



Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence

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Announcements from the Center

Don't Miss Your Chance to Come to the Biggest Afterschool Training of Year!



Looking for some reasons to come to the afterschool training event of the year? Here's a few!

- **Administrators** will be trained by Dr Gale Gorke on planning intentional, high quality programming, and get tips from the **ADE** and **Expect More Arizona** on how to keep kids healthy and expectations high!
- You'll learn how to help ALL kids be successful in afterschool, with a **special needs** training from **Dr Gale** and two **bullying** workshops from **Carrie Severson** of Severson Sisters!
- Transform yourself into a **fearless physical activity leader** with nationally recognized keynote speaker **Normandie Nigh**, or gear up to be a **superhero for health** with the **Department of Health Services**!
- Walk way ready to revolutionize your **junior high program** with a specialized workshop track dedicated to **empowering girls**, incorporating **STEM** into afterschool, and getting **yoga** in the mix!

On top of workshops specialized to meet your program's unique needs, you'll get to network with 600 afterschool staff and administrators from around the state, find your next great vendor in the exhibit hall, and see your colleagues honored at the Awards of Excellence Luncheon!

Register Now for the 2012 AZ Afterschool Conference!

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

**The 20th Annual
Arizona Statewide
Afterschool Conference &
Awards of Excellence Luncheon**

Saturday, November 3, 2012
8 am - 3:30 pm
Phoenix Convention Center, West Building

Conference Registration

Registration is \$90/person
OR \$85/person for groups of 10 or more

Register now!>>

Additional conference details can be found
on the main [conference page here>>](#)

Questions?

602.496.3308 or info@azafterschool.org

Shine a Light on Your Afterschool Program!

Lights On Afterschool is a national celebration that gives local programs the perfect opportunity to tell your story and show off the incredible work you are doing with the children in your program. This year's national celebration is **Thursday, October 18** but we encourage you to plan your local festivities for any day that week that works best for you.

The most important thing is for community members to have a chance to see the important work happening in afterschool. Tucson Parks & Rec's KIDCO program is a terrific example of thinking big for how to get the word out about afterschool. They are hosting a KIDCO Idol contest at a park, inviting families and community members to come enjoy some up and coming talent being fostered courtesy of afterschool.

The key is to invite whoever you think should know about your program but sadly knows the least about what you're doing. It might be the administrators at your school, your mayor and city council, or your state or federal legislator. Simply extend an invitation for them to come visit stressing the impact that quality afterschool programming has on student engagement and the direct link between student engagement and student success.

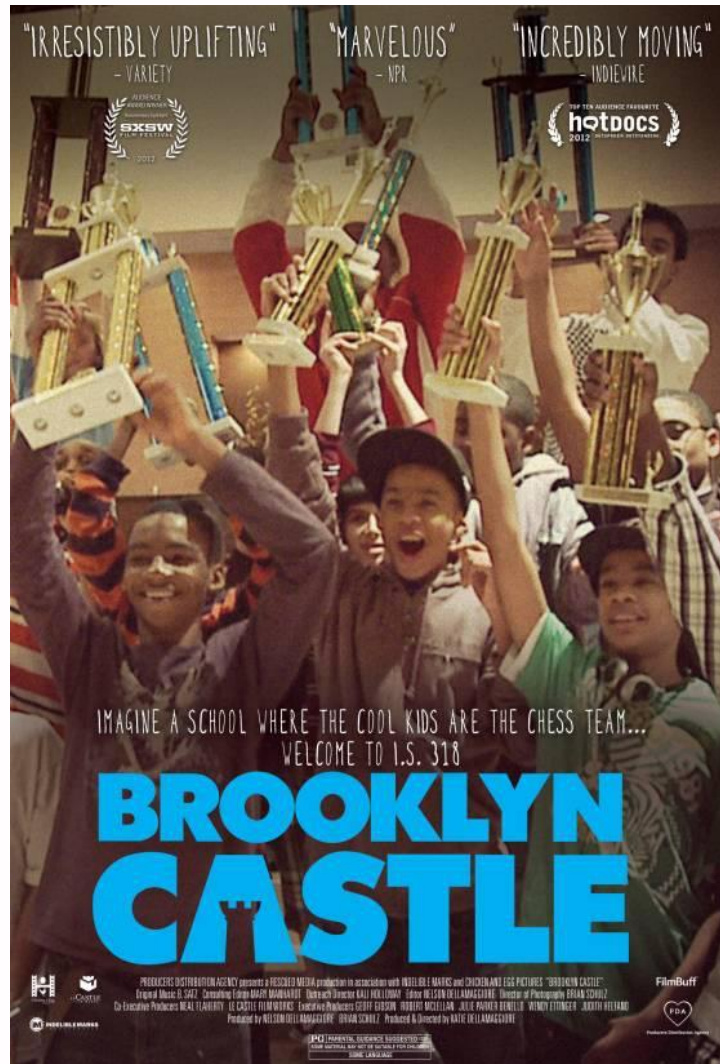
Get started today!

