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Lights on Afterschool Advocacy!

Lights on Afterschool is an **opportunity to showcase the importance of quality OST**

programming to parents, school administrators, policymakers and community members.

Take advantage of this annual celebration to highlight your important work and why OST programs are a critical component for youth personal development and academic success.



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October 1, 2015

AzCASE Welcomes New Board Directors

AzCASE has brought more exemplar OST advocates and professionals onto our Board of Directors. We welcome four new Board Members into the fold:

- ★ **Sandy Foreman**, Early Childhood Education Systems Consultant
- ★ **Kim Hartmann**, Chief Executive Officer, KCH Solutions, LLC
- ★ **Dr. Lupita Hightower**, Superintendent, Tolleson Elementary School District
- ★ **Joseph Ortiz**, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones

AzCASE is grateful for the dedication of our Board to the OST youth development cause and thankful for their time and background that they bring to our organization.

Meet our [Board of Directors](#) on our site.

Leadership Training at the 2015 OST Conference

The **2015 School's Out, Make it Count Conference** will feature a **Leadership Track** of workshops targeted for OST program directors and administrators.

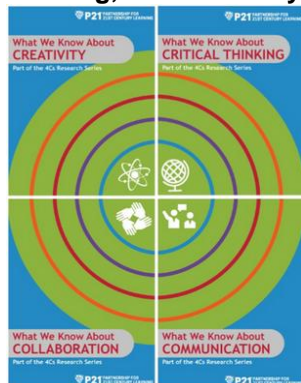
With **nine leadership workshops** to choose from, the 2015 Conference will provide you with the training you need to boost the quality of your program, effectively manage staff and meet the needs of the youth and families you serve.

OST programs are in high-demand in Arizona, yet funding for these programs is inadequate to meet the needs of our youth. In honor of Lights on Afterschool, **spread the word about the importance of OST programs to raise political and community support for these programs** that can literally be the difference between whether youth succeed or fail.

Use these graphics and message to help in your advocacy!

4C's in OST Research Series

Partnership for 21st Century Learning and University of Connecticut have just released a **research series on key aspects of conceptualizing, developing, and assessing Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creativity.**



The briefs outline findings about embedding the 4Cs into practice.

Get the research briefs on our [Resource page!](#)

Free On Demand STEM Lesson!

Penn State Better Kid Care is a **DHS approved provider of online**

Self Assessment: A Team Approach

Jeronimo Vasquez, Flagstaff Unified School District

Accessing & Using the AZ Assessment Tool Online

Greg Cole, Esper Media

Beyond the Bell:

Blueprint for Effective Staff Development

Fausto López, American Institutes for Research

What Do Line Staff REALLY Think?

Manny Padia, Produce Positivity

Problem-Solving as a Team

Michael Freeman, SontarahLife

You Can't Fire Everyone

Gloria Sanchez, City of Tempe Kid Zone

Three Secrets to Motivating Staff, Volunteers & Kids

Cassandra O'Neill & Sarah Griffiths, Wholonomy Consulting

Achieving High Quality OST through STEM

Saundra Wever Frerichs & Desirae TePoel, Click2Science

Building a Successful Afterschool Arts Program

Laura Wilde, Phoenix Center for the Arts

The Conference will highlight the **new Arizona Quality Standards Assessment Tool (AzQSAT)** in two workshops in this track designed to introduce leadership to using the tool for continuous quality improvement.

Get started with AzQSAT at the Conference! Find the **entire lineup with descriptions** on our Conference page!

Congratulations to Our 2015 Awards of Excellence Winners!

The 2015 Arizona Out-of-School Time Awards of

professional development in AZ. They have over 30 online lessons for professionals who work with school-age youth. Partnered with **Click2Science**, they now offer **20 online On Demand lessons to make OST staff confident and comfortable with STEM.**



Register at [Click2Science](#) before **October 15** to get a **free lesson from Better Kid Care!**

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Excellence Winners have been announced!

The Annual Arizona Out-of-School Time Awards of Excellence recognizes innovative out-of-school time programs and staff members for their exemplary work in furthering the delivery of quality youth development programs for Arizona's children.

Released in our new, exciting video format, we're happy to share the nominees once again and announce our winners, recognizing these outstanding individuals and program as leaders of the great out-of-school time that Arizona has to offer its youth and community.

[Watch the video now, if you haven't already!](#)



Congratulate the winners at their local events and meet these extraordinary people at the [2015 Schools Out, Make it Count! Conference!](#)

Thank you for your support of AzCASE happenings and all you do for Arizona's youth!

Sincerely,

Melanie, Franny, Genevieve & Caitlin
The AzCASE Team

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