will support the development of STEM partnerships and STEM needs analysis.

AzCASE will partner with a variety of organizations including Arizona 4-H, Arizona Community Education Association, Arizona Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers, the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern Arizona, Science Foundation Arizona and school and city-based afterschool programs in creating a statewide plan.

When completed in late August, the plan will then qualify AzCASE to compete for a **two year STEM Building Grant from the Noyce Foundation!**

For more information, contact Melanie McClintock at mmcclintock@azafterschool.org.

Senator Boxer Supports STEM on the Senate Floor

Senator Boxer (D-CA), the Afterschool Caucus Chair, recently put her support for **STEM education and afterschool programs** on the record on the Senate floor!

Senator Boxer described afterschool and summer programs as "a vital part of our country's education tapestry," going on to say that she hoped that the Senate would support such programs, including the **21st Century Community Learning Centers Program**, in the future.

[Read more here>>](#)

Afterschool Quality Standards Close to Public Vetting

The statewide **Quality Standards Committee** is scheduled to meet in early April to review a draft of proposed Afterschool Quality Standards which they began developing last October. As currently constructed, the draft contains standards on:

- Intentional Programming and Activities
- Safe and Healthy Environments
- Positive Relationships
- Family, School and Community Engagement/Involvement
- Program Management
- Program Evaluation and Data
- Addressing Equity and Diversity

Once approved by the committee, AzCASE and the Valley of the Sun United Way plans to share the proposed standards with stakeholders statewide and ask for their review and comments. It is important to the process that program operators, parents, educators, funders and policymakers all have a chance to **vet the proposed standards and offer recommendations** for how they can be further strengthened before they are adopted.

Please contact [Melanie McClintock](#) if you are interested in receiving a copy of the draft standards once available and if you would like a member of the AzCASE or VSUW team to walk you and representatives from your organization through the proposed

standards.

The development of statewide Quality Afterschool Standards is the first step in a three-step continuous **quality improvement process** that will include the adoption and promotion of an assessment tool or tools for afterschool providers to use in assessing program quality and the development of a **professional development system** that will better enable program staff to meet the expectations of the standards and assessment tool.

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Job Opportunities

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Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence

Program and Outreach Manager (Phoenix)

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Nevada Afterschool Network

Director (Virginia City, NV)

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Grrrls Project

Group Facilitator (Tucson)

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United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

Accounts Payable Clerk (Tucson)

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Tucson Jewish Community Center

Summer Camp Staff (Tucson)

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Canyons School District

Unit Director (Salt Lake City, UT)

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South Pointe Elementary School

Afterschool Tutor/ Teacher (Phoenix)

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Funding Opportunities

School Turnaround AmeriCorps Competition

Deadline: April 2, 2013

The School Turnaround AmeriCorps competition is open to nonprofits and schools to support school turnaround efforts in priority schools or schools receiving School Improvement Grants. A Letter of Intent to Apply is due by April 2, 2013. The submission deadline is April 23, 2013.

[More information>>](#)

Department of Workforce Services Safe Passages Grant

Deadline: April 9, 2013

The Department of Workforce Services - Office of Work & Family Life is accepting applications for Safe Passages 2013, a project to create and expand quality afterschool programs for youth in middle, junior high, and high school. Award amounts vary; programs can apply for up to \$30,000 per site.

[More information>>](#)

Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Grants

Deadline: Rolling

The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation programs provide musical instruments and instrument repair to K-12 music programs, community art schools, after-school programs, and youth orchestras. Award amounts vary.

[More information>>](#)

The Pollination Project Grants

Deadline: Rolling

The Pollination Project provides funding to individuals and groups with an idea and a plan to make their community and the world a better place. Awards of \$1,000 are given every day, 365 days a year.

[More information>>](#)

Professional REWARD\$

Deadline: Rolling

First Things First is offering a financial incentive to child care professionals working with children birth through age 5 through the new Professional REWARD\$ program. The program acknowledges and rewards progressive education, educational attainment and commitment to continuous employment at a child care center, group or family child care home regulated by a Federal, State or Tribal authority. Financial incentives range from \$300 to \$2,000.

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

Trainings & Conferences

Indicators of Success: Defining the Outcomes of STEM in Afterschool Webinar

March 21, 2013, 1:00 - 1:30 PM EDT, Webinar

This webinar will discuss a recent study that asked expert afterschool practitioners, funders, and state education policy makers to define appropriate and feasible outcomes for youth in afterschool STEM programs. Anita Krishnamurthi, STEM Policy Director at the Afterschool Alliance, will describe the study results; Jeff Davis, Program Director for the California AfterSchool Network, will also describe how the study can be utilized on the ground to highlight the substantial impact afterschool STEM programs have on participating youth.

