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Announcements from the Center

Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton Named 2012 Afterschool Champion

We are proud to announce that **Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton**, a consistent and longtime advocate for quality afterschool and youth development programming for Arizona's youth, has been named the **2012 Afterschool Champion**.

Mayor Stanton will receive the award on Nov. 3 at the [Arizona Statewide Afterschool Conference & Awards of Excellence Luncheon](#) at the Phoenix Convention Center, West Building, in downtown Phoenix. Also at the luncheon, innovative afterschool programs and educators from around the state also will be recognized for their exemplary work in delivering quality youth development programs in afterschool and youth development programs.

Mayor Stanton joins an impressive list of past honorees that includes former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Dr. Lattie Coor and Eddie Basha.

As an advocate for afterschool programs when he served on the Phoenix City Council, Mayor Stanton assisted Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence in organizing a statewide mayoral summit in 2012 and he led the effort to include restoration of nine closed Phoenix Afterschool Center sites in the revised City of Phoenix budget. He also has appointed an Advocate for Education and will reinstate the Office of Education to the City of Phoenix beginning July 1.

For information about the Statewide Afterschool Conference & Awards of Excellence Luncheon, including registration and sponsorships opportunities, contact the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence at 602.496.3307 or [visit the event website here](#).

Now Accepting Nominations for the Afterschool Awards of Excellence

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Afterschool Awards of Excellence, recognizing afterschool staff, programs and leaders throughout the state of Arizona for their exemplary work in delivering quality youth development programs in afterschool settings.

Awards will be given in 3 categories:

Outstanding Afterschool Professional

Outstanding Afterschool Program

Jane Romatzke Leadership Award

Each recipient will receive:

- A \$500 cash award
- Free registration to three AzCASE Trainings in 2013
- An engraved trophy
- A certificate of recognition from Governor Jan Brewer

Who is eligible for an award?

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Finalists & Winners

Finalists will be notified in September & winners will be announced at the [2012 Awards of Excellence Luncheon](#) on Saturday, November 3, 2012 in the Ballroom of the Phoenix Convention Center, West Building.

Nomination forms & award guidelines

[Guidelines for ALL Award Categories>>](#)

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[Program Award Nomination Form>>](#) (PDF)

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**Nominations must be received by
Friday, June 1!**

Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed A Statewide Project for Youth in Afterschool

Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed is a statewide afterschool project aimed at empowering youth to prevent bullying and promote mutual respect in their social environments. Children and youth participating in summer programs throughout Arizona have the opportunity to create an Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed project. Many of the projects will be on display in an exhibit this fall, in conjunction with Lights On Afterschool as well as in a printed publication.

Guidelines:

- * Program staff engage youth in a conversation about bullying
- * Youth work together to come up with strategies to eliminate bullying and promote a positive and safe environment in their afterschool program
- * These ideas and strategies will then be used to create a project ([see project ideas](#)) that may be submitted for inclusion in the *Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed* publication

* Children & youth ages 5-17 participating in summer programs in Arizona are eligible to participate

Submission:

[Register for free online](#) to participate. Mail or drop off completed Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed projects to: Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence, 112 North Central Avenue, Suite 700, Phoenix, AZ 85004 by **Friday, July 13th** for a chance to have your program's work displayed in a Lights on Afterschool exhibit and in a printed publication. Projects will not be returned.

Project ideas, resources, and how to start a conversation about bullying are available on the [Afterschool: No Bullying Allowed page of our website](#)

[Register to participate here>>](#)

**Reach the Afterschool Audience with
an Exhibit or Workshop
at the 2012 Afterschool Conference!**

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

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EXHIBITS & ADS

Showcase your programs, field trips & services for over 600 afterschool staff that serve youth ages 5-17!

[Review Exhibit & Advertisement Opportunities>>](#)
Deadline is Friday, September 21, 2012

WORKSHOPS

We are seeking proposals in the following areas:

*Physical Activity & Fitness
Nutrition
Mental & Behavioral Health
STEM, Arts & Literacy Program Ideas*

*Afterschool Safety
Site Management & Program Planning...and more!*

[Workshop Presenters information & application>>](#)
Applications must be received by July 9, 2012

Kids Care II

Starting May 1, some children on the KidsCare waiting list became covered under KidsCare II, a program similar to KidsCare that is paid for with money from three Arizona hospitals and federal matching funds. Thanks to this funding, nearly 22,000 children on the KidsCare waiting list will be eligible to enroll in KidsCare II. This enrollment is not automatic and families will be asked to complete new applications.

