Conference Registration, Utica Zoo, STEM Corner & More!
January 2019

Register for Our 2019 Annual Conference
May 10 - 11, 2019 in Saratoga Springs, NY

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

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

Spotlight
Utica Zoo in Utica, NY

The Utica Zoo has been providing educational resources and wildlife experiences to youth of all ages for over 100 years. The zoo has over two hundred individual animals representing ninety-nine different species. Just some of these species include carpet pythons, spider monkeys, african lions, and arctic foxes. These species are from all different kinds of areas across the globe and are house based on their countries of origin.

A large portion of the Utica Zoo is dedicated to educational programs. The educational department of the zoo has “zoo camp” which are two week programs and “zoo adventures STEM academy.” These different programs offer youth with a variety of wildlife knowledge pertaining to the conservation and habits of animals. Youth have the opportunity to learn about animals as well as encounter them first hand. The Utica Zoo also has programs during school breaks so that youth can continue to learn when school is not in session.

The zoo has resources for educators as well. They offer activity boxes that teach children about classification, endangered species, habitats, adaptations or any topic you can imagine and are available for educators to borrow for their programs. These boxes contain a variety of materials needed to create a fun and engaging lesson and are available for a wide variety of species. Another resource are the guided field trips the zoo does for youth of all ages that are easy to plan and great fun.

Recently, the Utica Zoo announced their successful accreditation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. AZA accreditation carries numerous benefits including recognition from the top animal care facilities in the world. Accreditation also allows access to certain funding and grants, expanded participation in animal exchange and breeding programs, and access to collaborate with world renowned animal care specialists. This accreditation can allow for the Utica Zoo to keep its current programs running as well as develop new, engaging resources for youth, families, and educators!

The Utica Zoo is open 363 days out of the year in Utica, NY. Check them out here to plan your next trip or activity!
STEM Corner: Physical Computing

Physical computing makes software and hardware work so that it can respond in the analog world. For example, building a robot with Legos that can avoid obstacles so that it “sees” as it moves, or sewing circuits into clothing so it lights up when you talk, are examples of physical computing.

The authors of the book Invent to Learn: Making, Tinkering, and Engineering in the Classroom share free resources and ideas from around the web on physical computing. Check out MakerEd's Introduction to Physical Computing, which features recommendations to facilitate learning with young people.

2019 Play Everywhere Challenge

In 2018, over 100 communities across Southeast Michigan and Western New York shared their Play Everywhere ideas to create fun, imaginative play design installations in unexpected places. Due to this incredible response, KaBOOM! and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation are teaming up for a second year to award $1 million to help kids and families incorporate play into their everyday routines through the 2019 Play Everywhere Challenge.

Whether it's a grocery store, a waiting room, or a sidewalk, don't miss your chance to receive funding to turn an everyday space into a fun, imaginative place that makes kids say “I want to play there!” Together, we will ensure all kids, no matter where they come from or where they live, get the active play they need to thrive.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY The deadline to submit your creative idea is March 22

To learn more, visit kaboom.org/builttoplay.

If you have questions, please reach out to: Vita Pierzchala at vpierzchala@kaboom.org or (202) 464-6080

Interested in advancing in the school-age field? Need the qualifications to become a Site Director?

EARN YOUR SCHOOL-AGE CREDENTIAL TODAY

Upcoming Events

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.

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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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