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NACA Reach Ur Life SafeTALK Training

March 28, 2013, Flagstaff

The Native Americans for Community Action (NACA) REACH UR LIFE suicide prevention program will be offering a free safeTALK training. Participants will learn to identify and respond to people who have thoughts of suicide and apply the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen, and Keep Safe) to connect them to aid resources. This free event is being held in Flagstaff at the STAR School and is appropriate for participants 15 years old and above.

[More information>>](#)

National AfterSchool Association Convention

April 7 - 10, 2013, Indianapolis, IN

afterschool professionals dedicated to the development, education and care of children and youth during their out-of-school time from April 7 -10, 2013 in Indianapolis, IN. Celebrate the National AfterSchool Association's 25th year at the annual NAA Convention. For their 25th Anniversary, NAA will recognize past leader and milestones, and will look ahead to the next 25 years. They will also host an 80's themed reception!

[More information>>](#)

School to Work Workshop

April 11, 2013, 9:30 AM, ASU Gammage, Tempe

School to Work is an interactive workshop that highlights potential career choices in arts administration. High school students interact with ASU Gammage employees and participate in real-world working scenarios in the box office, marketing, development, accounting and technical production departments. Students also get an exclusive backstage tour of Disney's Beauty and the Beast Broadway show by the company manager!

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Successfully Including Special Needs Youth with Dr. Gale Gorke!

April 16, 9 AM - Noon, Flagstaff Family Resource Center

April 17, 9 AM - Noon, Rio Vista Community Center, Peoria

April 18, 9 AM - Noon, Donna Liggins Rec Center, Tucson

Dr. Gale Gorke, a perennial favorite of the Arizona afterschool community, is presenting AzCASE's April workshops, **Successfully Including Special Needs Youth Afterschool!** In this training, you will learn intervention strategies for working with students with special needs and creative ways to adapt activities so that everyone can participate as fully as possible. Dr. Gale is an afterschool superstar, so register now to make sure you don't miss out!

[More information>>](#)

SARRC Conference - Bullying & Autism: What We Know and What We Can Do About It

April 26-27, 2013, Scottsdale Public Library Civic Center Auditorium

This conference, hosted by the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center, will address what is known from research & the relationship between autism spectrum disorders and bullying- from prevention to intervention.

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First Things First Early Childhood Summit

August 25 - 27, 2013, Phoenix Convention Center

The Early Childhood Summit is a unique opportunity for business, community, education and faith leaders, policy makers, early childhood professionals, and others to come together, connect with each other, and learn about innovative ways to prepare kids for success in school and beyond. Keynote speakers include Dr. Alison Gopnik and David Lawrence, Jr. Visit the website to learn more about sponsorship, speakers, and more.

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Community Events

Arizona Gives Day

March 20, 2013

Arizona Gives Day is a chance for all Arizonans to be unified in giving much needed resources to the nonprofit community that serves everyone, everyday. The nonprofit sector is a driving force that keeps our communities alive and thriving. Arizona Gives Day is your chance to make a powerful contribution to the quality of life in Arizona.

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NACA Reach Ur Life Walk of Hope Wellness Walk

March 30, 2013, Moenkopi Legacy Inn, Flagstaff

Native Americans for Community Action's Walk of Hope Wellness Walk is being held March 30, 2013 to raise awareness of suicide and related issues in the Native American community.

Participation in this easy, 2-mile walk is free and the first 100 participants will receive a free t-shirt!

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Third Annual Early Childhood Fair

April 13, 2013 9 AM - Noon, Flagstaff

Flagstaff's Third Annual Early Childhood Fair is being held in celebration of children and will help initiate Flagstaff's observance of the National Association for the Education of the Young Child's Week of the Young Child. The theme of the event is "Early Learning, Early Reading," and will be held in the dome at Mount Elden Middle School on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 9 AM to noon. The event will provide information about early childhood care, health, and education in the Flagstaff area and will feature several related organizations.

[More information>>](#)

A Morning to Remember Brunch

April 14, 2013, Tucson Marriott University Park

Join Child and Family Resource in commemorating Child Abuse Prevention month at the annual Sunday brunch celebration and fund raiser. CFR is one of the leading prevention organizations in Arizona that works to ensure children are ready for school and that families succeed. A Morning to Remember will honor the unsung heroes for children and families in Arizona.

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