- Families on the waiting list should update their address and find out if their children are eligible to enroll by calling the KidsCare II hotline at 1-800-377-3536.
- Families on the KidsCare waiting list have just 30 days to apply for KidsCare II when they receive their letter from AHCCCS.

Help make sure families don't miss this important opportunity!
Flyer available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
[Click Request Flyers here>>](#)

Please take a moment to complete the [Afterschool Alliance 2012 Uncertain Times survey](#) and enter to win an iPad!

As you may remember, the Afterschool Alliance conducted previous Uncertain Times surveys in [2006](#) and [2009](#) to gauge how the economy is affecting afterschool programs across the country. The results of those surveys have been cited in numerous national publications and were essential in informing the public and elected officials of the immense need for additional afterschool funding. In 2012, as the still weak economy is showing some signs of recovery, we want to know how your program has fared in the wake of the Great Recession. As we work with policy makers, funders and the media, the Afterschool Alliance is engaged in conveying the many ways the current economic climate is affecting afterschool programs. We want to know: What are the current trends in enrollment, funding and capacity? Have funding sources changed in the last several years and if so, how is that affecting students and families?

[Please take 15-20 minutes to share data from your afterschool program.](#) Upon completing the survey, you will be entered to win a new iPad. You must submit your completed survey by 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2012, to be eligible to win.

With your help, we can build a strong information base that will help inform important conversations with decision makers. When you are filling out the survey keep in mind:

- We encourage site level coordinators to provide answers specific to their one site whenever possible.
- If data, including funding information, are only available at the program or consortium level, please respond on behalf of the entire program/consortium and be sure to indicate the number of sites for which you are responding.
- Please complete the survey by May 31.

Follow this link to get started on the Uncertain Times survey now:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UncertainTimes2012>

If you have questions about the Uncertain Times survey, please contact Chris D'Agostino at cdagostino@afterschoolalliance.org or (202) 347-2030.

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

[City of Tempe>>](#)

May 15, 2012 General Election **(TODAY!)**

[Tucson's District 8 Special Election \(Gabrielle Giffords' Seat\) >>](#)

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>

Focus on Health

Afterschool programs play a key role in the health and well-being of youth through activities that encourage healthy behaviors, an environment that includes a healthy snack or meal, and opportunities for physical activity. This section will feature new topics, resources, curriculum ideas and activities to help you ensure youth are fit, healthy, and ready to learn. [See a complete list of our afterschool health resources here>>](#)



The CDC states, "...physical activity can have an impact on cognitive skills and attitudes and academic behavior, all of which are important components of improved academic performance. These include enhanced concentration and attention as well as improved classroom behavior."

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

What better time to get children and youth (and afterschool professionals, too) in the habit of being active? Activities can be as simple as holding a daily fitness walk or run or initiating a program-wide softball, volleyball or kickball tournament.

May is also National Bike Month. If your site is a reasonable distance from home, consider modeling good physical fitness behavior to the children by riding your bike to work (School-Age NOTES).

Resources for Health

New! Fitness Fun Times Five

Celebrate Physical Fitness Month with five new lessons that combine fitness fun with other subjects including a sponge relay, baseball Frisbee, bowling math, and more!

[View 5 Lessons here>>](#)

New! Physical Activity Lesson Ideas

PE Central's database of health and physical education lesson and assessment ideas!

[View here>>](#)

New! Do you need easy to use afterschool or summer programming ideas?

Healthy Kids Challenge compiled [6 Easy to Use Afterschool and Summer Programming Ideas](#) to keep you busy planning and prepping. Check out these fun activities for youth that focus on 6 topics: eating breakfast, fruits and veggies, healthy snacking, serving sizes, beverage choices and active play.

New! Physical Activity Apps

SPARK has created a list of apps for your smart phone or tablet that can help engage youth in your program to get active! Measure heart rates, randomly create teams, use an interval timer that utilizes your music to inform you when it's time to rest and time to work, and much more!

