

## One To World Spotlight, Dear Provider Letter, and STEM Corner!

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#### Spotlight

Marissa Munn, Director of *Global Classroom* at One To World

*One To World's Global Classroom* brings global education to life in NYC-area afterschool programs. They provide opportunities for youth in NYC afterschool programs to meet trained scholars from all over the world, who share about their country, culture, and different global topics from their unique perspectives.

Marissa Munn, Director of *Global Classroom* at One To World, says she has always loved working with youth, particularly in non-traditional educational settings. Most of her previous experience has been in the afterschool field – teaching youth, managing afterschool and summer programs, training staff, developing afterschool curriculum, as well as research and evaluation of programs. Marissa has also always been interested in how different aspects of one's identity (such as race, class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, etc.) impact education, and her graduate school thesis explored multicultural education and the different ways to reduce bias in young students. Marissa added that One To World's *Global Classroom* is unique because it brings international scholars into K-12 schools and afterschool programs to have face-to-face interactions to reduce cultural misunderstandings and biases. She stated, "I'm grateful to have a career that brings together my experience and passions!"

Marissa stated that while there are a lot of global education programs in the NYC area, One To World is the only program that provides the space for students to have face-to-face interactions with people from all over the world. She added, "it's a way for youth to travel without ever leaving their afterschool building!"

Marissa feels that the afterschool, summer, and expanded learning field is so important because it provides opportunities for students lives to be enriched in ways that are often not available during the regular school day. She added that, "they can play, learn, and grow while connecting with their communities in a space that is safe and nurturing." When asked what her favorite part of her job is Marissa stated, "I love watching the excitement of NYC students when they meet and engage with the international scholars."



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## STEM/STEAM Corner

### Hour Code

Take an hour of your program to teach computer science through the Hour of Code. This international event, held annually during Computer Science Education Week (December 3—9), promotes computational learning and computer science skills. Visit the [Hour of Code website](#) for resources and how-to guides for afterschool and other settings. No experience necessary to participate—let this be your first experience with coding! Registering your event may open opportunities for free gear and expert volunteers. [Check it out today!](#)



## Dear Provider Letter from OCFS

November 2018

The NYS Office of Children and Family Services released a 'Dear Provider' letter at the beginning of November. The letter highlights updates and developments that have taken place to inform necessary providers. Some of these developments include new smoking restrictions signed into legislation in August. They include amendments such as, "smoking is prohibited in areas where child care is provided, smoking includes cigarettes, vaping, and e-cigarettes," and "is applicable at all times, including outside of operating hours, even when children receiving care are not present." The ban took effect on November 18, 2018.

Another update was that child care applications will soon be available online, and that this new wave of technology also gives OCFS the opportunity to begin sending email communication to providers, including the Dear Provider Letter. The Blue Card has gotten a makeover as well, with reformatting making it more user friendly. The letter also notes that job protected, paid time off is now being offered to millions of New Yorkers due to the changes made in January to Paid Family Leave, and notes that providers should be aware of this as they work closely with families.

Health related updates included that due to the EpiPen shortage in May of 2018, certain 0.3 milligram autoinjectors that have expiration dates between April and December of 2018 are being extended. Additionally, the letter reminds providers that flu season has arrived and that the New York State Department of Health recommends that all children aged 6 months and older get a flu vaccine. For the full 'Dear Provider' letter, [follow this link](#).

## Nominate an Outstanding Afterschool Educator!

Each year, PASE honors five outstanding afterschool educators at the annual PASEsetter Awards Benefit. PASEsetter Award Winners are individuals whose commitment, energy, and creativity have had an indelible impact on the children and youth of New York City.

To nominate an individual for a 2019 PASEsetter Award, please [complete this online form](#) by **Friday, December 14, 2018**.



### Who is a PASEsetter?

- A staff person at a youth-serving agency in New York City whose primary work is directly with young people in afterschool, in the evenings, and/or during the summers.
- Nominees must be paid staff, not volunteers, working either full or part-time, and have worked a minimum of three years at their current agency.
- A staff person who attended an afterschool program growing up and who is now working in afterschool will be given special consideration by the selection committee.
- No nominations will be accepted from an agency that has had a PASEsetter Award winner within the last three years.
- Executive Directors are NOT eligible.

Learn more by downloading a [full award description](#).

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## Upcoming Events

### 11/28: Introduction to Child and Youth Development (NYC)

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. [Click here](#) for more information and how to register.

### 11/29: PASE Explorers: Exploring and Sharing Your Community Story through Projects and Technology (NYC)

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. [Click here to register](#).

### 11/29: Cornell University Motivation & Goals Webinar

When and how do young people's academic, social, and health goals inspire action? This free webinar from 11:00AM – 12:00PM will focus on motivation among adolescents. It will explore how motivation

develops over time along with how aspects of young people's specific social contexts shape what goals they pursue in the moment. Finally, it will consider how to design youth program contexts to best support motivation among young people. Presenter: Kristen Elmore, MSW, PhD, Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, Cornell University. [Click here to register!](#)

**12/4, 11, and 18: Gender, Sexuality, and the Family in Early Childhood Education (NYC)**

We know that children are smart and observant. In the world of Disney princesses, Marvel superheroes, and ubiquitous advertising, how do we support children in exploring gender? How do we teach children the skills to stand up for themselves, to examine the world thoughtfully and critically, and to name and shape their own identities? To explore these questions and gain new resources, the New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute invites you to a series of workshops on "Gender, Sexuality, and the Family in Early Childhood Education." The workshops can be attended as a series of three or individually. Follow this link 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.

**1/23: Advocacy Day, Albany, NY**

The Network for Youth Success will be hosting our Annual Advocacy Day on January 23, 2019! Program providers, students, parents, and other supporters of afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs are encouraged to join us in Albany, NY to meet New York State Assemblymembers and Senators to advocate for New York's children and families. [Click here 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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