



Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence



Working together to increase the availability  
and quality of afterschool opportunities statewide

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### Announcements from the Center

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**Your Opinion Matters-  
Take the AzCASE Newsletter Survey and  
Let Us Know What YOU Want to Read!**

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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#### About Us



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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**Facebook**

## Registration Open For Dr. Gale Gorke's Special Needs Workshop!

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 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

For regular updates on what's happening in the afterschool community, join our network on Facebook!



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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](mailto:info@azafterschool.org)

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## **Enter the 2013 Lights on Afterschool Poster Contest!**



**The winning poster could come from YOUR program-  
but only if you enter!**

The 14th annual Lights On Afterschool is October 17 and in preparation the Afterschool Alliance is encouraging programs to submit artwork that celebrates afterschool programs and conveys the importance of keeping the lights on afterschool. The winning poster design will be printed on **tens of thousands** of posters and sent to Lights On Afterschool celebrations across the country! The winning artist will also be featured on the Lights on Afterschool website, blog, and in the Afterschool Storybook!

**Deadline for submission is May 1, 2013.** The winning artwork will be scanned to become a digital image, so be sure to avoid using textures or raised materials. Bright, bold colors that jump off the page are encouraged, as is use of materials that won't smear or rub off such as markers, paint, and pens. Digital artwork will also be accepted. **The artwork or design should promote or convey afterschool or Lights On Afterschool.**

For contest details, submission guidelines, and examples of

artwork themes, please visit the Lights on Afterschool 2013 poster contest website by [clicking here](#).

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## Cast Your Vote for the Expect More Excellence People's Choice of Excellence Award



Because afterschool and out-of-school time programs play an important role in a child's development and success, it is important that they be featured and recognized. We know the excellent work you are doing with and for the children in your programs. Please showcase your work in the Expect More Excellence Tour. Submissions are being accepted until March 15 on the Expect More Arizona website.

We would also like to call your attention to a few programs that we know have been submitted and **encourage you to read about and vote for one or all of them to make sure that afterschool programs are well-represented.**

- **Peoria Youth Master Plan**  
[Read their story>>](#)
- **Spot 127 Youth Media Center**  
[Read their story>>](#)
- **Be a Leader Foundation**  
[Read their story>>](#)

The Expect More Arizona story that receives the most online votes by March 15, 2013 will be awarded with a **\$1,000 People's Choice of Excellence Award!** One vote per day per device is allowed for each story, so **vote today** for one of our favorites! You can also view other stories [here](#).

Do you **LIKE** us?

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## Job Opportunities

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

[Post it here>>](#)

### **Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence**

Program and Outreach Manager (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

### **First Things First**

Senior Director for Community Outreach (Phoenix)

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### **Tolleson Elementary School District**

Recreation Instructor After School (Tolleson)

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### **Dysart School District**

Academic Program Manager (Phoenix)

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### **Reading Seed**

Volunteer Coordinator (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

### **Phoenix Elementary School District**

Afterschool PEER Lead (Phoenix)

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### **Science Foundation Arizona**

Multimedia Specialist (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

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

# Funding Opportunities

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## **Department of Labor YouthBuild Grants Program**

**Deadline: March 19, 2013**

The YouthBuild Grants program provides support to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. Award amounts vary.

[More information>>](#)

## **Autism Speaks Family Services Community Grants**

**Deadline: March 25, 2013**

Autism Speaks' Family Services Community Grants support programs that work to build the field of services for individuals with autism and to expand the capacity to effectively serve this growing community. Grants between \$5,000 - \$25,000 are provided in the following categories: Education, Recreation/Community Activities, and Young Adult/Adult Services. Priority will be given to agencies and organizations that address the needs of those who have little access to services. Download the Request for Applications at the Autism Speaks website.

[More information>>](#)

## **Henry W. Bull Foundation Education and Health Grants**

**Deadline: April 1, 2013**

The Henry W. Bull Foundation provides grants to organizations involved in education and health and are particularly interested in awarding those that support programs for at-risk children. Awards range from \$1,000- \$10,000.

[More information>>](#)

## **The Snapdragon Book Foundation Grants**

**Deadline: April 15, 2013**

The Snapdragon Book Foundation seeks to foster children's literacy by providing financial grants to school libraries serving disadvantaged youth in the United States. Grants ranging from \$800 to \$20,000 have been awarded to schools with exemplary proposals and innovative programs.

[More information>>](#)

## **Phoenix Suns Charities Program Grants**

**Deadline: April 15, 2013**

The Phoenix Suns Charities supports nonprofit organizations throughout Arizona whose programs focus on helping children and families maximize their potential. Priority is given to organizations that address the special needs of disadvantaged, disabled, minority, and at risk youth; encourage students to succeed in school and to develop quality career interests; develop leadership skills in youth; encourage family activities; promote community pride and

cooperation for the improvement of local education and services; and promote health and fitness through recreation and youth sports. Awards range from \$1,000- \$10,000.

[More information>>](#)

### **Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grants**

**Deadline: May 23, 2013**

This grant awards nonprofit organizations working to help students who are below grade level or struggling with reading. Desired applicants are organizations that provide literacy programs for new readers, below-grade-level readers or readers with learning disabilities. Applicants must be located in and provide direct services in a state in which Dollar General operate, and must be within 20 miles of a Dollar General store. Awards are up to \$4,000.

[More information>>](#)

### **NEA Challenge America Fast-Track**

**Deadline: May 23, 2013**

This National Endowment for the Arts sponsored award offers support in the amount of \$10,000 to organizations for projects that extend arts to under-served populations, such as those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. This grant was established to encourage community engagement with the arts and greater livability within the community through art.

[More information>>](#)

### **Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation National Grants**

**Deadline: June 1, 2013**

The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation's National Grants program seeks to fund innovative projects that help youth with disabilities develop the leadership and employment skills they need to succeed, particularly for careers in science, technology, and the environment. Awards are between \$10,000-\$75,000.

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

## **Trainings & Conferences**

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### **22nd Annual Celebrate the Young Child Conference**

**March 9, 2013, Glendale Civic Center**

One of the largest Early Childhood Conferences in Arizona, the Celebrate the Young Child Conference provides a full day of training for over 600 early childhood professionals. It is sponsored by Association for Supportive Child Care and the Arizona Child Care Association, and offers professional

development and networking opportunities.

[More information>>](#)

### **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.

[More information>>](#)

### **Arizona DHS EMPOWER Conference: Empowering Habits, Empowering Lives: Superheroes in Action**

***May 4, 2013, Phoenix Airport Marriott***

Join early childhood development partners from across the state as we explore the **NEW 2013 EMPOWER** standards and discuss ways that we can be an every Superhero for Health! Registration and additional conference information is available on the Arizona DHS website.

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## **Community Events**

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### **Tucson Festival of Books**

***March 9-10***

***University of Arizona (various locations), Tucson***

The Tucson Festival of Books is a free, public celebration of reading and literacy. The Festival offers a wide range of education and book-related events, from signings and discussions to workshops, vendors, and food and entertainment. There's also a [special group of events](#) geared towards parents and educators, covering topics from challenging bullying through



literature to engaging teen readers.

[More information>>](#)

## **Summit for Youth Service Nonprofit Organizations**

**March 14**

***Pima Community College West Campus Gym, Tucson***

Join Mayor Rothschild at a free summit for nonprofits serving youth. Clifford Johnson, Executive Director of the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families, is the keynote speaker. Breakout sessions on Fundraising, Grant Research and Writing, Nonprofit Marketing, and other youth development issues and resources will be available. RSVP by March 1 to l

earn, network, and find new ways to collaborate with others in the field.

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