



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



Please Take A Moment to Complete the **Arizona Afterschool STEM Survey**

AzCASE recently received a grant from the **Noyce Foundation** to create a **statewide plan for increasing STEM** (science, technology, engineering, & math) **opportunities** in afterschool and out-of-school time programs.

The grant requires AzCASE to conduct a statewide survey to **identify program providers currently using STEM activities** in their programs as well as the types of assistance providers need to **expand their STEM-related offerings**.

We plan to use the information you provide to create a plan for helping **YOU** and other providers **increase the frequency and quality of STEM learning experiences** in out-of-school settings.

Please take a moment to complete a short
[**Afterschool STEM Survey**](#)

Submit your survey by **Wednesday, May 15th** to be entered into a pool to receive **one of four valuable prizes**, including:

- a \$250 Amazon gift card
- a \$150 LEGO Education Simple and Motorized Mechanisms Base Set

- a Lakeshore gift card, OR
- **2 FREE Registrations to the 2013 Arizona Statewide Afterschool Conference!**

Let the Vetting Begin!



In fall 2012, responding to requests from afterschool providers, funders and policymakers, the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence and the Valley of the Sun United Way assembled a **diverse statewide committee** charged with creating a **quality framework for enrichment and expanded learning programs** serving children and youth across Arizona.

The committee, led by AzCASE and VSUW, was comprised of a **balance of stakeholders** from key sectors: youth development program providers, policymakers, state agencies, schools and districts, funders, advocacy organizations and others.

For the past seven months, the committee has:

- Researched and analyzed best practices of quality standards from other states and in the field of youth development
- Deliberated the vision and goals desired in developing standards leading to better outcomes for children and youth
- Agreed to a definition of common terms and key values
- Interviewed diverse stakeholders
- Completed multiple rounds of drafting, reviewing and refining standards, and
- Developed effective adoption and advocacy strategies

After seven months of research, careful deliberation and consensus, a draft of Arizona's proposed Afterschool Standards will be **available for public vetting and comment** beginning next week!

Afterschool providers and youth advocates interested in reviewing and vetting the proposed standards are asked to contact Melanie McClintock at mmcclintock@azafterschool.org to **request a copy of the standards** and the process for submitting formal comments on what has been proposed. The deadline for public vetting is **June 30, 2013**.

Expect More Arizona Awards Excellence in Yuma & Tucson



Expect More Arizona made its first stops on its statewide tour in Yuma and Tucson recently to award the outstanding efforts of finalists in the area.

The top three finalists in each area are:

Yuma:

- Ready Now Yuma
- I'm Going to College
- Dateland Elementary School

Tucson:

- C.E. Rose
- Parents as Teachers
- The Arizona Secondary Transition Mentoring Program

Congratulations!

The selection committee received **numerous nominations** and faced the difficult task of narrowing down the finalists to three in both Yuma and Tucson!

The Expect More Excellence tour aims to highlight the **exceptional work in education** being done all over the state.

For more information on the Yuma finalists, [click here](#)
For more information on the Tucson finalists, [click here](#)

Cox & Connect2Compete Offering Discounted Internet Service



Cox has teamed with Connect2Compete, a nonprofit program that brings **affordable Internet service** to qualifying households! Being online is critical to a child's future. This partnership enables families to use the Internet at home for **homework help**, online **educational materials**, job searches, email, and much more.

Eligible households meet the following criteria:

- **At least one child is eligible for free lunches** through the National School Lunch Program
- Has not subscribed to Cox Internet within the last 90 days
- Has no outstanding bills or unreturned equipment with Cox

Families who meet these criteria will receive **Internet for only \$9.95 per month**, and will not be required to sign contracts, make a deposit, or pay modem or rental fees. This price is guaranteed for two years!

See if you're eligible [here](#).

Connecticut After School Network Shares Literacy Strategies & Resources Guide



The Connecticut After School Network is sharing its new resource. *Literacy Strategies After School* is a 400-page compilation of 50 different strategies and lesson suggestions for increasing literacy with students in grades 1 through 6.

Developed specifically for use outside of the traditional classroom, these strategies are aligned with the

Common Core State Standards, and include extensive samples and resource lists.

