



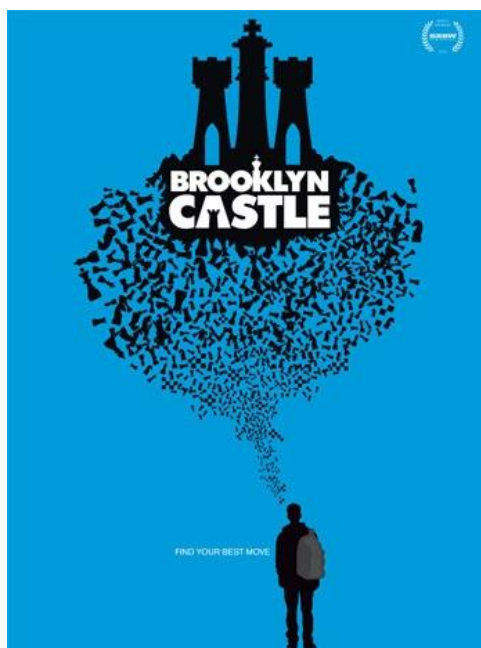
Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence

**@fterschool advisor - October 15, 2012**

## **Announcements from the Center**

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### **Lights on Afterschool, 2012 Style!**



Governor Jan Brewer declared Thursday, October 18 as Arizona's official observance of Lights On Afterschool and encouraged Arizonans "to engage in activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for Arizona children after school."

In celebration of this year's state and national observance, the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is partnering with the Arizona Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Center programs and the Valley of the Sun United Way to host a premiere screening of the film *Brooklyn Castle* on Thursday, October 18 at Harkins Camelview 5 in Scottsdale.

[Brooklyn Castle](#) is a documentary about Intermediate School 318 in Brooklyn, a Title I school where more than 70 percent of students live below the federal poverty line. It also happens to be home of the best junior high chess team in the nation having won more national championships than any other school in the country. The film tells the story of five members of the team by following the challenges they face in their personal lives as well as on the chessboard. It is as much about the sting of their losses as it is about the anticipation of their victories.

The chess team is credited with transforming the school from one cited in 2003 as a "school in need of improvement" to one of New York City's most highly regarded. Assistant Principal John Galvin credits chess and the school's more than 40 other afterschool classes - as well as its tireless, dedicated staff - with achieving this change and creating a "culture of success" at I.S. 318. However, recession-driven budget cuts now threaten the program.

The film has been selected for inclusion in more than a dozen film festivals in the United States and abroad. In March, it premiered at the renowned SXSW Film Festival in Austin, winning the Documentary Audience Award.

Limited seats remain for the screening on Thursday, October 18. If you are interested in attending, call 602.496.3307 to check on availability. Brooklyn Castle will be shown in limited release at select theaters later this fall.



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

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## **Continuous Quality Improvement System Goal for Arizona Out-of-School Programs**

Arizona will join over 30 states across the country as the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence and the Valley of the Sun United Way partner to lead a statewide effort to develop a continuous quality improvement system intended to be a framework to help program providers better align their policies, practices and procedures.

The development of the quality improvement system will have three distinct phases: the development of statewide standards for out-of-school time programs; the adoption of an assessment tool or tools for providers to use in assessing and improving the quality of their programs; and finally the development of a professional development system that will ensure that staff and administrators have the core competencies required to sustain a quality program.

Approximately 30 statewide representatives from education, out-of-school time programs, state and city leadership, business and philanthropy has been recruited to serve on the Afterschool Standards Committee. The first meeting will be held on November 7, with the expectation of having recommended standards by the spring of 2013.

The purpose of the Arizona Afterschool Standards is to outline the path and specific steps that lead to quality programs. This work will be based on research and best practices in the education and youth development field to ensure that youth are engaging in programs that will provide them the skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. The proposed Arizona standards are meant to be recommended, voluntary guidelines for:

- Afterschool providers-for self assessment, measurement, accountability, and quality improvement and to provide a shared framework for collaboration with others
- Funders and Policy Leaders --- to link funding and accountability to research-based measurable outcomes
- Parents and Families-to understand essential elements of high quality programs and to be able to advocate on behalf of their children and youth
- Educators - to understand the framework being followed by afterschool providers and collaborate with them to holistically meet the needs of youth.

