Afterschool Spotlight, CACFP Corner, and More!

June 2019

Spotlight
Michael Williams, Lead Site Director, BASCOL

Michael began his career in afterschool with the YMCA in 2013. There, he worked at the YMCA as a site director for the before and afterschool program and for the summer camp. Michael then started working with BASCOL in 2015 and has been working there ever since. Michael’s major at Ithaca College was Outdoor Adventure Leadership. Michael told us, “after college I worked at various ropes courses and nature centers learning group dynamics and team building. I applied to the YMCA, because I enjoy working with youth and it took off from there.”

His current role is a Lead Site Director (Purchasing). Michael supervises staff while running day to day operations at an elementary before and afterschool program. Michael added that this includes monitoring “gym games, outside play, arts and crafts, disciplining, special projects, and other activities.” The site he oversees is a full day site, meaning youth from other sites come there during snow days, holidays, and other special days.

Over the past couple of years Michael has compiled a resource of team building activities and fitness games BASCOL utilizes at all of their sites. Michael stated, “In creating this ongoing project I continue to use the knowledge I have gained in my previous positions and continue to at my current role.” Michael stated that afterschool and expanded learning benefit youth as it provides, “a fun site where the students are respected in a positive welcoming environment.” Michael added. “The kids enjoy being at our site and are often disappointed when it is time for them to leave.”

When asked what his favorite part of his job is, Michael responded, “My favorite part of the job is observing my kids grow and becoming leaders at a young age. I enjoy playing soccer outside with my kids, engaging in gym activities, group games, and team building with them. I grew up playing active sports, so it can be rewarding having kids trying to keep up with me.” Michael also enjoys seeing the staff that he has trained excel, and grow positive relationships with the children and families. Michael says, “It is similarly rewarding to learn new things from other staff and peers in the field.”
CACFP Corner
It's Never Too Late to Sign Up for CACFP!

If your program hasn’t enrolled for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), you can still enroll during the summer despite the school year being over! Plan ahead to put your afterschool program on a healthy start! CACFP allows afterschool providers to claim reimbursement for serving healthy snacks and/or meals to students. Help students obtain the nutrition needed to stay active and focused. Learn more at AfterschoolMealsNY.org.

Now Accepting Proposals for the Rochester Regional Training Institute

The Institute will take place on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Rochester Downtown. (Seventy State Street Rochester, NY 14614)

This event brings in about 100 afterschool professionals (administrators, directors, teachers, and frontline staff) from the Rochester area and across the state.

We are accepting proposals in the following topics, but are open to new and innovative ideas.
Submit Your Proposal Today!

All submissions are due by July 12. Selected presenters will be notified by August 1.

The link to the RFP:
http://networkforyouthsuccess.org/rochesterrfp/

More information on the event:
http://networkforyouthsuccess.org/rochester-regional-training-institute/

To register as a participant:
https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/NewYorkStateNetworkforYou/RochesterInstitute-1-1.html

The Power of 3:00 Ambassador Program

This year, we are selecting a cohort of passionate afterschool professionals and supporters from across New York who will work directly with staff from the Network’s Policy Department to develop the advocacy and media skill set to become an effective advocate for the children and youth they serve!

This is a free and all-expenses paid, year-long advocacy program! Learn more about the program and previous cohorts here.

To apply for the program, click here.

Applications are open until Wed, July 31 at 5pm.

Please share with anyone you think would be interested in this opportunity. We look forward to receiving your applications!

Upcoming Events

6/24: Strengthening Organizations Through Corporate Engagement, New York, NY
Participants will explore what a corporation values in nonprofit partnerships and identify the varied ways to connect with corporate partners in substantive ways. In this workshop, participants will learn how to establish meaningful and impactful ongoing partners in the private sector and learn
how to develop an effective and sustainable structure for continued partnership. Click here to register.

7/1-8/9: STEM Summer Institute 2019, Teachers College, New York, NY
The STEMteachersNYC STEM Institute brings together educators from around the country for innovative, hands-on, and teacher-led professional development in STEM. Choose from over a dozen workshops in biology, physics, chemistry, computer science, elementary STEM, and more. Work side by side with active classroom teachers and revolutionize the way you teach science using a student-centered active learning approach, shown to increase classroom engagement and understanding of key science concepts. Click here to register and learn more.

