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## **Announcements from the Center**

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**Reach the Afterschool Audience with  
an Exhibit or Workshop  
at the 2013 Afterschool Conference!**



### **Afterschool = Engagement + Enrichment**

**2013 ARIZONA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL CONFERENCE  
& AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE LUNCHEON**

**Saturday, November 2, 2013**

**8 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Phoenix Convention Center,  
North Building**

### **EXHIBITS & ADS**

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

[Review Exhibit, Advertisement, & Sponsorship Opportunities>>](#)

**Deadline is Friday, September 27, 2013**

### **WORKSHOPS**

**We are seeking proposals in the following areas:**

- **Executive Track**

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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.

[\*More about AzCASE>>\*](#)

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### **Facebook**

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

- Leadership, Staff Development, Program Administration
- **Program Quality**
- **Program Planning**
- **Program Evaluation**
- **Youth Development**
  - Youth Voice, Youth Engagement, Developmental Stages, Behavior Management
- **Health**
  - Physical Activity, Nutrition, Wellness, Social/ Emotional Health
- **Humanities**
  - Arts, Literacy, Service Learning
- **STEM**
  - Science, Technology, Engineering & Math  
[Workshop Proposal Application & Details>>](#)  
**Applications must be received by July 12, 2013**

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**The Deadline to Submit Nominations for the  
2013 Afterschool Awards of Excellence  
Is June 14th!**



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

**Finalists** 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.

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

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**Arizona Afterschool Standards  
Vetting Process Has Begun**

The vetting process for a draft of Arizona's proposed Afterschool Standards is now **available for public vetting and comment!**

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence and the Valley of the Sun United Way has assembled a



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diverse statewide committee charged with creating a **quality framework for enrichment and expanded learning programs** serving children and youth across Arizona.

Please contact [Melanie McClintock](#) to request a copy of the standards for review.  
The deadline for public vetting is **June 30, 2013**.

## Afterschool In The News

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### George Lucas Celebrates Unsung Heroes in Education for Teacher Appreciation Day

**May 7th was Teacher Appreciation Day!**

To honor hard-working educators, **George Lucas**, director of some of your students' favorite movies (the *Star Wars* and *Indiana Jones* series, just to name a few!) and founder of [The George Lucas Educational Foundation](#) shared his thoughts on the future of education with **Edutopia**.

In his article, Lucas tells educators that

*...what matters most is that you keep pushing for greatness and that you don't give up -- even when it seems like you're being underappreciated and overly stressed and frustrated beyond all belief. **You have the most important job of anyone today.** Now more than ever, our kids need you to advocate for their futures. All of us need this.*

Read the entire article [here](#).  
Read about why educators rock [here](#).

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### New Literacy Tool Available for Afterschool Programs



The Arizona state legislature recently passed *Move On When Reading*, which states that **students with insufficient reading scores** (far below third grade level) on the AIMS test **will not advance to the fourth grade**. These changes will take effect next year (*school year 2013-2014*), meaning that first graders in the 2011/2012 school years will be the first group of third grade students to be effected by this legislation.

It is commonly thought that students need to **learn to read**

**before the fourth grade** so that they can thereafter **read to learn**. While afterschool program staff are not meant to be "reading teachers" or "literacy coaches," **afterschool programs can play a role in promoting literacy** and contributing to a child's reading fluency and comprehension.

The Connecticut After School Network has developed *Literacy Strategies After School*, a **400-page compilation of 50 different strategies** and lesson suggestions for increasing literacy with students in grades 1-6. 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.

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

Read about the importance of parent involvement in literacy [here](#)

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### **KidsCare Coverage Expanding to Accept More Kids**



The City of Phoenix recently announced that [KidsCare](#), a **statewide low-income children's health insurance service**, will be expanding to accept enrollment through 2013. AHCCCS, which administers KidsCare, announced that the income limit has been raised, allowing families to make up to two times the **federal poverty level** (about \$47,000 a year for a family of four) and still be covered by KidsCare.