Recommended standards once developed by the committee will be vetted around the state allowing for public participation in the final wording of the standards. For more information, please contact Melanie McClintock at [mmcclintock@azafterschool.org](mailto:mmcclintock@azafterschool.org) or at 602.496.3307.

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**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

## Three Weeks Until the Biggest Arizona Afterschool Trainings of the Year!



Register now so you don't miss out on...

- Getting trained to be a **leader in unlocking a healthier future for kids** by energetic, award-winning keynote speaker **Normandie Nigh**, the **Department of Health**, the **Department of Education**, **Yippee Yoga**, and more.
- Three new-to-Arizona trainings by **Dr. Gale Gorke!**
- **Bullying prevention** strategies from **Severson Sisters**.
- Specialized **Administrator** and **Junior High** tracks, to ensure that everyone gets just what they need!
- The **Awards of Excellence Luncheon**, honoring the best in the field as well as Mayor Greg Stanton for the contributions to Arizona afterschool.

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!

**Limited scholarships still available due to generosity of AzCASE donors.**

**[Register Now for the 2012 AZ Afterschool Conference!](#)**

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

**The 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@azafterschool.org)

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## **Only 22 Days Until the General Election!**

*With a little over three weeks remaining until the election, this is the time to educate yourself on issues that will be on your ballot on Nov. 6. This election will decide a number of issues crucial to kids. It's incredibly important that you study up, make afterschool an issue this election cycle, and show up to vote on November 6th! Here's how:*

### **1. Get your Early Voting ballot in the mail!**

Early voting by mail has already started! If you are already on the early voting list, you should have received your ballot in the mail. Want to get yours sent to your house and be able to mail it back, skipping the lines on election day? [Contact your county recorder's office for help here>>](#)

[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.*

### **Important dates**

- Last day to request an early mail ballot: October 26
- Last day to vote early in person: November 2
- General election: Tuesday, November 6th

[Find your polling place>>](#)

### **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. Get youth fired up about civics!**

AzCASE encourages you to 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! Make afterschool a place where kids learn about the importance of civic participation, and realize that they have a voice!

##### *Election & Civics Resources*

- [iCivics](#)
- [PBS' Election Center](#)
- [Center for Civic Education's Voting Lessons](#)
- [Constitution Center Educational Games](#)
- [Annenberg Center Resources for Excellent Civics Education](#)
- [New York Time Education Blog: Ideas for Teaching Elections to English Language Learners](#)
- [Even More Resources for Teaching English Language Learners About Elections](#)

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## **Focus on Health**

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*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>>](#)*

### **Don't Just Talk the Talk, Walk the Walk!**



Despite the best of intentions, we don't always do everything we say we will. Afterschool has the potential to be a game changer in the struggle against childhood obesity, providing a place for kids to be active and learn healthy habits. On average, though, youth in afterschool programs only get between 13 and 24 minutes of active time each day, less than half of what is recommended. There are never enough hours in the day, but the health of our youth is too important to ignore. Check out these [fact sheets](#) and [recommendations](#) for ways you can transform policy at your site to ensure afterschool is a force for a healthy future for Arizona's kids. Short on space? Consider the [research](#) on increasing community access to schools and community rec centers during out of school time.

## **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 lingering 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>>](#)

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### **Health Funding Opportunities**

#### **The Kids Run the Nation Fund**

**Deadline: October 31, 2012**

The Kids Run the Nation Fund, an initiative of the Road Runners Club of America, supports nonprofit organizations and schools in the U.S. that are interested in implementing or currently have a youth running program. Grants of \$500 to \$1,000 are provided to running clubs and other nonprofit organizations such as parent booster clubs, PTAs, etc. Elementary and middle schools that provide an organized after-school running program are also eligible to apply. Since the goal of the grant program is to have kids running at least once a week for multiple weeks, funded youth running programs should be more than just a one time event.

[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).