7/17: 2019 Site Leader Institute, Troy, NY
Site directors in afterschool programs often have skills at working with children and youth but little to no training in program operation and management. In order to build the best foundation for programs, the Network for Youth Success will deliver training and support to site directors and leaders. The goal of this training is to expose new directors to the knowledge base and skill set of effective afterschool supervision and management. The training will focus on positive youth development approaches and the supervision of those approaches. The training will also review practices on resource management, family and community partnerships, project management, and coaching techniques for supervisors. For more information and how to register, click here.

7/20: Monroe County Girls Sports Festival, Rochester, NY
The Monroe County Girls Sports Festival is a great opportunity for young women, ages 6-12, to showcase their athletic ability, be active, learn about leadership and teamwork, and take on new challenges. The festival supports young women from Monroe County in their pursuit of new experiences and new opportunities. Festival participants will be able to choose four different sports to explore. Local teams and organizations will manage each of the sports and participants are welcome to select any four available sports, but are also encouraged to try a sport they have never experienced before. Registration is free! Additional information can be found at www.monroecounty.gov/GirlsSportsFestival

7/23: Framing Our Future: Emerging Trends and Opportunities for Afterschool
This signature event at Baruch College in New York City celebrates the impact of the field on youth and families and promotes innovation and research to sustain this work. There is expected to be over 200 participants including executive directors and supervisors from youth-serving community-based agencies, funders, colleagues in higher education, policy makers, and educators. For more information and registration, click here.

7/30: School-Age Care Credential Informational Meeting, Poughkeepsie, NY
The New York State School-Age Care Credential has been developed to promote quality services to children and families by providing specific standards, training, and evaluation of school-age staff members and providers based on their ability to meet the unique needs of this age group. It is an opportunity for adults working with school-age children to gain professional recognition for demonstrating competence in their on-the-job skills. Come to an informational meeting on Tuesday, July 30 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm to learn about the credential and the credential process as well as meet the instructor/advisor, Arlene Rider. For more information or to enroll contact Darla Fulmer at (845) 473-4141 ext. 216 or dfulmer@childcaredutchess.org.

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.

8/19-8/20: Games in Education Symposium, Troy, NY
This is a two-day event focusing on the use of technology to supplement and inspire education in the classroom. Participants span early childhood through post secondary educators in New York’s Capital District and surrounding regions who are interested in finding ways to use video games and related technology to enrich and inspire interest by students in core curriculum topics. The symposium has run annually since 2007 and is free for educators to attend. See more at: http://gamesineducation.org/
8/22 & 8/26: Health and Safety Training for SAC Directors, Troy, NY
This training is a 15 hour requirement for all new directors. Directors are responsible for hiring, training, and maintaining staff who provide a healthy and safe environment for children. This course will help directors look at policies and procedures that reinforce high-quality health and safety practices. Directors will get the most out of this training if they bring a copy of the policies and procedures from their program. This is a two-day course. Participants must attend both days. Click here for more information and how to register.

10/5: North Country Training Institute, Plattsburgh, NY
Join Erin Broderick and Timothy Fowler for a day of school-age training! The North Country Training Institute will cover topics relevant to school-age providers in afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs. This day-long event features four 90-minute sessions (a total of 6 hours of training): guiding positive behaviors, managing transitions, engineering design, and bookmaking. For more information and how to register, click here.

10/24: Lights On Afterschool, Nationwide
Since 2000, Lights On Afterschool has been celebrated nationwide to call attention to the importance of afterschool programs for America's children, families, and communities. Click here for more information.

11/8: Regional Network Symposium, Rochester, NY
Our Regional Network Symposium will be November 8 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Rochester! Look out for more information here and on our website.

11/9: Rochester Training Institute, Rochester, NY
Our Training Institute will be Saturday, November 9 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Rochester! This event will hold six OCFS training hours, a variety of training topics appropriate for supervisors, teachers, and frontline staff working with school-age children, networking opportunities, and a buffet lunch! Click here for more information and how to register.

Our 2020 Annual Conference will be in Troy for 2020! Save the date now! Look for more information here and on our website as we get closer to the date!