The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is celebrating 30 years of serving Arizona’s youth program providers.

Governor Ducey Announces $500,000 To Further Expand Child Care

On May 20, Governor Doug Ducey announced that $500,000 from the AZ Coronavirus Relief Fund has been allocated to organizations that provide out-of-school child care in the state. The funding will support extended hours and enrichment programs to meet the increased demand of child care for families while students distance learn and parents or guardians work. The organizations will continue to support students in their social and emotional development and help them stay on track academically.

Civic Learning Task Force Grants Due June 1

The Civic Learning Task Force organized by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation has just released their grant application process. It’s a very short turnaround time frame with applications due June 1st because they are looking for these programs to occur this summer. The Civic Spring Project will award at least five grants in the $75K-$100K range to organizations that can meaningfully partner with, mentor, and involve young people. During summer 2020, partnerships that receive grants will
address local community needs in responding to COVID-19 and/or building civic capacities for the 2020 election cycle.

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**SCHOOL'S OUT, MAKE IT COUNT**

**ARIZONA OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME CONFERENCE | OCTOBER 17, 2020**

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**WORKSHOPS FOR OST STAFF, TEACHERS & PARAPROFESSIONALS**

- 60 HOURS OF WORKSHOPS TO CHOOSE FROM
- CEU: AVAILABLE FOR EACH WORKSHOP
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**2020 Conference Early Bird Registration Opens July 15th**

**Save the Date!** The School's Out, Make It Count Conference will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2020. Early Bird Registration opens on July 15th.

- 60 hours of workshops to select from
- CEUs available for each workshop
- Registration is Care $ eligible

Plan to join us for the largest statewide conference for out-of-school time staff, teachers, and paraprofessionals.

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**COVID-19 RESOURCES**

UPDATES & TOOLS FOR OST PROVIDERS

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**Arizona Quality Out-of-School Time Programs**

There is widespread agreement that while out-of-school time programs can be strong tools for youth development, this is only the case when these programs are of high quality. Quality programs come in a variety of shapes and sizes. There is no one program, style, curriculum, or method that meets the needs of all youth. Rather, a quality program is one that is a living organism, growing and adapting to meet the needs of all youth. Learn about the Arizona Continuous Quality Improvement Process for out-of-school time programs on

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**OST Quality Standards**
Need help or have questions about the Arizona Quality Standards? Just give us a call! 602.734.5434.