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NEW YORK STATE NETWORK FOR YOUTH SUCCESS

Spotlight
Alicia Salamone-Powers, Regional Childcare Director for the Capital District YMCA

Alicia started working in the afterschool field about 20 years ago. Originally, she wanted to become a Special Education teacher and therefore pursued her Master's degree in Elementary Education and Special Education at Russell Sage College. She was however working in afterschool during her college years: It was during this time Alicia says she realized she wanted to continue to make a difference in the afterschool, summer, and expanded learning environment by pursuing a career in the field.

Today, Alicia is a Regional Childcare Director for the Capital District YMCA overseeing Albany and Guilderland childcare programs. She also teaches, advises, and coaches individuals through the New York State School-Age Care (SAC) Credential Course for the Capital Region. She holds both New York State TTAP Trainer and Coach certificates. Alicia added, “I am able to share my experiences with many outside of my organization, which I love.”

Being a part of the afterschool field over the past 20 years has had a lasting impression on Alicia. When it comes to the benefits of afterschool and expanded learning for youth, Alicia believes the most important thing is in “all of the lasting experiences and memories that are formed for not only the child, but for the adults too!”
When asked what her favorite part of her job is, Alicia could not choose just one thing! For her, the favorite part of the job is how "it's always different and challenges you every day!"

The first semester of the distance learning portion for the SAC Credential Course that Alicia advises will start on September 11th. If you are interested in earning your SAC Credential, visit our website here for more information and how to register!

**Summer 2019 BioBlitz Activity for Summer Learning**

Get your summer program kids outside this summer to count bugs, study plants, and understand their communities!

A BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time. At a BioBlitz, scientists, families, students, teachers, and other community members work together to get a snapshot of an area’s biodiversity. These events can happen in almost any geography—urban, rural, or suburban—right around your summer learning program!

Students improve their observation skills and become citizen scientists using their skills like analysis, collaboration, and communications. Just pick a day this summer and use the free tools from National Geographic to conduct your local BioBlitz.

Your students will contribute to science in a meaningful way. Smartphone technologies and apps such as iNaturalist make collecting photographs and biological information about living things easy as part of a BioBlitz. High quality data uploaded to iNaturalist become part of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, an open source database used by scientists and policy makers around the world.
Engage Partners! The BioBlitz is a great way to invite partners to work with your summer program. Invite scientists and naturalists to come observe and analyze species during the BioBlitz.

Click here to find free resources and register for a BioBlitz here!

Become a Power of 3:00 Ambassador

The Network for Youth Success is holding our statewide Power of 3:00 Ambassador Program for the third year!

This year, we are selecting a cohort of passionate afterschool providers 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 Wednesday, July 31

Please share with anyone you think would be interested in this opportunity. We look forward to receiving your applications!
Register Now for the Rochester Regional Training Institute
Early Bird Rate Ends October 1st

Register today for the Rochester Regional Training Institute on Saturday, November 9, 2019!

This event will be held at a new location: the Holiday Inn - Downtown Rochester and will still provide all of the high quality professional development opportunities.

The event includes:
– Six OCFS training hours
– Variety of topics
– Appropriate for supervisors, teachers, and frontline staff working with school-age children
– Networking opportunities
– Buffet lunch

Don't miss out! The early bird rate will only be available until October 1st!

Visit our website [here](#) for more information and registration.

CACFP Corner

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 towards 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.
Upcoming Events

7/23: Framing Our Future: Emerging Trends and Opportunities for Afterschool, NYC, NY
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 & Safety Training: 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, Statewide
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! Participants of this event will receive 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!

4/28 - 5/1: 2020 BOOST Conference, Palm Springs, CA
The 2020 BOOST Conference will convene over 2,500 global educators April 28 - May 1 in sunny Palm Springs, CA. They are now in the Early-Bird registration phase with a rate of $465. Register your team today to celebrate the best of afterschool and expanded learning fields. Early-Bird ends October 31, 2019. Click here for more information and how to apply.

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