1. Check out the Afterschool Alliance's [Event Planning Kit](#) for event resource, media tips, and more.
2. [Register your event](#) to make sure others can find it. You'll also get 10 free posters, planning tips, and updates.



For more information about Lights on Afterschool, see [Afterschool Alliance's information here>>](#)

"Brooklyn Castle" Shows Transformative Power of Afterschool



["Brooklyn Castle."](#) an award-winning documentary about an afterschool chess program that transforms an inner city public school for the better and then struggles to stay afloat in the face of budget cuts, comes to Arizona this month. The film follows middle school kids at a Title I school in Brooklyn who find success and new pathways to opportunity through chess. The team is a powerhouse on the chess circuit, routinely beating better funded prestigious schools. However, budget cuts across the board in New York City schools leave the team's coaches and school administrators scrambling to keep the kids competing and the program alive.

The film won numerous awards on the film festival circuit this spring, and powerfully presents both the incredible potential of afterschool and the serious challenges programs face staying afloat financially. It is truly a must-see for anyone who believes in the power of afterschool to unlock a child's potential.

"Brooklyn Castle" begins its run at [Harkins Shea 14](#) in Scottsdale on Friday, October 26th. Watch the trailer and learn more [here](#).

Only 35 Days Until the General Election!

There is a little over a month until the general election, which will decide a number of issues crucial to kids and determine the path of the country for the next four years. It's incredibly important that you register, make afterschool an issue this election cycle, and show up to vote on November 6th! Here's how:

1. Register to Vote in Arizona by October 9th!

October 9th is the **deadline** to register to vote in the General Election on Tuesday, November 6th. In a

democracy, it is vital that each of us be active and involved citizens.
Haven't registered yet? [Register now to vote in Arizona>>](#)

Not sure if your information is correct? [Check now>>](#)

Early voting by mail starts October 11! Sign up to be on the early voting list, which will ensure your ballot is sent to your house and lets you mail it back, skipping the lines on election day! [Contact your county recorder's office for help here>>](#)

2. Be an informed voter!

Know what district you're in and who's running

Redistricting changed the boundaries and makeup of Arizona's legislative and congressional districts.

[Find out which district you live in here>>](#)

[See who your candidates are for all of November's races here>>](#)

Know what the candidates stand for

Children's Action Alliance has compiled a legislative [report card](#), so you can see how your legislators voted in issues impacting children and families in the 2012 Legislative Session. You can also find information on student achievement and conditions for children and families in your redrawn district in Children's Action Alliance's [2012 Legislative District Factsheets](#).

Know what the ballot propositions are about

There are nine statewide ballot propositions to vote on this November. The Secretary of State's office offers a [guide](#), including the text of the proposition and arguments for and against. The Arizona Advocacy Network provides its own [non-partisan guide](#), explaining the background of propositions, summarizing arguments for and against, and listing who is for and against as well as how much money has been donated to each side.

3. Be an advocate for afterschool!

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>>](#)

Scottsdale Residents: Read City Council and Mayoral Candidate's Views on Afterschool!

AzCASE contacted all candidates running for mayor or city council seats in Scottsdale. Check the left hand news section of our [home page](#) for the responses, to see where the responding candidates fall on important afterschool issues.

Access additional election resources, afterschool talking points, and find your legislators on our [website](#).