[View list of apps here>>](#)

New! 100 Healthful Snack Ideas

Whether you want to have simple and healthful snacks on hand at your site for you or the kids, this list from the Six Sisters' Stuff Web site will give you dozens of ideas. A tenth of the list are frozen grapes; sunflower seeds; frozen bananas; make-your-own trail mix; cherry tomatoes; animal crackers; pretzels;

sugar snap peas; soy chips; and cubed apples and cubed cheese. For the other 90 ideas, [visit Six Sisters' Stuff here>>](#)

Source: [School-Age Notes](#)

99 Ways to Make your Afterschool Program Even Healthier!

The California Adolescent Nutrition and Fitness Program (CANFIT) have come out with a toolkit to help make your afterschool program even healthier! The toolkit includes simple ideas on how to promote healthy eating, provide time for physical activity, incorporate culture, promote a positive body image, engage youth in leadership roles, and much more!

[View these helpful tips here>>](#)

Health Funding Opportunities

New! Healthy Kids Dance for Health™

Schools and Youth Programs Raise Funds and Get Healthy! For nearly a decade, Healthy Kids Challenge has been helping communities, schools, and youth programs support kids and adults in making healthy eating and physical activity a habit. Check out the [Event details](#) to support healthy lifestyles and raise funds for your school or program! [Start now!](#)

New! Green Thumb Challenge Grant

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[More information>>](#)

Arizona's Coordinated School Health Program provides current funding opportunities from their partnering organizations.

[View them here>>](#)

Research & Reports

YMCA of the USA/HSPH Initiative in Afterschool Programs Increases Physical Activity Levels in Youth

A Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) youth fitness and nutrition initiative conducted with the YMCA of the USA was found to effectively boost physical activity levels and time spent doing moderate and vigorous exercise among children 5-11 years of age enrolled in afterschool programs at YMCAs in four U.S. metropolitan areas, according to a paper published in the March 2012 print issue of *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*.

[Read more from the Harvard School of Public Health>>](#)

Conferences, Trainings & Seminars

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Questions?

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Afterschool in the News

Expect More Arizona Interviews AZ Superintendent of Public Instruction, John Huppenthal

Education in Arizona is multi-faceted with many moving parts and key stakeholders. Starting with early learning, moving through K-12 and into postsecondary education, the education continuum works together to prepare students to thrive in college, career and life. In the coming months, Expect More Arizona will explore K-12 education, early learning and postsecondary education in an effort to provide resources for parents and families to make the best education decisions for their children. As the largest part of the education continuum, we will explore Arizona's K-12 system first. Expect More Arizona recently sat down with Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal to get his firsthand perspective on K-12 education in our state. [Click here to read the interview.](#)

Restaurant Group Grants \$1K to Local Boys & Girls Clubs

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Arizona, providing a fun and safe place for young people after school and during the summer, has announced it has been selected to receive a \$1,000 grant as part of the inaugural Restaurant Community Grant Program from the Darden Foundation, the charitable arm of Darden Restaurants Inc.

[Read more from The Daily Courier>>](#)

Kirton Splits Time Between Arena Football and Football Coach

His days are as long as they are varied. From about 7 a.m. he is working out with his teammates, fellow professional athletes. In the afternoon, he is teaching kids about sportsmanship, leadership and how to throw and catch a perfect pass. But it's all in a day's work for a man who has seen his fair share already. Johnie Kirton, 26, was signed to the Arizona Rattlers, a homecoming of sorts for the Washington native who was drafted by the Arena Football League team fresh out of college in 2010.

[Read more from the East Valley Tribune>>](#)

Children's Advocates Scramble To Save New York's State-Of-The-Art Afterschool System on Eve of Massive Cuts

A coalition of more than 150 New York City groups, including the Children's Aid Society and the Police Athletic League, is making a last-ditch effort to save thousands of publicly funded child-care and after-school slots in the city. The effort began more than two months ago, when Mayor Michael Bloomberg released a budget proposal that cut \$170 million for children's services. Last week, the administration revealed that it plans to fund 224 after-school programs through 2013, meaning that 172 programs serving 25,000 children may soon be on their own.

