Site Leader Institute, NYS Joint Statement, and More!
June 2019

Spotlight
Tally Wolff, Chief of Learning Success at WeThrive

We spoke to Tally Wolff, the Chief of Learning Success at WeThrive, about her work with youth in and out of the classroom. WeThrive is a national organization equipping underestimated youth to own their future. Using entrepreneurship as a practice field, youth of under-resourced communities create a real business venture where they earn real revenues as they acquire the skills needed to succeed in the workforce of tomorrow.

As Chief of Learning Success, Tally says, “I essentially oversee all operations and strategy related to our entrepreneurship program. This includes building relationships with providers, such as schools or community-based organizations, managing corporate engagement opportunities, and overseeing improvements to our app.” Tally has always been in the realm of supporting entrepreneurs, and now she is able to empower youth entrepreneurs to achieve socio-economic mobility through the skills and experiences they developed through WeThrive.

One thing Tally witnesses through the program is, “the many mindset shifts that take place.” At first, they have youth entrepreneurs who have doubts when they are told by their instructor that they themselves will become entrepreneurs in this process. Tally says, “we hear from instructors and teachers just how much many of them transform in this process, gaining confidence and skills that transcend outside of the classroom, like one of our shy entrepreneurs who went on to give a TEDx talk.” Their instructors also undergo a mindset shift when they see their students so passionate. Tally added, “our corporate volunteers are always blown away by our young entrepreneur businesses and the way they are mastering tactics through their own trial and error...It's fun to dispel the myth that you have to be an adult to be a business owner.”

Tally stated that these programs are important because, “for those of us working to hack the achievement gap, this is a crucial time when higher resourced peers are gaining access to elite internships and generally gaining more access to opportunities and skill-building through their
networks.” Tally wants to provide a way for their students to have an even more impactful experience learning these skills and building social capital by exploring a passion of their own or solving a problem they really care about.

Tally’s favorite part of her job is spending time with the students. She stated, “they have so many great ideas and are so driven to see them through. While we don’t explicitly guide students toward solving social challenges or donating their profits to causes they care about, a majority of them do. It gives me so much hope for this next generation. I can't wait to see what they do.”

**Attend the Site Leader Institute**

*Join us on July 17, 2019 in Troy, NY!*

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In order to promote positive youth development in afterschool programs, the trainers will model and utilize those same approaches for the adult learners. Webinars will utilize the chat and polling features in order to promote engagement and critical thinking of participants. In-person trainings will use multiple grouping strategies, and various techniques for multiple learning styles, both to teach content effectively and to show supervisors methods they can use with their staff and the youth they serve.

**Professional Membership and Beyond the Bell**

Each participant will receive a membership in the Network for Youth Success and an ambassador level membership in the National Afterschool Association (NAA). These memberships include discounts on conferences and members-only newsletters, among other benefits. Participants also secure a copy of the American Institutes for Research (AIR) book *Beyond the Bell* as an aid to the many afterschool directors across the country who needed support in operations. *Beyond the Bell 4th Edition* offers a straightforward guide to planning, decision making, recruiting, and communications in an afterschool setting.

**Ongoing Technical Assistance**

Following the in-person session in August, the format of the sessions will shift. Instead of focusing on new content, sessions will be timed to allow participants to digest what they have learned, apply it in their programs, and bring questions and challenges back to their training partners (the trainers and co-participants). This method will give participants the chance to apply what they have learned to their specific context, school, and community, and still receive professional development support in implementation. While the Network for Youth Success has resources and knowledge to share, the application and implementation of the knowledge is the most important and most challenging part of the learning process. The trainers will encourage group sharing of ideas and resources during these sessions, but the focus will be on responding to specific challenges and concerns raised by members of the group. This will allow deeper learning of the material, while also giving participants the chance to benefit from the scenarios and expertise of other participants.

[Click here](#) for more information and how to register.
Joint Statement from NYS DOH, OCFS, and SED
Legislation Removing Non-Medical Exemption from School Vaccination Requirements

On June 13, 2019, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation removing non-medical exemptions from school vaccination requirements for children. The United States is currently experiencing the worst outbreak of measles in more than 25 years, with outbreaks in pockets of New York primarily driving the crisis. As a result of non-medical vaccination exemptions, many communities across New York have unacceptably low rates of vaccination, and those unvaccinated children can often attend school where they may spread the disease to other unvaccinated students, some of whom cannot receive vaccines due to medical conditions. This new law will help protect the public amid this ongoing outbreak.

What did the new law do?
As of June 13, 2019, there is no longer a religious exemption to the requirement that children be vaccinated against measles and other diseases to attend either:
• public, private or parochial school (for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade), or
• child day care settings.

For those children who had a religious exemption to vaccination, what are the deadlines for being vaccinated?
Children who are attending child day care or public, private or parochial school, and who had a religious exemption to required immunizations, must now receive the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series by June 28, 2019 to attend or remain in school or child day care. Also, by July 14, 2019 parents and guardians of such children must show that they have made appointments for all required follow-up doses. The deadlines for follow-up doses depend on the vaccine. The New York State Department of Health follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices catch-up immunization schedule and expects children to receive required doses consistent with Table 2 at the following link in order to continue to attend school or child day care:

What is the deadline for first dose vaccinations if my child is not attending school until September?
Parents and guardians of all children who do not have their required immunizations are encouraged to have them receive the first dose as soon as possible. The deadline for obtaining first dose vaccinations for children attending school in the fall is 14 days from the first day of school. Within 30 days of the first day of school, parents and guardians of such children must show that they have made appointments for all required follow-up doses.

To view the statement visit:

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.

- Diversity and Inclusion
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM)
- Guiding Children’s Behaviors
- Program Sustainability
- Program Quality Improvement
Leadership Development for Professionals
Family Engagement
Trauma
Arts
Self-Care

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

Upcoming Events

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
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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.

9/17: Distance Learning SAC Credential Course
Looking to advance in the school-age child care field? Register for the Distance Learning SAC Credential Course this September and you be qualified to be a Site Director by the end of the school year! Click here for more information and how to register.

9/18: Capital Region SAC Credential Course, Albany, NY
The New York State School-Age Care Credential promotes quality services to children and families by providing specific standards, training, and evaluation of schoolage staff members and providers. It is an opportunity for adults working with schoolage children to gain professional recognition for demonstrating competence in their on-the-job skills. The first semester of the course begins September 18 and goes until December 18. The second semester will begin January 8, 2020 and go to April 8, 2020. These classes will be held from 6:30pm-9:30pm and the cost of attendance is $1,250. 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.

10/14: Columbus Day Training Event, Albany, NY
Join Timothy Fowler and Jay Roscup for 6 hours of training! More information coming soon!

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 or to access the RFP to present.

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!

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