4. Show Up and Make Your Vote Count!

Early Voting Starts: Thursday, October 11

[Learn more about Early Voting>>](#)

Note: All counties in Arizona have the same Early Voting rules, so even though the link takes you to the Maricopa County Recorders website, if you live anywhere in Arizona the same rules apply.

General election: Tuesday, November 6th

[Find your polling place>>](#)

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 features 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>>](#)

Every Step Counts!



Did you know that every minute a person walks extends their lives by 1 1/2 to 2 minutes? That can add up to a lot of time if we keep kids up and active! Afterschool programs have a chance to be champions in the fight against childhood obesity. Get kids up and moving around, and you might find yourself gaining a little more time in your healthier future too!

[Find out more>>](#)

Beat the Heat! Extreme Heat Safety in Afterschool

Youth and afterschool providers should be educated about heat illness prevention in order to lower the number of heat-related illnesses and to promote a healthy environment. Watch this [Heat Illness Prevention School video>>](#)

Resources for Health

Indoor Activity and Play Booklet for Youth

Don't let the summer heat prevent the youth in your program from being active! This booklet provides several fun and interactive games to play indoors or in limited space.

[Promoting Lifetime Activity for Youth Game Book>>](#)

Stay Cool. Stay Hydrated. Stay Informed.

Summer is in full swing! Dehydration, left untreated, can lead to heat cramps, heat exhaustion and very serious heat stroke. Watch kids closely for signs of dehydration, including fatigue, dry lips and tongue, low energy, grayish skin, and lack of tears. Children's body temperature rises faster than adults, so it is essential that they get plenty of fluids to keep them cool-especially when it's hot and humid!

[What you can do to keep youth hydrated>>](#)

Would you recognize heat illness?

Learn what heat illness is, warning signs and symptoms, treatment options, return to play considerations and prevention strategies in order to keep your program safe from the effects of extreme heat.

[Tips for preventing Heat Illness>>](#)

Take the [Heat Related Illness Prevention Training Course](#)

Health Funding Opportunities

UnitedHealth HEROES grants

Deadline: October 15, 2012

Youth Service America and UnitedHealthcare are inviting schools and other community-based nonprofit organizations to "step into service" by applying for UnitedHealth HEROES grants. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for youth-led service-learning projects that aim to combat childhood obesity through walking, running, or hiking. Project proposals must include an activity element where young people can count their steps, as well as a service component that provides direct service, enables advocacy on behalf of a cause, or features youth philanthropy.

[More information>>](#)

Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation 2012-13 Community Grants Program

Deadline: November 15, 2012

Improving oral health for communities and residents of Arizona, particularly the underserved and uninsured, is the mission of the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation. Since 1997, the Foundation has focused resources across the state

promoting oral health and preventing dental disease in children and youth through age 18. Organizations may apply for grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 to support oral health promotion and dental disease prevention programs serving children and youth (this includes programs serving pregnant mothers and children and youth through age 18).

Technical Assistance workshops will be held at six sites across the state from 9/6-10/1.

[More information>>](#)

APS Foundation Grants

Deadline: Rolling

Through Corporate Giving, APS supports nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Service tax exempt status through cash and/or in kind services. APS supports local communities in five strategic areas: health and human services, community development, education, arts and culture, and environment. Grants have been awarded to schools, recreation centers, sports programs, and many other community groups. Award Amount: Award amounts vary

[More information>>](#)

The Wal-Mart Foundation

Deadline: Rolling

The Wal-Mart Foundation supports programs and initiatives addressing education, workforce development, economic sustainability, and health and wellness. For health and wellness in particular, the Foundation looks to promote healthy lifestyles and behaviors. Organizations that meet the eligibility requirements for this program can request an application at their local Wal-Mart or Sam's Club. Award Amount: \$250 - \$5,000

[More information>>](#)

SPARK Grants

[Grant Finder Tool](#) allows you to search for Grants by location and program of interest. Grants updated daily.

Arizona's Coordinated School Health Program

Provides current funding opportunities from their partnering organizations.

[View here>>](#)

Conferences, Trainings & Seminars

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6th Annual Children's Obesity Conference

Thursday, December 6, 2012

Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix

This year's conference will address topics related to "Mental Health and Childhood Obesity: An Exploration of the Role of Bullying, Self Esteem and Health Among Children and Families."