[Read more from The Huffington Post>>](#)

Avondale Elementary District Tries To Curb Declining Rolls

The Avondale Elementary School District is launching new efforts to help stave off declining enrollment. The district's governing board recently approved creating a Community Education Department to oversee programs such as preschool, before and after school care, summer-break camps and activities to engage more parents.

[Read more from the Tucson Citizen>>](#)

Job Opportunities

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

[Post it here>>](#)

Madison School District ECP Program Early Childhood Instructor

[Read more>>](#)

Washington Elementary School District Budget and Grants Coordinator

[Read more>>](#)

Phoenix Elementary School District #1

Part-Time Instructional Assistant, Before and After School Program

[Read more>>](#)

Valley of the Sun YMCA (Chandler)

Executive Director

[Read more>>](#)

One Step Beyond, Inc. (Peoria)

High School Life Skills (DTT) Center Director

[Read more>>](#)

City of Tempe Kid Zone Enrichment Program

Multiple Positions

[More information here>>](#)

Dysart Community Center

Summer Camp Counselors, Art Teachers &
Fitness Instructors

For more info, contact 623.249.3812 or info@dysartcommunitycenter.org

BOOST Collaborative (San Diego, CA)

Operations Associate

[Read more>>](#)

BOOST Collaborative (San Diego, CA)

Program Coordinator

[Read more>>](#)

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

Funding Opportunities

***New opportunities in red**

National Alliance for Accessible Golf

Deadline: Ongoing

With funding from the U.S. Golf Association, supports programs that help youth with disabilities play golf. Programs can include improving access to the driving range and the golf course, golf instruction, golf clubs and bags, adaptive teaching equipment, transportation to and from programming, and inclusion activities. Grant range: \$20,000.

[More information>>](#)

Singing for Change

Deadline: Ongoing

Funded by singer Jimmy Buffet, offers grants that promote the health, education and protection of children and their families. Start with a letter of intent. The foundation then invites grant proposals from selected organizations. Grant range: \$500 - \$10,000.

[More information>>](#)

Scholastic Book Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Scholastic is sponsoring donations of 500 to 1,000 books to nonprofit organizations that foster literacy and a joy of reading among at-risk youth and families. Scholastic is particularly interested in promoting literacy in inner-city and rural areas.

[More information>>](#)

Childhood Obesity Grant

Deadline: May 15, 2012

The Safeway Foundation and Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland will provide grants of \$3,000 - \$100,000 to 501(c)3 organizations. The goals of the program are to empower innovative programs to expand and enhance services, increase capacity, and/or incorporate new strategies to support healthy body weights among children and/or adolescents; evaluate the impact of existing programs; and identify promising approaches that could be replicated, adapted, and implemented in diverse communities nationwide.

[More information>>](#)

Afterschool Innovator Awards

Deadline: May 15, 2012

The Afterschool Alliance and MetLife Foundation will provide awards of \$10,000 to Middle School Afterschool Programs. The awards aim to identify potentially lesser-known yet effective programs and the individuals running them. Nominees will be judged by the innovative nature of their approach and demonstrated effectiveness.

[More information>>](#)

Grants for Running Programs

Deadline: May 15, 2012

If your after-school program shares space with a school, consider working with a teacher or other school employee to apply for the ING Run for Something Better Awards Program. Fifty grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded. The funds can be used to establish a school-based running program or expand an existing one. The program must target children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

[More information>>](#)

Youth Literacy Grant

Deadline: May 16, 2012

The Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant provides up to \$4,000 to schools, public libraries, and non-profit organizations that want to implement or expand literacy programs for students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading.

[More information>>](#)

MetLife Foundation Partners in Arts Education Program

Deadline: May 17, 2012

The National Guild for Community Arts Education is giving up to \$20,000 to exemplary community school of the arts and public school partnerships.

[More information>>](#)

Get Ur Good On Grants

Deadline: May 27, 2012

If you're ready to make a positive impact in your community, Miley Cyrus and her friends at YSA want to help. With \$500 Get Ur Good On Grants, you'll have the inspiration, project support, and necessary funding to turn your idea into a reality. Kids and young adults ages 5-25 worldwide are eligible to apply for a \$500 Get Ur Good On Grant to support youth-led projects. Projects must address a demonstrated community need or issue, and must take place during June, July and/or August 2012.

