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Spotlight

New NYSNYS Staff: Trudy Morgan Dadzie and Annah Bravata

Trudy Morgan Dadzie joins the Network for Youth Success as a Women and Public Policy Fellow from the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society. As part of the Network's Policy Department, she supports statewide and national advocacy and policy efforts to increase funding for expanded learning opportunities, and address regulatory and programmatic concerns through legislation. Trudy holds a BA (Honors) in Public Policy and Management from Rockefeller College of Public Policy and Affairs. She is currently pursuing her MPA in Nonprofit Management, and Government Information Strategy and Management at the same institution.



Annah Bravata joins the Network as our dedicated and passionate Office Coordinator. Annah has always had a giving heart and found herself working in community outreach from an early age. In her twenties she worked for a number of different non-for-profit organizations, such as The Boys and Girls Club of America and The Capital District YMCA. Those years became the stepping stone that led her to follow her true dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. In December of last year, she completed that task and is now using her time between studying for the nursing boards to be a part of New York State Network for Youth Success.



Nominate a School-Age Professional, Program, or Champion!
May 10 - 11, 2019 in Saratoga Springs, NY

School's Out, Make it Count!

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The Network for Youth Success will be hosting our First Annual Awards Ceremony during the closing session of our Annual Conference!

The awards available are:

- The Quality Leadership Award
- The Exemplary Award of Professionalism
- The Program Award of Excellence and Innovation
- The Champion Award

[Submit a nomination and view award descriptions here!](#)

Nomination deadline is March 1, 2019

All award finalists will be selected by an independent panel of judges. Once finalists have been selected, additional information may be requested. Finalists and their nominators will be notified by email. If additional information is needed, the Network will contact the nominator.

The winner and honorees will be announced at the School's Out, Make It Count! Conference on May 11, 2019. Awards will be presented during the closing ceremony at the Embassy Suites.

By submitting a nomination or supporting document (such as a letter of support), participating individuals grant the Network permission to use the any of the submitted materials, not protected by copyright, in advertisements and/or promotions without compensation or notification. Such advertisements or promotions may include internet/social media announcements of the awards or the conference, as well as print materials distributed at, or in promotion of, the events. Self-nominations are not prohibited for these awards.

And don't forget to [register for the Conference here!](#)

Why Family Engagement Matters for Student & School Success

The Center for Family Engagement and the Global Family Research Project

In collaboration with the National PTA's Center for Family Engagement, the Global Family Research Project has released a new resource focused on making the latest research on family engagement accessible and actionable for families, educators, and PTA leaders.

PTA works with families, schools, and other organizations to help all children be successful throughout school and prepare them for college and a career. As an engaged family member—parent, grandparent, or other caregiver—you make essential contributions to your children's education to make their potential a reality. The research is clear. Findings from the Global Family Research Project report, show that when families and teachers join together to support children's learning and development, children are more likely to succeed in school, graduate, and stay on a path to college or a career.

Research Shows That Children Learn Anywhere, Anytime.

Children achieve more in school when their families engage in activities such as reading, asking thoughtful questions, and providing the structure children need to complete assignments. Discussing your expectations for your child's future and monitoring his or her progress has also been linked with higher achievement. You can also promote your child's learning out of school through activities such as library visits or participation in afterschool and summer programs.

Family Engagement is Crucial All Along Children's Learning Pathways From Birth Through High School and Beyond.

Your involvement in your child's education and school matters not only when he or she is a young child, but all through adolescence. Your engagement, however, changes as your child grows. You will likely take an active role in supporting your child's learning during the early grades. As your child gets older, ask him or her to teach you what they are learning, encourage them to take ownership of their progress, and help them navigate pathways for college and career.

Children and Families Aren't the Only Ones Who Benefit When Families Are Engaged in the Educational Process.

Your participation also contributes to the overall success of your school. Research shows that when families advocate for school improvements, such as backing educators to develop strong family engagement practices, all children receive a better education. When families are engaged, teachers also feel more supported and the atmosphere at the school is more positive and welcoming.