[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>>](#)

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## Conferences, Trainings & Seminars

### 20th Annual AZ Afterschool Conference

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### Sixth Annual Children's Obesity Conference

*Thursday, December 6, 2012*

***Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix***

Explore children's health through the lens of this year's theme, "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

### Afterschool Has Opportunity to Fill Critical Gap in Civics Education

During the fall of an election year, it can feel as though politics is everywhere, with discussions of voting, elections, and the civic life of our country taking center stage for a frenzied few weeks. There is one place civics is strikingly absent from, though - our schools. [New analysis](#) shows that while all 50 states have social studies standards, the overwhelming emphasis on standardized testing in math and reading had taken a toll on civics education. Not all states require a course in American government or civics, and only eight states have statewide assessments specifically focused on civics. Social studies assessments have shifted from performance tasks requiring more critical thinking and engagement almost entirely to multiple choice exams in the last decade. As schools struggle to fill this critical need, out-of-school-time programs have an opportunity to



jump in and help ensure youth are prepared to contribute not only academically and professionally but also to the civic life of our nation.

[Read more>>](#)

## **New Survey Shows Future Jobs Will Require More Education and Technical Training**

STEM integration and tech-savvy curriculums aren't just education-world trends, they are necessities for youth preparing for a rapidly changing future in the professional world. According to a new survey of hiring practices across a variety of fields, hiring managers indicate that entry-level jobs will continue to require higher levels of education and more technical trainings than seen in the current job market. The danger, as pointed out in numerous analyses, is the potential for a mismatch between the increasing number of positions requiring advanced education and STEM skills and a populace that lacks those skills. Studies such as these shine a light on the crucial role afterschool plays in youth development, keeping kids on track to stay in school and fostering an interest in STEM education.

[Read more>>](#)

# **Job Opportunities**

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

[Post it here>>](#)

## **Literacy Connects**

Reading Seed Program Coordinator (Tucson)

[Read more>>](#)

## **Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development**

Executive Director  
(Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

## **Arizona Community Action Association**

Outreach and Community Development Manager (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

## **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale**

Multiple Openings (Scottsdale)

[Read more>>](#)

## **Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix**

Cause-Related Marketing Coordinator (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

## **Phoenix Public Library College Depot**

College Access Advisor (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

## **Phoenix Public Library College Depot**

Part-time College Outreach Specialists (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

## **City of Phoenix**

Project BRAVE Youth Counselor - Part-time (Phoenix)

[Read more>>](#)

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



# Funding Opportunities

**\*New opportunities in red**

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## 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>>](#)

## Technology Grants for Rural Schools

**Deadline: November 1, 2012**

Technology Grants for Rural Schools program was created to help meet the growing need for innovative technology in the classroom. The grants strive to help public schools in rural areas served by OPASTCO members bring modern computers to every classroom, connect schools to the information superhighway and make sure that effective and engaging software and online resources are an integral part of the school curriculum. \$35,000 will be awarded to public schools nominated by OPASTCO telcos. Grants range from \$1,000 - \$5,000. No matching required. Deadline to apply is November 1, 2012.

*Flagstaff and Tucson are OPASTCO member cities.*

[More information>>](#)

## Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

**Deadline: November 6, 2012**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program annually honors middle and high school students in the United States who volunteer. Students in grades 5-12 are eligible to apply for the 2013 awards if they have volunteered in the past year. Awards are granted to youth volunteers at the local, state, and national level. State honorees will receive \$1,000 awards, silver medallions, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in May for special recognition events.

[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>>](#)

## **Youth Garden Grants**

**Deadline: December 3, 2012**

Sponsored by the Home Depot Garden Club, the National Gardening Association's Youth Garden Grants are awarded to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and inter-generational groups in the United States are eligible. Applicants must plan to garden with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. Priority will be given to programs that emphasize integration of content standards, nutrition connections, environmental awareness, entrepreneurship, and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning.

[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**

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## **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>>](#)



## **The Lexus Eco Challenge**

**Deadline: October 29 (land/water) and December 17 (air/climate)**

Lexus and Scholastic have teamed up for the Lexus Eco Challenge, designed to inspire and empower middle and high school students to learn about the environment and take action to improve it. Middle and high school teams comprised of five to ten students and a teacher-advisor are invited to participate in one or both of the two initial challenges, each addressing different environmental elements - land/water and air/climate. For each of the challenges, teams define an environmental issue that is important to them, develop an action plan to address the issue, implement the plan, and report the results. The submission deadline for Challenge 1 (land/water) is October 29, 2012; the deadline for Challenge 2 (air/climate) is December 17, 2012. The program will award a total of \$500,000 in grants and scholarships.