[More information>>](#)

State Farm Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grants

Deadline: May 31, 2012

State Farm™ is proud to team up with Youth Service America (YSA) to offer grants of up to \$1,000 for programs enhancing student achievement through service-learning in K-12 public schools in all fifty US states. Grant focus is academic achievement, workplace readiness, and stronger communities for 12 to 14 weeks of Service.

[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>>](#)

Summer Reading Olympics

Deadline: June 1, 2012

Get your read on with myON. Capstone Digital is offering an iPad, Kindle Fire, or iTouch, to K-8 students who read on myON during the summer 2012.

[More information>>](#)

Promise Neighborhoods Grants

Deadline: June 8, 2012

The U.S. Department of Education has announced the latest round of Promise Neighborhoods applications, which include both planning and implementation grants. The department expects to distribute 15 planning grants worth up to \$500,000 each, and five to seven implementation grants worth \$4 million to \$6 million each. Notices of Intent to Apply are due June 8; applications are due July 27.

[More information>>](#)

The Fender Music Foundation

Deadline: Rolling (reopening in July)

Multiple awards ranging from \$500 to \$5000 worth of instruments and equipment. Provides music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music.

[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>>](#)

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Youth Program Grants

Deadline: Varies

Entertainment Software Association Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth. Support will be granted to geographically diverse projects and programs that benefit American boys and girls of all races and religions. To receive funding, an organization making a grant request must meet specific criteria:

[More information>>](#)

Grants for Archery Programs

Deadline: Ongoing

Each year, the Easton Sports Development Foundation gives grants that benefit archery and bow hunting programs. Grant requests of less than \$25,000 from schools and qualified 501(c)3 organizations may be eligible to receive funding at any time.

[More information>>](#)

Grants for Baseball Programs

Deadline: Ongoing

The MLB's Baseball Tomorrow Fund is directed towards programs and schools that are determined to have youth involved in baseball. Funds may be used for improving the quality of baseball for youth ages 10-16 and support existing programs, new programs, and field construction or refurbishment. The average grant award is \$50,000.

[More information>>](#)

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

Awards, Contests & Fellowships

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National Science Foundation Noyce Scholars Program

Deadline: June 1, 2012

Rio Salado College is actively seeking qualified applicants for its National Science Foundation Noyce Scholars Program. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, an Arizona resident, have a minimum of three years experience in a STEM related field, a bachelor's degree in a science, engineering, or mathematics discipline, and commit to teach for two years in a high-need school. Selected participants will receive a stipend of \$16,500 to complete a comprehensive 12-month teacher certification program with online course instruction and onsite teaching experiences.

[More information>>](#)

Youth Activist Awards

Deadline: June 30, 2012

The Mario Sivio Youth Activist Award, which carries a cash prize of \$6,000, is presented each year to a young person with a deep commitment to human rights and social justice and a proven ability to transform this commitment into effective action. The recipients must have demonstrated leadership ability, creativity and integrity. The cash award is divided equally between the individual recipient and an organization of his/her choosing.

[More information>>](#)

Arizona Art Education Association Awards

Deadline: July 30, 2012

Each year the Arizona Art Education Association recognizes those who have gone above and beyond in their service to the field of Art Education. Award recipients are announced and honored at the AzAEA annual State Conference. Complete award descriptions and guidelines are available at:

<http://www.azaea.org/aaea-awards>

The Green Thumb Challenge

Deadline: September 30, 2012 (for grant)

The Green Thumb Challenge seeks to encourage children to pursue gardening and the foundation offers free activities and standards-based lessons. All resources are free to registered members. Three campaigns within the challenge are Adopt a Plant, Plant with A Purpose and Volunteer.

[Register and learn more>>](#)

[View curriculum and activities>>](#)

The foundation also is offering a Green Thumb Challenge Grant, which will recognize a school or youth group's garden project with a \$5,000 prize.

[More information on the grant>>](#)

Trainings & Conferences

What Makes You So Special?...*Developing the Case for Support*

Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM PST

What is the Case for Support and why is it important? What are the basics of writing a Case Statement, who is involved, and what is the Return on Investment? Write it now and make it count! Learn why a case for support is important to your organization, understand the primary components of a case for support, and learn how to write a case for support.