This is a free resource and can be shared widely among program providers far and wide.

Access *Literacy Strategies After School* [here](#)

**Submit Your Nominations for the
2013 Afterschool Awards of Excellence!**



Show your **appreciation and pride** for exemplary work delivering and supporting **quality youth development programs** by nominating programs, staff, and leaders!

Descriptions of the awards categories can be found [here](#).

Award recipients will receive **\$1,000** cash, an engraved award, **free registration to three AzCASE trainings in 2014**, and a certificate of recognition from **Governor Jan Brewer!**

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

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

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

**You're Invited to the 21st Annual
Arizona StatewideAfterschool Conference
& Awards of Excellence Luncheon**



Saturday, November 2, 2013

8 AM - 3:30 PM
Phoenix Convention Center, North Building

More information
www.azafterschool.org

Registration
Opens June 2013

Questions?
info@azafterschool.org
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**Thank You For Taking the
AzCASE Newsletter Survey!**



We appreciate hearing your opinion-
after all, **this newsletter is for YOU!**

We are now in the process of **redesigning** the
newsletter to ensure it is **even more** engaging, informative,
and focused on what you want to read!

You can **expect to see changes** to the newsletter
in the next few weeks!

Do you **LIKE** us?

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



Job Opportunities

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

[Post it here>>](#)

Expect More Arizona

Community Mobilizer (Northern Arizona)

[Read more>>](#)

PLC Charter Schools

Special Education Teacher/ Aide (Tolleson)

[Read more>>](#)

Glendale Elementary School District #40

Teacher Mentor/ TAP Mentor (Glendale)

[Read more>>](#)

Pioneer Preparatory School

Afterschool Tutor (Phoenix)

[Contact email>>](#)

Whiteriver Unified School District

Elementary School Principal (Whiteriver)

[Read more>>](#)

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

Funding Opportunities

Zero Robotics STEM Summer Opportunity

Deadline: May 8, 2013

Award: \$1,200

The Zero Robotics Summer SPHERES Competition is a fun and flexible summer STEM program for middle school students. Over the 5 week program, participants will work in teams to learn about computer programming, robotics and space engineering while gaining hands-on experience working with and coding SPHERES (Synchronized Position, Hold, Engage, Reorient Experimental Satellites). The program culminates in a tournament where each team's SPHERE satellite will compete for spots to operate and race one another on the International Space Station. At the end of the summer program, participants will get to see SPHERES

in space via a live feed and have a conversation with Space Station astronauts who "referee" the race!

[More information>>](#)

Iron Man 3 Contest

Deadline: May 10, 2013

Award: \$5,000, Plus Prizes

Help your child write a letter about why he or she would love Iron Man's armor to visit their school, and they could win three super prizes:

- A day-long event at their school with the Iron Man armor
- \$5000 for their school's science program
- A private screening of Marvel's Iron Man 3 for parents and teachers

[More information>>](#)

ING Run For Something Better School Grant

Deadline: May 15, 2013

Award: \$2,500

ING Run For Something Better, in partnership with NASPE, has developed a school-based running program. Each year, the ING Run For Something Better National School Awards program provides a minimum of 50 grants to schools that wish to establish a school-based running program or expand an existing one. Through activity plans created by NASPE, the awards program offers children a healthy start to life and fosters their desire to exercise before obesity begins.

[More information>>](#)

USA Funds- Key Transitions & Postsecondary Education Initiative

Deadline: May 24, 2013

Award: \$400,000 - \$800,000

USA Funds will award grants to three organizations for programs that support recent high school graduates, adult learners transitioning into a postsecondary education environment, and students transitioning between the first and second year of college, particularly at the community college level. Qualified programs must primarily serve high school seniors or undergraduate students from USA Funds target populations, including students from low-income households, students who are the first in their family to attend college, and students of color.

[More information>>](#)

Hearing Impaired Assistance Grants

Deadline: Open

Award: Varies

The Ray Charles Foundation's education grants may fund qualifying institutions that provide educational services to disadvantaged and underprivileged youths. Such services may include, but are not limited to, after school programs, academic activities aimed at college preparation for the underprivileged and academic/therapy services for youth who are blind and/or deaf.

