JCC Spotlight, Nutrition Corner, and Conference Registration!
January 2019

Spotlight
Andrew Katz of the Albany Jewish Community Center

Drew Katz began working for the Albany JCC with its Teen Summer Camp program in 1995 as a CIT. He then went on to be a Counselor there for 3 summers. In March 2006, Drew became the first ever Director of Youth Services and was put in charge of running the Albany JCC Summer Camps, all Afterschool Sites, JCC Maccabi, and various youth and teen engagement programs. Drew also recently took on the role of the Capital Region Expanded Learning Opportunities (CRELO) co-chair and has already begun working on promoting opportunities, resources, and events for the region.

Drew and his family have been a part of the Albany JCC for four generations now, including his own two children. Drew originally started attending the Albany JCC Summer Camps and Afterschool program in 1984. Drew’s love for the JCC Camp and Afterschool programs is what initially brought him back to the JCC in 2006. Drew even has several lifelong friends he met at the JCC!

Drew recognizes how important afterschool and summer programs can be for youth. He told us, “Afterschool and Summer Camp fosters lifelong relationships, builds a community, and enhances SEL and life skills. Family Engagement is key, as well as bringing in quality afterschool and camp staff that keep the programs safe and fun.”

Drew’s favorite part of the job is “seeing the smiling faces each day come to the JCC or its sites, including the children, staff, and parents. Seeing the children learn new skills and form new relationships is most important. Also, teens developing as community leaders through the JCC programs keeps the cycle going. So much fun seeing all of this!”

Register for Our 2019 Annual Conference
May 10 - 11, 2019 in Saratoga Springs, NY
Register now until February 1st to get the Early Bird rate!

Draft of the Brochure Available Now!

Register for New York’s ONLY state-wide afterschool and summer learning conference!

- 5.5 hours of Training Each Day
- Leadership Track
- Diversity & Inclusion Track
- Executive Director Track
- 30 Minute Speed Sessions
- Buffet Lunch
- Vendor Area
- Lots of Networking Opportunities!

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 scholarship, please sign it and mail it to the Network along with your registration.

Accommodations
Discounted room rates are available at the Embassy Suites until April 9, 2019. Book here.

*Other Ways to Register
To register via check or eip, email erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org.

We still have spots available for vendors, sponsors, and advertising!
Contact capacity@networkforyouthsuccess.org or visit our website for the application form!!

Nutrition Corner: New Year, New Menu!

During the New Year, many people make resolutions to lose weight by eating healthy. Your program can help students start or maintain a healthy lifestyle by teaching them to choose nutritious foods to eat. Our new International Sample Menu, which follows the CACFP meal pattern, can help you do just that with meals from around the globe, complete with cooking instructions and serving sizes.

Enroll in CACFP and start serving healthy snacks and suppers. The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal nutrition program that allows afterschool programs to claim reimbursement for serving healthy snacks and/or meals to students. What are you waiting for? Enroll now! Learn more by visiting www.AfterschoolMealsNY.org.
New York State School-Age Care Credential DL Classes Starting in January!

Distance Learning begins January 22, 2019. Register Here!

Looking for a way to meet the educational requirements to be a site director at a school-age program? Looking for a way to "build your bench?"

The New York State School-Age Care Credential will help you meet these needs! Throughout the course, you'll learn how to meet children's needs and reduce challenging behaviors, all while gaining confidence in yourself as a professional.

The course can either be taken in-person at a local Host Agency or through our distance learning option. During the course, you'll work with a trained advisor who will help to ensure your success in the program and will work with you to advance your skills and expertise as an afterschool practitioner. You'll work with your instructor and advisor to further develop your knowledge in the 14 skill areas: professionalism, child development, safety, health, out-of-school environments, physical, cognitive, communication, creative, self, social, guidance, families, and operational program managements.

Candidates may even be eligible for scholarship funds through SUNY’s Educational Incentive Program to cover some or all of the costs associated with the course.

For more information, go to our webpage, or contact Erin at 518.694.0660 or Erin@NetworkforYouthSuccess.org
Upcoming Events

1/17: Perspectives from the Field Talk Show: Virtual Edition
Young people affected by trauma need support. Team Up Mentoring’s unique approach pairs each child with a specialized team of mentors, tutors, therapists, counselors, transportation, and members of the faith community. These lifelong relationships begin as young as age 3 and last until the youth reaches age 21, providing the kind of safety net that these children and youth might not otherwise have access to. Connect with host Shawn Petty and guest Anna Blount in this interactive talk show where the audience guides the conversation. Shawn and Anna will discuss methods for helping kids succeed and equipping them with the skills they need to become healthy adults. Click here to register.

1/17: AfterSchool KidzMath™
AfterSchool KidzMath™, for grades K-6, a project of the Center for the Collaborative Classroom in Oakland, CA, incorporates two methodologies of teaching math to school-age children who participate in afterschool programs. This training introduces participants to the interactive games and story-based programming that make up the KidzMath™ curriculum, available at collaborativeclassroom.org. Participants will discuss their own math experiences, learn about the before, during, and after process of facilitating games and guides by engaging in hands-on experiences, and have discussions about how to promote cooperative games with children. The training will allow participants to both experience and see KidzMath™ in action. Follow this link 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 after-school, summer, and expanded learning programs are encouraged to join us in Albany, NY to meet New York State Assembly members and Senators to advocate for New York's children and families. Click here to register! Registration closes January 16th.

1/26 and 3/16: CryptoClub Training in Schenectady
CryptoClub is a 12-20 activity curriculum that uses message encryption and decryption to explore applied mathematical concepts. This two-day training session features hands-on experiences with ciphers and codes, starting with pen-and-paper and moving on to using a computer. Participants will walk away with materials to start their own CryptoClub, including teacher's manual and workbooks for 15 students. This training is for educators in the middle grades (4th through 9th) who serve at least 15 students. Cost is $794 total (covers both days of training). For more information about CryptoClub, visit the University of Chicago's page for CryptoClub. To register, click here. You can also email Timothy Fowler (timothy@networkforyouthsuccess.org) with "CryptoClub in Schenectady" in the subject line if you have questions.

1/28: Community Schools Advocacy Day
Join the New York State Community Schools Network as they host their 4th annual statewide advocacy day in Albany on Monday January 28, 2019. The event is to advocate for the New York State Community Schools Network's FY20 Budget Priorities and inform the state legislature on the community schools strategy by highlighting local efforts and stories of impact across the state. Registration can be found here, and closes January 16th.

1/29 - 1/31: 21st Global Youth Justice Training, Las Vegas, NV
These rapidly expanding local volunteer-driven diversion programs harness positive peer pressure and utilize it in a peer judgment setting to help address the anti-social, delinquent, and criminal behavior of youthful offenders. The peer judgment, volunteer-driven, youth-led, and positive peer pressure aspects of these diversion programs are the primary programmatic elements that separate these juvenile justice and youth justice diversion programs from all others. This three (3) day training institute includes a free 1/2 day grant writing session, and provides participants with the knowledge and skills to establish, expand, enhance and/or learn Teen/Youth/Student/Peer Court and Peer Jury programs. This new Double-Track Training includes sessions for beginners and an advanced track. Click here to register.

2/23: Girls in STEM Fair at RIT
Girls in grades 5 through 12 are invited to experience hands-on demonstrations presented by RIT's female students and faculty. Come to explore. Come to engage. Come to see all the possibilities of STEM! Free and open to the public! Register by February 8th at: https://bit.ly/2RDqGX2

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.

3/12-3/14: 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-Rasminksy, 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
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.

School’s Out, Make it Count!
2019 Annual Conference

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

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