[More information>>](#)

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Afterschool in the News

Move on When Ready Expands to More High Schools

The old model of desks in straight rows, one size fits all education is on the way out and nowhere is this more evident than in the new wave of schools adopting the Move on When Ready initiative. Nearly two dozen schools, including a mix of district, charter, and private schools across the state, have signed on to join the initiative, which passed the Legislature in 2010, puts students who are up to the challenge able to participate in accelerated courses based in Common Core-aligned curriculums and lets them take examinations at the end of sophomore year to graduate with a Grand Canyon Diploma. Students can then move on to community college, or continue to take more advanced high school classes to prepare for four year universities.

[Read more>>](#)

Afterschool's Role in Ending the Dropout Crisis Gets Screentime

Each year, more than one million kids who enter ninth grade each fall fail to make it to senior year with their classmates because they drop out. The epidemic is particularly marked in Arizona, which in 2011 had 78 percent of high schoolers graduate in four years, a number that drops to 72 percent for low income students. However, PBS is doing its part to shine light on some proactive solutions that are helping kids go the distance and make it to graduation. Last week's national broadcast of programming for American Graduate Day, part of

an [ongoing project](#), highlighted 20 national organizations helping kids be successful, including key afterschool programs such as the YMCA, United Way, Boys & Girls Clubs, and more. [Research](#) shows afterschool can play a vital role in helping kids make the jump from middle school to high school and make it to graduation. [Learn more>>](#)

Highlight the work your program is doing to keep Arizona kids on track to graduate! [Sign up](#) for Lights on Afterschool to showcase the importance of afterschool to community members and policymakers!

Job Opportunities

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

[Post it here>>](#)

Mentor Kids USA

South Phoenix Promise Neighborhood Coordinator (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

Easter Seals Blake Foundation

Project "Me Too" Child Care Support Specialist (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

Compass Behavioral Health Care

Prevention Program Coordinator (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

Dysart Community Center

Executive Director (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

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

Funding Opportunities

***New opportunities in red**

North Face Explore Fund: Helping Kids Discover Nature's Playground

Deadline: October 8, 2012

The Explore Fund will support organizations that encourage youth outdoor participation, focusing primarily on creating more connections of children to nature, increasing access to both front & backcountry recreation, as well as providing education for both personal & environmental health. Grants will be given up to \$2,500.

Organizations must have 501 (c)(3) status to be considered. Projects that encourage community involvement, focus on breaking down barriers to getting youth outdoors, and have a good chance of significant measurable results and momentum over a period of 1 to 3 years are encouraged.

[More information>>](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Forward Promise Grants

Deadline: October 10, 2012

The WJF is actively seeking proposals from innovative programs that offer a promising path to greater success for young men of color. They will award up to 10 Forward Promise Innovation Grants of up to \$500,000 each for projects with preliminary evidence of impact in the following areas:

- Alternative approaches to harsh school discipline that do not push students out of school;

- Solutions that focus on dropout prevention and increasing middle school retention and high school graduation rates;
- Mental health interventions that tailor approaches to boys and young men who have experienced and/or been exposed to violence and trauma; or
- Career training programs that blend workforce and education emphases to ensure that students are college- and career-ready.

Successful applicants will work in the domains of health, education, and employment and understand that partnerships and holistic approaches are vital to sustainable impact. Applicants should also be poised for growth and/or replication and demonstrate transformative potential.

[More information>>](#)

Nickelodeon Big Help Grants

Deadline: October 15, 2012

The Big Help Grants program is dedicated to the development and implementation of ideas, techniques, and approaches to addressing four key concerns - environmental awareness, health and wellness, students' right to a quality public education, and active community involvement. The grants target these four concerns as areas of great promise in helping students in the twenty-first century develop a global awareness that encourages and enables them to make a difference in their world. Applicants must be practicing U.S public school teachers or public school education support professionals. Grant funds may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, technology, or scholars-in-residence.

