Afterschool Meals, GeoChallenge, and More!
November 2018

Spotlight
Jonathan Coyle from Cameron Community Ministries

Jonathan Coyle, Youth Program Lead and Academic Coordinator at Cameron Community Ministries, began as an intern in the Fall of 2017. While Jonathan only started working professionally in the field recently, he has had experience within the area for nearly his whole life. Jonathan was a member of the 4-H youth development program for 12 years. During this time in the program he participated in animal science, public speaking, and teen leadership activities. Jonathan was part of several planning committees for statewide teen events, and his experiences serving on these committees is what led him to pursuing a career in youth development.

During the school year, Cameron Community Ministries runs an afterschool program, and during the summer, they hold a 6-week summer program. As Youth Program Leader/Academic Coordinator, Jonathan works with the rest of the youth program staff to structure their programs and develop activities. He also works closely with the youth to support their social-emotional development, as well as to improve their English and math skills.

Jonathan told us that some of the biggest benefits of these afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs to youth are “exposure to new experiences, positive youth-adult relationships, and social-emotional learning.” He added that youth can discover that they are passionate about something that they may not have experienced before, whether that be through a field trip, club, or other avenue. Strong youth-adult relationships can be formed, giving youth someone they can trust and turn to for guidance outside of their parents/guardians. These relationships, group and individual activities, and time allotted for positive conflict resolution all provide a rich environment for youth to develop their social-emotional skills.

When asked what his favorite part of his job is Jonathan said, “taking time to engage the youth in conversation, and developing the program with the rest of the staff!”
Resource
Afterschool Suppers and Afterschool Programs Key to Student Success

Research shows that afterschool programs provide measurable benefits to students academically, socially, and behaviorally, and serve as an important resource for families and communities. In addition to drawing children into safe and engaging learning environments, they provide a critical platform for providing federally reimbursable and nutritious afterschool suppers and snacks.

FRAC’s new Afterschool Suppers: A Snapshot of Participation report finds that in October 2017, 1.2 million children received an afterschool supper on an average weekday, an 11 percent increase from October 2016, and 1.6 million children received an afterschool snack. Forty-six thousand afterschool programs provided a supper, a snack, or both through the federal Afterschool Nutrition Programs in October 2017.

While positive gains have been made over the last eight years, since the Afterschool Supper Program became available nationwide, supplies for afterschool suppers are still falling short of the need — just one child received an afterschool supper for every 19 children who received free or reduced-price school lunch received in October 2017.

One of the biggest challenges to expanding afterschool meals is the limited public and private funding that supports afterschool programming in low-income communities. An important way to connect more children to afterschool suppers is to ensure that there are enough affordable afterschool programs available for families to send their children to. Meeting this need (more than half of children [56 percent] not in an afterschool program would be enrolled in one if it were available to them) means maintaining and investing more in existing funding streams, such as the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program. This is the largest funding source for afterschool programs, but only provides funding for 1.7 million children on an average day.

Combined, more public and private funding (on the federal, state, and local levels) for high-quality, affordable afterschool programs and the implementation of other proven best practices would ensure children have access to the nutrition and programming they need to support their academic achievement, health, and well-being. Thanks to the leadership and advocacy of the Afterschool Alliance and other partners, more children are benefiting from afterschool programs and suppers than ever before. Now is the time to redouble those efforts.

Learn more about closing the afterschool hunger gap in Afterschool Suppers: A Snapshot of Participation.

LEARNING RESOURCES FROM NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC & MOTT FOUNDATION

Real-world problems call for critical thinking and real-world solutions and afterschool programs are a great place for kids to learn, collaborate, and figure out how to make their communities better. The Mott Foundation and National Geographic want to help afterschool programs open the world to young people.

National Geographic has been pushing the boundaries of knowledge, exploring the planet from its highest peaks to its deepest depths for more than 130 years. Now you can bring this spirit of exploration to your afterschool program!

What Will You Do to Save the Planet? Take the #GeoChallenge!
Did you know that 500 million plastic straws are used every day? Eight million tons of plastic flow into the ocean every year? We need
creative and actionable ideas from young people to literally save the planet. Afterschool programs are invited to take on the 2018-19 GeoChallenge—Tackling Plastic! Teams of students (grades 5-8) will investigate the urgent issue of plastic pollution in our waterways. If your team is ready, you can submit your solutions by January 15th to join the national competition.

The GeoChallenge is free to register and download all of the activities you will need to help your kids engage, think, act, and impact! Students gain skills in research and storytelling, collaboration, videography, innovative design, and mapmaking. Empower your students to change the world! Register here: NatGeoEd.org/geochallenge

Register for the 2018 Rochester Regional Training Institute!
Saturday, November 10, 2018
Radisson Hotel Rochester Airport 175 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY 14623

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High-Quality Professional Development
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- Variety of topics
- Appropriate for supervisors, teachers, and frontline staff working with school-age children
- Networking opportunities
- Buffet lunch

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Visit our Regional Institute Webpage

Scholarships
Scholarship funding to participate in this training may be available through the Educational Incentive Program (EIP). For more information or to apply for a scholarship, please visit www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu. You may also contact EIP at eip@albany.edu or 800-295-9616. If you have received an EIP, please sign it and mail it to the Network along with your registration.