While **funding for KidsCare is temporary** through 2013, [Kids Health Link](#) in Maricopa County and [Nuestra Salud](#) (Our Health) in Southern Arizona are available to help families apply for KidsCare now and to transition into the new health insurance marketplaces that are being created under the **Affordable Care Act** in 2014.

**Children's Action Alliance** has updated their health manual, [Health Care Resources for Arizona's Low Income and Uninsured Families](#), to reflect the many changes in Arizona's health care.

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## Science Education Standards Prepare Students for Success

The recent release of the [Next Generation Science Standards](#) (NGSS) is a huge step in the **advancement of science education** in the United States. The NGSS will better prepare students for **careers in STEM and science-related fields** and in becoming informed citizens in a world fueled by innovations in science and technology.

Read more about NGSS and the **importance of quality science education** [here](#).

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## Research

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### NIEER Releases Report Documenting the State of Preschool 2012

Education in the years before kindergarten is increasingly accepted as playing a critical role in **preparing children for school success**. Nonetheless, across the nation, state funding for pre-K **decreased by more than half a billion dollars** in 2011-2012, the largest one-year drop **ever** according to the National Institute for Early Education Research in their annual [State Preschool Yearbook](#) for 2012.

Tracking trends long term is key to **understanding** the progress of early childhood education across the country and **improving educational opportunities for America's children**.

Read more [here](#).

## Job Opportunities

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

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### United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

Quality First Director (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

## **Valley of the Sun United Way**

Community Impact Senior Director (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

## **PLC Charter Schools**

Special Education Teacher/ Aide (Tolleson)

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## **Glendale Elementary School District #40**

Teacher Mentor/ TAP Mentor (Glendale)

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

# **Funding Opportunities**

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## **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>>](#)

## **Florence Steiner Awards for Leadership in Foreign Language Education**

**Deadline: May 28, 2013**

**Award: \$500**

The ACTFL is offering a \$500 cash award to a K-12 public or private school foreign language teacher, administrator, or supervisor. The recipient must be a current ACTFL member and have been a member for the last 3 years. The recipient should also have a minimum of 5 years' teaching experience, half of which must be in the area of foreign language education.

[More information>>](#)

## **American Girl Elevate the Arts Award**

**Deadline: May 31, 2013**

**Award: Up to \$10,000**

Is your classroom filled with artists on the rise? Let your students take art class to new heights with a project that could win your school up to \$10,000! This extra-special assignment includes two components: a digital image of artwork created by the class and a written essay of 500 words or less. Teachers, submit the class project and the essay before May 31, 2013, and your school could be one of 13 lucky winners!

[More information>>](#)



## **Parent Group of the Year Award**

**Deadline: June 3, 2013**

**Award: Up to \$3,000**

PTO Today, Inc. invites members of the PTO, PTA, HSA, PTC, and other groups to enter their Parent Group of the Year Contest. Entrants may choose from 8 categories, including Outstanding Family Event, Outstanding Community Service Project, and Outstanding New Group. Applicants may use this as an opportunity to showcase their hard work while giving their schools the chance to win money. The grand prize winner of the National Parent Group of the Year will receive \$3,000 and 100,000 Labels For Education points. Category winners will each receive \$500 and 10,000 Labels For Education points.

[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**

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## **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>>](#)

## **CCC&Y Annual Meeting**

***May 20, 2013, 12 PM - 1:30 PM, Club 4 Twelve, Flagstaff***

In addition to normal business, elections, and a potluck lunch provided by the CCC&Y Board Members, Children's Action Alliance (CAA) will be joining us to

discuss current issues at the state level, with a particular focus on education. CAA is a state-wide partner seeking to influence Arizona policies and decisions around children's issues. We hope you will join us for this great opportunity to learn, engage, and discuss what's happening! Please RSVP by May 17.

[More information>>](#)

## **ABEC Annual Conference**

***May 31, 2013, Desert Willow Conference Center, Phoenix***

The annual conference is ABEC's largest event, and continues to grow in size and popularity each year. The ABEC Conference is a full day packed with prominent speakers - local, national and international. The conference convenes statewide business, education and community leaders as well as many elected officials to discuss some of the most pressing issues facing business and education today.

[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>>](#)





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