[More information>>](#)

Youth Gardening Programs

Deadline: October 31, 2012

A program of the National Gardening Association, the Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award recognizes and supports youth gardening programs focused on teaching about the environment, nutrition, and hunger issues in the United States. The winning programs will provide youth with the skills necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle compatible with environmental stewardship and an understanding of how their actions can positively impact the well-being of their community. To be eligible, a school or organization must plan to garden in 2012 with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and education related to environmental, nutrition, and hunger issues in the U.S.

[More information>>](#)

CVS Community Grants

Deadline: October 31, 2012

The CVS Community Grants Program will focus on inclusive programs and programs for children with disabilities under age 21; academic and enrichment programs at public schools; and programs that provide access to quality health care services and health education for at risk and underserved populations of all ages. Grant awards will be up to \$5,000.

[More information>>](#)

Project Ignition

Deadline: November 15, 2012

The National Youth Leadership Council® and State Farm® are pleased to announce the availability of \$2,000 Project Ignition grants! Public high schools may apply for the grants to address teen driver safety through service-learning. Car crashes remain the number one cause of death for adolescents. Project Ignition is bringing together students, teachers and communities to create change and save lives. Twenty-five schools will be chosen to receive \$2,000 grants in January 2013 and implement their campaigns from January to April. The ten best campaigns will be selected to receive up to an additional \$7,500 to continue their project in the following school year and participate in the National Service-Learning Conference® in 2014.

[More information>>](#)

Responsible Sports Grants

Deadline: November 31, 2012

Responsible Sports, a philanthropic program of insurance company Liberty Mutual, is accepting applications from youth sports organizations in the United States to participate in its Responsible Sports Community Grant program. Fifteen \$2500 grants, intended to help defray the costs of running a successful youth sports program, are available in 3 categories - large (100+ players) organization, small (under 100 players) organization and school/educational organizations.

[More information>>](#)

GTECH Afterschool Advantage Computer Lab Grants

Deadline: Rolling

The GTECH *After School Advantage* Program is a national community investment program, which provides non-profit community agencies and public schools with state-of-the-art computer labs. These computer centers are designed to provide inner-city children aged five to 15 with a meaningful, yet fun, learning experience during the critical after-school hours, in a safe environment. GTECH hopes to increase children's interest in careers in computers and provide them with the necessary tools to help them become more competitive in school and in today's job market. GTECH will donate up to \$15,000 in state-of-the-art computers, on-line technology, computer software and volunteer hours to each afterschool program selected.

[More information>>](#)

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Deadline: Rolling

The Ronald McDonald House Charities not only try to improve the health and well being of children directly through our programs, but we also work with non-profit organizations around the world that are making an immediate, positive impact on children who need it most. Grants to these organizations extend the reach and impact of RMHC and move donation dollars quickly through to areas in their time of need. Amounts vary.

[More information>>](#)

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

Awards, Contests & Fellowships

Apply for the Scholastic News Kids Press Corps

Deadline: October 12

Have some budding reporters in your program? Help them apply for the 2012-2013 Scholastic News Kids Press Corps, open to students ages 10 to 14. Students chosen for the Press Corps will cover news stories for [Scholastic News](#) and select Scholastic classroom magazines. Completed entries must be postmarked by Oct. 12.

[More information>>](#)

Stop Bullying Video Challenge

Deadline: October 14

The Federal Partners for Bullying Prevention are inviting youth ages 13 to 18 to create a 30 to 60 second video that will inform and motivate youth to prevent bullying, and that promotes an environment where kindness and respect for others matters. Videos should be creative, informative, smart, and entertaining! The focus should be on how youth can be more than a bystander, feature peer to peer communication and positive messaging, and promote the www.stopbullying.gov website. Grand prize of \$2000, two honorable mention prizes of \$500, and all videos will be shown on the www.stopbullying.gov website.

[More information>>](#)

Humans In Space Youth Art Competition

Deadline: October 21

The international Humans in Space Youth Art Competition encourages youth to "Be Inspired, Creative and Heard." The 2012 competition invites young people from 10 to 18 years of age to submit visual, literary, musical and video artwork expressing their vision of how humans will use science and technology in the future to explore space and uncover its mysteries. Their submissions will be judged by an international panel including artists, scientists, teachers, engineers, astronauts and others. The winning artwork will be woven into displays and performances designed to relay the youth artists' messages to other young people and adults around the world.