[Click here](#) for the full resource that can be shared with staff and families.

Interested in advancing in the school-age field?

Need the qualifications to become a Site Director?

EARN YOUR SCHOOL-AGE CREDENTIAL TODAY



Upcoming Events

3/1: Science Action Club: Bug Scouts, New York, NY

Join the Network for Youth Success and engage your young people in doing scientific research! Training in the Science Action Club: Bug Scouts curriculum will take place from 9 AM to 1 PM at ExpandedED Schools in Manhattan. This training is for programs that serve 5th to 8th graders that want to get those students to try on the role of scientist in an authentic and hands-on way. Participants in

the training will have access to the Bug Scouts Curriculum online prior to the workshop. Then, at the workshop, participants will learn how to use iNaturalist and the curriculum to explore bug science with youth. Bug Scouts includes field experiences for youth in the neighborhoods that connect their local environment to large scale research efforts. Fifteen programs is the maximum that can participate, so [apply here now!](#)

3/15-3/18: National AfterSchool Association Convention, New York, NY

Join our community for four days of networking, learning, and inspiration. For more information, follow [this link](#). If you are attending, join the Network for Youth Success for a New York State Meet-Up with networking and raffle prizes on Friday, March 15th at 8:30pm. Advance [registration](#) is required.

3/6: Mindfulness + Stress Reduction for AfterSchool Staff, New York, NY

Working with youth can be incredibly rewarding, but also stress inducing. Without the tools to effectively manage challenges, there is high risk of burnout. Research shows that mindfulness practices support youth workers in various ways, such as improving interpersonal relationships, and reducing stress and burnout. [Registration](#) opens on Tuesday, February 19 at 9:00 am.

3/12-3/14: Challenging Behavior in Preschool Children Train-the-Trainer, Hartford, CT

This train-the-trainer session is designed specifically for professionals working with teachers to better support preschool children with challenging behavior. During this professional development experience, trainers will participate in an intensive, interactive session delving more deeply into the understanding of, prevention of and planned responses to challenging behaviors in young children. It highlights the Devereux Center for Resilient Children DVD resource, Facing the Challenge, as well as the best-selling book by Barbara Kaiser and Judy Sklar-Rasminky, Challenging Behavior in Young Children, 4th Edition. This session is a MUST for trainers who want to enhance their training sessions on the difficult and important topic of working with children with challenging behaviors. Click [here](#) to register. (Registration closes March 1st).

3/16: Terra Science and Engineering Fair, Syracuse, NY

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](#).

3/18: Multiplying Good with Students In Action, New York, NY

Currently active in 13 communities across the U.S., Students In Action (SIA) is a unique youth volunteer leadership training and recognition program that supports, trains, and empowers today's youth to be leaders, problem solvers, entrepreneurs, and impactful global citizens. [Registration](#) opens on Monday, March 4 at 9:00 am.

4/4-4/6: NYAEC Annual Conference, Verona, NY

This conference will host two full days of workshops, exhibitors, and keynote speakers for early care professionals. [Visit their website](#) for more information and how to register.

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

Back by popular demand for one more year in Saratoga Springs! The New York State Network for Youth Success is holding its Annual Conference May 10 & 11! Come attend New York's only statewide conference for Afterschool, Summer, and Expanded Learning Professionals. This conference brings together over 200 professionals to participate in two full days of workshops on topics ranging from SEL to Leadership. [Follow this link](#) to register today!

8/4-8/10: Mindfulness Training for Educators, Lake Placid, NY

This weeklong program set in the idyllic environment of a lakeside retreat in the Adirondacks, explores teaching for the 21st century. Participants will learn mindfulness practices, meditation, the

neuroscience of learning, the nature of mind, and how to cultivate their inner resources. Each day will include experiential learning, as well as a cognitive element – and afternoons will be free to enjoy the many outdoor activities available to us, or to simply relax and read a book. Learn how mindfulness might benefit you in your role as an educator, and re-connect with the ideals that brought you into this field from the start! [Click here](#) for more information and how to register.

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