Board Member Spotlight and ACEs Research Brief!
April 2019

Spotlight
Jen Curry, Founder of Change Impact

We spoke to Jen Curry, the Founder of Change Impact in East Rockaway, NY. Jen is the Vice President of the board for the Network for Youth Success and has been since its beginnings as a 501c3 in 2015.

Jen told us she is involved with the Network because she believes in the power of collaboration, adding that "with a state as diverse as New York, it's difficult but all the more important for us to come together to work toward a common vision on behalf of youth and families." Jen has been involved with the Network and its predecessors as a staff member and partner since 2007, and she has "seen firsthand the power of the collective: new afterschool funding streams that have expanded access to programs, unique professional learning experiences for youth workers that wouldn't otherwise exist, and so much more."

When it came to her role on the board, Jen expressed her passion for being a part of what she called, "one of New York State's best kept secrets." She finds it incredibly fulfilling to have a front row seat to the work that the staff and partners do. Jen added that the Network is "small, nimble, and dedicated, and it's always a pleasure to share just how much we accomplish with stakeholders that don't know us well."

Jen's organization, Change Impact, is a consultancy that builds the capacity of youth-serving organizations, just as the Network does. Jen explained, "We help organizations secure funding and opportunities that the Network has helped create, and we promote many of the Network's tools and resources."
Change Impact aims to provide “cost-effective and on-demand support to education and youth development organizations, helping them make progress toward their missions and visions.” This means they provide training, strategic planning, grant writing, and other services that are highly customized while giving partners the tools they need to continue to succeed long after their engagement with Change Impact. Jen stated, “We're proud of our accomplishments: in just under two years, we've trained over 700 youth development professionals, raised nearly $17 million in grant funds for our clients, and helped 15 agencies develop program and organizational strategies.”

Adverse Childhood Experiences and the School-Age Population

OST programs can play a role in mitigating and preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which are disruptive to a school-age child’s academic and social development. State policies and initiatives are often the catalysts that support OST programs in this critical work.

This Research Brief, Adverse Childhood Experiences and the School-Age Population: Implications for Child Care Policy and Out-of-School Time Programs, is published by the National Center on Afterschool and Summer Enrichment (NCASE) to build awareness of research and promising practices in the field of school-age child care.

The brief includes information and guidance on ACEs of relevance to state-, territory-, and tribal-level professionals, including Child Care and Development Fund Administrators and state afterschool network leads; and 21st Century Community Learning Center leads.

Follow this link to the full brief.

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*Other Ways to Register*
To register via check or eip, email [erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org](mailto:erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org).

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**Upcoming Events**

**4/13: Long Island School Age Child Care Conference, Melville, NY**
This professional development opportunity includes a selection of diverse presenters who will share their expertise of tools and strategies to establish and support social and emotional development in school age children. Keynote speaker [Justin Shaifer](mailto:justin.shaifer@albany.edu), kicks off the day with a dive into the 'culturally responsive STEM curriculum.' The conference will be open to 150 registered child care providers who will receive 6 hours of OCFS training for attending. [Click here](mailto:justin.shaifer@albany.edu) more information and how to register.

**5/7: What's Great in Our State 2019, Rotterdam, NY**
This event will host three morning workshops, a children’s artwork exhibit, young adult keynote speakers, and a catered honoree recognition luncheon to celebrate the people bringing positive mental health outcomes for children, youth, young adults, and families. For more information and registration, [click here](mailto:erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org).

**5/9: Community Schools and Multi-Tiered Systems, Newark, NY**
Join the growing number of community and school professionals working together to integrate Multi-Tiered Systems of Support with Community Schools. Dr. Jason Andrews, NYS Superintendent of the Year, Lukas Weinstein from the National Center for Community Schools, and representatives from the Wayne County Partnerships for Strengthening Families and Midwest PBIS will explore ways to align and integrate existing programs and services with a community schools strategy. For more information and how to register, [click here](mailto:erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org).

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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!

5/20: Making Service Part of Your Afterschool Program Culture Webinar
This webinar will be approximately 30 minutes long and will feature at least one of the 96 tools from the Beyond the Bell Toolkit. The featured tool will be available for free download from the Beyond the Bell website following the webinar. Follow this link to register.

6/1: Smart Coos’ National Bilingual Bee & Biliteracy Competition, Brooklyn, NY
Early bird registration is now open for Smart Coos’ First Annual National Bilingual Bee & Biliteracy Competition. This event aims to bring 250+ bilingual student participants, ages 6-15, together. The competition will assess children’s proficiency in English along with one of these languages: Mandarin Chinese, French, Spanish, or Haitian Creole. If there are students who would like to participate or educators who would like to volunteer/judge, please email Mirta at mirta@smartcoos.com

6/12 & 6/19: Building Your Bounce Professional Development Learning Series Webinar
This two part train-the-trainer webinar experience provides participants with a copy of the Building Your Bounce Professional Development Learning Series, a three-part digital training tool that includes recorded videos that cover topics including, "Examining Our Own Risk and Protective Factors," "What Resilience Means to Me," and "Introduction to the Devereux Adult Resilience Survey - 23 Questions That Can Change the Way You Look at Life." Trainers and coaches will learn to use this innovative, digital tool to promote adult wellness in a variety of settings, including staff meetings, in-service trainings and parent workshops. Join Nefertiti and learn how you can create an overall culture of resilience. Register here. (Registration closes June 5).

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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