[More information>>](#)

Valley Teen Leadership Program

Deadline: November 2

The Valley Teen Leadership program provides opportunities for high school sophomores and juniors to participate in a highly interactive four-month program designed to equip the next generation of leaders with the tools necessary to successfully address community needs. Teens learn leadership and creative problem-solving skills through interactions with community leaders who help foster an awareness of local, national, and global issues. Electronic applications, including an essay and references, are required, so interested students are encouraged to apply soon! Financial assistance is available based on individual need.

[More information>>](#)

Trainings & Conferences

October College Depot Workshops

Finding Your College Fit

Thursday, October 4, 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Get tips to help you evaluate which college that is the best match for you.

Stand Out: College Essays and Letters of Recommendation

Saturday, October 6, 10:00-11:15 a.m.

Learn to write strong college and scholarship essays, and secure strong letters of recommendation.

College Application Tips + Hands on Lab

Tuesday, October 9, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Get important tips on how to successfully complete a college application and put what you learn to the test in a hands-on computer session.

How to Pay for College

Tuesday, October 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn how to pay for college with financial aid, scholarships, work-study and savings.

College 101 (presented in Spanish)

Wednesday, October 24, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Make a smooth transition to college by mapping your future

To RSVP or for more info, please call 602-261-8847 or email

college.depot@phoenix.gov.

For more upcoming workshops, check out our calendar at phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot

Flagstaff Teen Employment Corps Workshops

October 8th & 17th, Northern Arizona College Resource Center

The Flagstaff Teen Employment Corps (FTEC) is a new program run for teens by teens! Located in the YMCA on the lower level of the Northern Arizona College Resource Center, the FTEC provides free workshops focused on skills and tips to make the job application process easier for teens. Topics include resume writing, proper professional attire, interview etiquette, and more. The October 8th workshop will focus on mock interviews and the October 17th workshop will teach teens to write a professional cover letter and resume. Visit the website to learn about upcoming workshops and other program information.

[More information>>](#)

2012 Joint Arts Education Conference

October 15, Mesa Arts Center

The Arizona Commission on the Arts and the Arizona Department of Education have teamed up to offer the second Joint Arts Education Conference on October 15, 2012. Hosted by the Mesa Arts Center, the event provides professional development and networking opportunities for teaching artists, educators, arts administrators, and arts education advocates. Keynote speakers Peter Boonshaft, Professor of Music at Hofstra University, and David Dik, National Executive Director of Young Audiences, will inspire participants to lead the way in the rapidly changing world of arts education.

[More information>>](#)

Summer Changes Everything National Conference

Oct. 22-24, Pittsburgh, PA

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>>](#)

2012 Statewide Afterschool Conference

November 3, Phoenix Convention Center

Get tips on transforming your program into a force for changing lives and saving lives from a nationally-recognized expert! Learn activities and practices you can put to work the next day! Take advantage of specialized Junior High and Administrator tracks! See the nine finalists for the Afterschool Awards of Excellence and Mayor Stanton honored at our annual Luncheon! Enjoy all of this and more at the Annual Statewide Afterschool Conference. Register today!

[More information>>](#)

Ed Trust National Conference

November 8-9, Washington, D.C.

Join hundreds of other educators, advocates, parents, and policymakers who not only believe all students can achieve at high levels, but are doing the work it takes and achieving success for their students. Sessions offer conversations with and best practices from educators at schools across the country that are working to close the gap and getting it done. Topics include implementing Common Core State Standards, ensuring on-time graduation and college/career readiness, closing the literacy gap, and more.

[More information>>](#)

How Kids Learn II

January 9, 2013, San Francisco

On January 9, 2013, the Learning in Afterschool & Summer project and Temescal Associates will hold a TED-like conference in the Bay Area entitled How Kids Learn II. The purpose of the conference is to inform and energize OST program leaders, educators, afterschool stakeholders, and policymakers about our current knowledge on how children learn, and to share innovative approaches to promoting learning outside of the classroom. Registration is open now, and space is limited.