[Register here>>](#)

M&Ms of School Age Behavior

Thursday, May 17, 2012, 6:30pm-8:30pm

@ Young Minds Preschool, 1881 S. 4th Ave., Suite A, Yuma, AZ

School Age staff need to have the ability to foster cooperation and provide guidance. They also must teach effective conflict resolution strategies. It is important to utilize positive guidance techniques to help children to follow the rules and limits necessary for their own and the group's safety and well-being.

Register for free by calling 866.987.2469 or email projectmetoo@blake.easterseals.com

Beyond the Bake Sale: Special Event Planning

May 18, 2012 @ Pima County Public Library

Special Events can be a fun way for your group to raise funds for your project, but they can also be incredibly time-consuming, labor-intensive and expensive. Learn how to identify a good fundraising event for your organization (or make an existing event better), incorporate your mission into the event, secure sponsorship and how to plan for success.

[More information>>](#)

APEX Great Seminars

May 19, 2012, 8:30 - 4 PM

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.*

[The Arizona Family Child Care Conference](#)

Understanding Collaboration

May 22, 2012 @ Pima County Public Library

Keams Tucson

Strategic collaborations, joint programming, and mergers are becoming more and more important to the nonprofit sector every day and understanding your options for working collaboratively to achieve mission-critical impact is a must for today's nonprofit leaders. Including an introduction to the Nonprofit Collaboration Database, this presentation of Understanding Collaboration will feature tools that can put your organization on the path to successful collaborative partnerships.

[More information>>](#)

CPR & First Aid Class

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 8:00am-2:00pm

@ Child & Family Resources, Inc. 201 S. 3rd Ave., Yuma, AZ

You will learn the basics and fundamentals of CPR & First Aid for children and infants. This class is offered free for new D.E.S providers. This class is offered to the public for a fee of \$40. Space is limited.

Register: Call 928.783.4003

Addressing Cyberbullying from ALL Sides WEBINAR

Host: Common Sense Media

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 2:00PM-3:00PM PST

As kids and schools become more digitally connected, bullying is manifesting itself in ways beyond the playground. Increasingly, state laws are being passed and schools are incorporating cyberbullying into their policies. Schools are looking for effective resources that will help you guide youth to make good decisions and empower them to be safe and responsible digital citizens. Join Common Sense Media for an overview of cyberbullying and guidance for prevention and response. Participants will be introduced to Common Sense's free Cyberbullying Toolkit, which offers key lesson plans, engaging videos, a parent outreach kit, and resource links for administrators and kids. You'll leave with ideas and tools you can implement immediately in your school community.

[Register here>>](#)

Splash, Splash- We're having a Blast

Saturday, June 16, 2012, 8:00am-10:00am

@ ChildTime, 7090 N. Thornydale Rd., Tucson, AZ

Ever wonder what to do with those older children all day? Come find out how much fun school age programs can be. You will learn new activities, themes, and games for outdoor play. Come and have fun as we explore fun activities to do with school-agers! Register for free by calling 866.987.2469 or email

projectmetoo@blake.easterseals.com

Advanced Youth Nonviolence Institute

July 9-13, 2012, 9:30-4:30 PM

This Training of Trainers (TOT) is intended to prepare and certify students as Youth Nonviolence Trainers. NVLP is accepting nominations of 5-7 students each from middle schools, high schools and youth-serving organizations in Tucson and Pima County to participate in this five-day TOT.

Contact Ann Yellott, NVLP Coordinator, to discuss sending a delegation of youth to this Advanced Youth Nonviolence institute (520-991-6781; azyellott@aol.com). Cost: \$20 per student (scholarships available)

2012 National Conference for Principals and Child Care Directors: *What Really Works? Impact and Innovation for Young Learners.*

July 15-18, 2012, Baltimore, Maryland

Whether you are a veteran or novice, this conference will inspire and support you. Participants in previous conferences report that the conference helped them to meet the following objectives: Bolster their leadership skills, strengthen their capacity to implement school improvement, sharpen their classroom observation skills through school site visits, learn about tools that help them to assess and better meet the needs of children, collaborate more effectively with community-based organizations and families, use their program's diversity as strength, and have and use a specific plan for their own program in the coming year.