[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>>](#)

## **Arizona Rubik's Tournament**

**Competition: March 2, ASU West Campus**

Introduce kids to a classic puzzle, the Rubik's cube! The tournament will consist of teams of eight students in grades K-12 plus a teacher/coach, divided into elementary, middle school, and high school divisions. The teams will be competing to collectively solve 25 Rubik's Cubes.

[More information>>](#)

# **Trainings & Conferences**

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## **October College Depot Workshops**

### **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](mailto:college.depot@phoenix.gov). For more upcoming workshops, see the calendar at [phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot)*

## **Quality Counts - Youth Voice & Choice**

**October 16, Jacobs YMCA, Tucson**

Are you providing young people with authentic, meaningful choices throughout your program? Does your program reflect the input of the youth involved? Research shows that quality programs incorporate youth input at both activity and organizational levels. This workshop will emphasize the importance of offering real choices and

meaningful participation to youth, and nurturing youth leadership. This interactive workshop is focused on providing meaningful choice within activities and opportunities for youth input within the youth program itself.  
[More information>>](#)

## **Flagstaff Teen Employment Corps Workshops**

**October 17, 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 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>>](#)

## **Arts Integrations Trainings**

**November 2**

**Coconino Center for the Arts, Flagstaff**

Arts Intensive

**November 3**

**Sperling Center for Educational Innovation, Tempe**

Arts Integration for Common Core

**November 10**

**Pima College Center for the Arts, Tucson**

Arts Integration for Common Core

Arts Integration Solutions is offering a series of free professional development trainings for teachers. To find out more and to register, see <http://artsintegration.com/>

## **Arizona SciTech Festival Opens Call for Events**

**Deadline: November 10**

Through a partnership formed between Arizona Science Center, Arizona State University, Arizona Technology Council Foundation and the Arizona Commerce Authority, the Arizona SciTech Festival is gearing up for its second annual event designed to excite and inform Arizonans of all ages about how science, technology and innovation affects their everyday lives and will expand their economic future. After a successful Festival kick-off conference that brought together over 375 partners in industry, education, research, entrepreneurship, community, arts and culture, now is the time for all Arizonans to submit their ideas for events for the 2013 festivities.

[Learn more and suggest an event>>](#)

## 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

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### Annual Prevention Celebration

**October 18, 5:30-7:30 pm**

**Freedom Park, Tucson**

Celebrate Tucson kids staying above the influence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs at this community event. Enjoy the resources, games, entertainment, prizes and more.

[More information>>](#)

### Arizona Summit on Volunteerism & Service Learning -- Registration Deadline Today!

**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 today to participate.**

[More information>>](#)

### Rafters Fall League Family Days

**Tuesdays in October & November**

**Salt River Fields, Scottsdale**

Every Tuesday, fans will be able to participate in family-friendly "Take Me Out Tuesdays." For only \$11, fans will receive a game ticket, hot dog, drink, and over \$100 in free merchandise and services from participating stores at The Pavilions at Talking Stick.

[More information>>](#)

## Resources, Research & Reports

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### October is National Bullying Prevention Month

One in five kids say they have been the target of bullying, and it impacts almost all youth as bystanders. Odds are youth in your program may be dealing with its impacts. The good news: There are programs that can guide afterschool staff in addressing bullying, and tactics that can empower kids to move from passive bystanders to active participants in stopping bullying. See below for a roundup of bullying prevention resources.

*National School Climate Center's Bullying Prevention Programs*

The NSCC provides general information about bullying, as well as self-assessments to determine the climate of your program, as well as a program, Upstanders, to help transform bystanders into empowered youth ready to help stop bullying.

[See more>>](#)

*StopBullying.gov*

This website, run by the US Department of Health & Human Services, has a wide variety of resources for both youth and families.

[See more>>](#)

*PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center*

Access a mix of videos, information, and activities as well as sites geared specifically to kids and teens.

[See more>>](#)

For more resources and information, see AzCASE's list of resources [here>>](#)

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