[More information>>](#)

Community Events

Building an Effective Issue Campaign - Advocacy Training

October 3, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., The Encompass, Page

October 4, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Western Navajo Agency Building, Tuba City

In collaboration with Arizona Community Action Association (ACAA) and Arizona Public Interest Research Group (Az PIRG), CCC&Y invites you to attend this empowerment training to enhance your individual advocacy skills and to learn how to mobilize your community around important community issues. Facilitated by Serena Unrein, Public Interest Advocate for Arizona PIRG, this training will teach:

- * Criteria to consider when selecting an issue
- * Steps for planning a campaign
- * Important techniques to mobilize and rally community members and advocates
- * How to build strength in your community and/or agency
- * How to build confidence in yourself about the issues you care about most

[More information>>](#)

¡Tradiciones! A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage

October 6, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.,

Camp Sombrero, 1611 E Dobbins Rd, Phoenix, AZ

Join Girl Scouts as they celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Free event for the entire family - you do not need to be a Girl Scout to attend! Take part in dances, crafts, arts, music, and families can register their girls for Girl Scouts at this event. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Amanda Martin at 602.452.7056 or

amartin@girlscoutsaz.org

[More information>>](#)

Friends of the Library Book Sale

October 6-7, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.,

Sunnyside High School, Tucson

Support Tucson's library system and stock up on affordable books to promote literacy in your program!

[More information>>](#)

Girl Scouts Career Day at ASU Polytechnic

October 8, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Girl Scouts of Arizona has partnered with ASU and WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) to bring you a fun day filled with science and career exploration at the ASU East Polytechnic campus. Meet professors, eat lunch with students, and get hands on with tons of fun STEM activities! Open to ALL girls in grades 4-12, even if not Girl Scouts. Fees: \$13 girl, \$8 adult. For more information, contact Crystal Kilkenny at

ckilkenny@girlscoutsaz.org

[More information>>](#)

Arizona Summit on Volunteerism & Service Learning

October 27

ASU West Campus, Phoenix

The Governor's Youth Commission invites Arizona's volunteer leaders and service-learning practitioners of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to further develop and foster their skills and to better serve Arizona's real

community needs through collaborative efforts. This unparalleled, statewide event will provide timely and important training and professional development experiences that will strengthen volunteer and service-learning efforts and inform about critical areas of need in Arizona through engaging plenary sessions, interactive workshops, innovative service experiences, exhibits, networking, and more. Register by October 15th to participate.

[More information>>](#)

Resources, Research & Reports

Civic Engagement Isn't Just For Adults!

As we round the corner into election season AzCASE joins advocacy groups in encouraging you to register and show up to vote on November 6th! However, just because kids can't vote yet doesn't mean it's too soon for them to get in on the action too! Edutopia has curated a selection of great resources to get kids informed about our government and the importance of voting. There are a variety of short videos, as well as links to resources from [iCivics](#) to [PBS' Election Center](#) and more. Arizona has lagged behind the national average for voter turnout in the past several election cycles, but educating kids about how they can influence their government to make life better for themselves and their families as adults is a good start for turning those statistics around!

[See the full list of videos and resources here>>](#)

Literacy Resources from ReadWriteThink

STEM may be getting all the buzz, but with Move on When Reading right around the corner, building up early literacy skills is more important than ever. Fortunately, ReadThinkWrite has a collection of great resources, from [sight word bingo](#) to [homemade book projects](#) to keep kids engaged and on the path to being great readers!

[See more literacy activities and ideas here>>](#)

Featured Activity

Special Snack



This month's featured activity helps build rounding, estimating, and computational skills while teaching real world budgeting. Find more engaging, relevant math activities from Mixing In Math [here](#).

Grades: 2-6+

Time: 20-60 minutes

Math: arithmetic and estimating with money

Materials: grocery store circulars (1 per group), paper and pencils, calculators (optional)

Prerequisites: familiarity with dollars and cents; reading

1. Introduce the spending limit: *We have \$20 to spend on snack for all of us. You'll be making a list of what you could buy.* Explain how the group will settle on a final shopping list (e.g., voting or choosing the healthiest list).
2. Distribute grocery store circulars and other materials. Children make their lists, using estimation or calculators.
3. Finalize the menu: *How did you make your choices? How did you stay within budget?* With the group, decide on the final shopping list. If possible, bring everyone with you to make the purchases.



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