For any questions or to register via check or EIP, please contact Erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org.

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Upcoming Events
11/7: A Year with the QSA Tool, Third Edition for Self-Assessment Leaders
This deep dive for self-assessment leaders explores the recommended strategy for incorporating self-assessment effectively into your program practices to create continuous program quality improvement. The webinar will be from 1:00-2:00pm. For more information and how to register, click here.

11/8: Optimize Your Use of the DECA-C (Clinical)
This live webinar series highlights the DECA-C (Clinical): a standardized, norm-referenced behavior rating scale that evaluates behaviors related to social and emotional resilience and concerns in preschool children ages 2 through 5. It is designed to support early intervention efforts to reduce or eliminate significant emotional and behavioral concerns in preschool children. This webinar will focus on using the DECA-C as part of the DECA Program as well as its use as a stand alone tool. To register click here.

11/6 – 12/18: ACRES of Questions
Try out the ACRES reflective coaching experience with this foundational short workshop series, which includes Purposeful Questions module with two opportunities to reflect on using questions in practice. This series includes one lesson and 2 coaching session and meets 10 AM - 12 PM on Tuesdays. Use this link for specific dates and to register.

11/7 – 2/20: Developing STEM Practices & Mindset
Increase your skills facilitating opportunities for youth to use the science and engineering practices to develop a STEM mindset. This ACRES series includes 3 modules: Asking Purposeful Questions, Modeling the Science Process, and Modeling the Engineering Design Process. The group will meet for a lesson and coaching session for each module at 10 AM - 12 PM on Wednesdays from November 7 to February 20, 2019. Use this link for specific dates and to register.

11/8: Foundational Series for Line Staff: Conflict Resolution
This Partnership for After School Education workshop will cover the basics of conflict resolution and effective communication. By exploring the roots of conflict, participants will gain new strategies not only for dealing positively with conflict, but also for helping children and youth manage conflicts. Participants will have the opportunity to practice conflict mediation skills through role-plays and active listening. The workshop is from 10am-1pm in NYC. Click here for more information, how to register, and a full list of events.

11/14: PASE Explorers: Exploring and Sharing Your Community Story through Projects and Technology
Looking for inspiration for your program? PASE Explorers is a great way to expand your programming and offer something new and fun for upper elementary youth. Learn how to implement PASE Explorers in your program. PASE's project-based global learning curriculum combines community exploration with a final technology project, including an introduction to a free online web design program. Participants will receive an updated curriculum and will be guided through the components of the program. Follow-up coaching from PASE will be made available. Registration opens on Monday, November 12 at 9:00 am. Click here for more information and how to register.

11/10: Rochester Training Institute, Rochester
Our Rochester Training Institute is returning and will take place Saturday, November 10th, 2018. Register Now! This includes High-Quality Professional Development; six OCFS training hours; a variety of topics, and is appropriate for supervisors, teachers, and frontline staff working with school-age children, networking opportunities, and a buffet lunch! For more information, please click here!

11/12-11/14: Summer Changes Everything, Missouri
Join hundreds of summer learning and expanded opportunity leaders on November 12-14 in Kansas City, MO for National Summer Learning Association's annual conference devoted entirely to summer learning. What to expect? The nation's top summer time leaders from across the country sharing and
discussing effective learning approaches, systems building, program planning, policies, and ways to advocate for our nation's children. More information and registration can be found here!

**11/28 - Introduction to Child and Youth Development**
In this foundational workshop from PASE, participants will learn about the stages of child and youth development to gain a broader understanding of the needs of children and youth. Participants will also engage in activities that support the healthy development of children and youth and will learn how to plan and integrate activities that support various developmental levels and stages. Registration begins 11/12. Click here for more information and how to register.

**1/8 – 4/23: Supporting Youth Development through STEM**
Increase your skills using positive youth development practices to engage youth in meaningful STEM learning experiences. This ACRES series includes 3 modules: Developing STEM Identities and Making Career Connections, Giving Youth Voice and Choice, and Exploring Youth Understanding in STEM. The group will meet for a lesson and coaching session for each module at 10 AM - 12 PM on Tuesdays from January 8 to April 23, 2019. Use this link for specific dates and to register.

**3/5-3/18: National AfterSchool Association Convention, New York, New York**
Join our community for four days of networking, learning, and inspiration. For more information, follow this link.

**3/16: Terra Science and Engineering Fair**
Whether you want to explore Cassini’s adventures around Saturn, test water quality in a local creek, or design an app to prep for your next exam, the Terra Northeast Regional Science & Engineering Fair (TNRSEF) enables you to ask questions and find answers! Students in grades 6-12 can come to SUNY Geneseo in March to celebrate all s/he has learned and perhaps even earn an award. More information can be found here.

**5/10-5/11: Network for Youth Success Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs**
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