[More information>>](#)

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

Trainings & Conferences

Active Parenting of Teens

Mondays 5:30 - 7:30 PM, April 29 - May 20, 2013, Siler Homes Clubhouse, Cottonwood

Active Parenting of Teens is a comprehensive new parenting program for parents of preteens and teens. The skills you learn in this class will give you confidence and courage to meet the challenges-and savor the joys-of your children's teen years.

Parents will learn how to:

- be an active parent
- instill responsibility in their children
- make logical consequences for their children's behavior
- reduce the risks of their children engaging in risky behaviors
- and more!

Classes are free! Please RSVP as space and materials are limited.

[More information>>](#)

Presidential Youth Fitness Program Monthly Webinar Series

May 7, 2013, 1 - 2 PM EST

The success of the Presidential Youth Fitness Program depends on how schools are able to implement and utilize each of the program components. This webinar will increase your understanding of health-related fitness and will address such questions as why we do fitness assessment, appropriate uses for fitness assessment, and how it enhances your curriculum. Be sure to check the website below for other training opportunities!

[More information>>](#)

Workshops for Youth & Families- Footprints

June 9 - 14, 2013, 4 - 6 PM & June 10 - 14, 2013, 9 AM - 5 PM, Homestead Community Center, Scottsdale

Footprints is an introductory workshop for 9-12 year-old boys and girls. Early adolescence is the optimal time for shaping enduring patterns of behavior that set a young person on a successful life course. This workshop lays the foundation for change by helping preteens develop the skills they need for strong, positive peer relationships. Footprints presents the opportunity to practice strong relationship skills that will enhance engagement in the school, at home, and in the community. Participants will learn healthy ways to express a wide range of emotions and listen to their peers do the same.

Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. Healthy snacks and drinks will be available for sale at the workshop during breaks.

[More information>>](#)

NASA Educator Opportunities

Various Dates

NASA offers a number of opportunities for educators at all levels, including funding opportunities, teaching ideas, and webinars.

Examples of opportunities include:

- RockOn 2013 University Rocket Science Workshop
 - Audience: Higher Education Educators and Students
 - Registration Deadline: May 1, 2013
 - Workshop Dates: June 15 - 20, 2013
- Educator Workshop: How to Think Like a NASA Scientist
 - Audience: Grade 5-12 Educators
 - Registration Deadline: May 3, 2013
 - Event Date: May 11, 2013
- Get Cooking With the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge
 - Audience: Students, Ages 8-12
 - Entry Deadline: May 12, 2013

[More information>>](#)

Community Events

The Literacy Center's 17th Annual Adult Mountain Spelling Bee

May 2, 2013, 5:30 - 10:00 PM, High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff

Join The Literacy Center for their primary fundraising event- The Mountain Spelling Bee- an adult spelling competition.

Fifteen teams will compete to spell the hardest words in the English language. Outlandish words, dinner, cash bar, a silent auction and lots of audience participation spell unbeatable fun!

[More information>>](#)

Thank A Youth Worker Day

May 2, 2013, Nationwide

May 2nd is Thank A Youth Worker Day! Take the opportunity to show appreciation for the women and men who give of their time, talents, and energy to support young people. Sign up as a partner and receive great resources for saying thanks to those who make a positive difference in the lives of youth.

[More information>>](#)

NAICL 2013 Public Assembly

May 3, 2013, 6 - 7:30 PM, Singua Middle School, Flagstaff

Join Northern Arizona Institutions for Community Leadership (NAICL) in a unique opportunity to share our community's concerns with public officials.

Issues include:

- Funding Arizona's Public Schools
- Medicaid Expansion in Arizona
- Opportunities for Immigrant Students
- Supporting FACTS and Human Services in the City of Flagstaff's

proposed budget

Support Northern Arizona's leaders as we organize for our families, student, and communities. Your attendance is an important way to show our connection with schools, congregations, neighborhoods, and non-profits as we put our families before politics.

Childcare and Spanish interpretation will be provided. An RSVP is required for childcare.

[More information>>](#)



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