[More information>>](#)

NIOST Summer Seminars 2012

July 23-27, 2012, Boston, MA

The National Institute for Out-of-School Time - NIOST -- (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>>](#)

Summer Changes Everything™ National Conference

Oct. 22-24, 2012, Pittsburgh, Pa

Register by Thursday, May 31 to take advantage of early bird rates!

Join the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) for its 2012 *Summer Changes Everything™* national conference. You'll attend sessions designed to inform on a variety of current topics, from program planning to health and nutrition to STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics, and Engineering) to policy trends. *Summer Changes Everything™* is an excellent opportunity for summer learning practitioners and stakeholders across the country to take advantage of meaningful professional development, resources and networking opportunities to further enhance program quality and expand opportunities for the youth they serve.

[More information here>>](#)

Community Events

Summer Leadership Institute

June 4-15, 2012, 9-4 PM @ City High School, Tucson

Based upon the Greater Tucson Leadership's issue-day model, each day youth participants will be exposed to an important issue facing our community through personal contact with high level leaders and prominent organizations. High school age youth are invited to participate. Cost: \$300 (*Scholarships available*)

[More information>>](#)

Future for KIDS Youth Sports & Fitness Camp

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 or Call (480) 947-8131 for more information and to reserve your space.

Celebrate Summer Learning Day

June 21, 2012

June 21 is Summer Learning Day-a national advocacy day offering an opportunity to showcase your community's summer learning program, as well as spread the word about the importance of summer learning. Host an event during the week of June 21 or anytime during the summer! During this national showcase, your summer program will want to highlight how you work to:

- Maintain and advance participants' academic and developmental growth
- Support working families
- Keep children safe and healthy
- Send young people back to school ready to learn

Are you having a Summer Learning Day event? Visit www.summerlearningdaymap.org and put it on the National Summer Learning Association's event map to spread the word! Make sure your event is listed by June 21.

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 Northwestern 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, Northwestern 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 Northwestern 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.

Game Design Workshop

July 16 -20 & July 23-27, 9:00am - 3:30 pm

The University of Arizona School of Information: Science, Technology, and Arts is offering a summer workshop on game design for students entering grades 6-12 on the U of A campus. For more information or to register, [click here](#)

Resources, Research & Reports

Global Learning Policy Brief from NY State Afterschool Network

The brief argues that high-quality global learning in afterschool programs and Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELOs) is critical to youth success, and suggests how global learning supports student achievement. The brief also features exemplars in New York State and presents policy recommendations to make global learning more accessible. NYSAN hopes this policy brief will be a useful tool for programs, stakeholders, and policymakers, and will raise awareness around the need for more global learning opportunities and the positive impact they can have for education and youth development.

[Download the PDF here>>](#)

Afterschool Programs That Follow Evidence-Based Practices to Promote Social and Emotional Development Are Effective

This research summary by Joseph Durlak (Loyola University Chicago) and Roger Weissberg (University of Illinois at Chicago) underscores the link between high quality programs and student achievement. Their analysis of more than 60 studies of afterschool programs showed that certain high quality afterschool programs are associated with increased academic performance; increased attendance; and significant improvements in behavior

[Read full report>>](#)

A New Approach to Accountability: Creating Effective Learning Environments for Programs

Nearly 20 years into the era of results-based accountability, a new generation of afterschool accountability systems is emerging. Rather than aiming to test whether programs have produced desired youth outcomes, an increasing number of afterschool funders and sponsors are shaping more flexible, collaborative, and lower-stakes accountability systems. Could they do even more? By designing accountability systems that fully embrace the notion of afterschool programs as learning organizations and by using research from organizational development, education, and youth development to create effective learning environments, funders and sponsors can help programs to improve quality-and therefore, to succeed in their goal of achieving better outcomes for young people.

[Read more from NOIST>>](#)

YMCA of the USA/HSPH Initiative in Afterschool Programs Increases Physical Activity Levels in Youth

A Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) youth fitness and nutrition initiative conducted with the YMCA of the USA was found to effectively boost physical activity levels and time spent doing moderate and vigorous exercise among children 5-11 years of age enrolled in afterschool programs at YMCAs in four U.S. metropolitan areas, according to a paper published in the March 2012 print issue of *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*.

[Read more from the Harvard School of Public Health>>](#)



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