Conferences, OCFS Updates, and More!
October 16, 2019

Stay Up-to-Date on the New Regulations

- FAQs on Background Clearances - Updated on 10/11/19
- ICYMI: Comprehensive Background Clearance Requirements Video
- SAC Regulations & Definitions - Updated 9/25/19
- 6000 Packet
- OCFS website - Check daily for updates

Letter to Families, Funders, and School Personnel

With the new clearances, there have been increased challenges staffing afterschool programs across the state. Many afterschool professionals have voiced the issue of having to communicate to families, funders, and school personnel why they have had to cut or delay enrollment. The Network has created a letter, programs may use to help communicate the new background checks and their effects on programs. Download the letter here.

Spotlight

David Graham, Community Justice and Outreach Manager, Albany County District Attorney's Office

David Graham is the Community Justice and Outreach Manager at the Community Justice Outreach Center. This bureau of the DA's office focuses on developing a stronger and healthier relationship with the community in Albany.

David began as the Community Justice, and Outreach Manager for the Albany County District Attorney's Office in October 2016. Prior to his work at the DA's Office, David led community engagement for the Governor’s anti-poverty initiative, Community Opportunity for Reinvestment (CORe), here in Albany. In that role he worked to better align agencies, residents, and resources in an effort to improve neighborhood conditions and outcomes. David has also spent over a decade overseeing, strengthening,
and even creating various youth programs. He has also informally mentored countless young people.

More recently, David has been overseeing his self-created afterschool program called Court Vision Academy (CVA). CVA is a program designed to give children and teenagers a safe place to go on weekend nights to participate in positive and productive activities, as part of a larger-scale effort to combat crime, and promote public safety. The program is free for all participants. This year’s program will take place on Friday and Saturday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Tony Clement Center for Education and is open to children between the ages of 8 to 17 years old.

When asked what his favorite part of his job is, he replied, “building programs that provide community safety, crime prevention, youth development, mentoring, and community cohesion.” As well as, “Showing young people that they are important and valued.”

Seeking Energetic Presenters for School's Out, Make it Count!

2020 - Submissions due October 24th!

Looking to share your knowledge of the field? Come present at School's Out, Make it Count! 2020, New York State’s statewide conference for afterschool professionals.

The Conference will take place from Friday, March 20, 2020 to Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY.

This event brings in over 200 afterschool professionals (administrators, directors, teachers, and frontline staff) from across the state. Accepted presenters also receive free admission to the conference on the day of their presentation.

We are accepting proposals in the following topics, but are open to new and innovative ideas. Sessions are either 30 or 90 minutes long.

- 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-Informed Care
- Arts
- Self-Care

Submit Your Proposal Today!

All submissions are due by October 24, 2019. Selected presenters will be notified by November 30, 2019.

- The link to the RFP: http://networkforyouthsuccess.org/2020-annual-conference-rfp/
- More information on the event: http://networkforyouthsuccess.org/annual-conference/
- To register as a participant: Registration will begin in December!

If you have any questions, please contact Erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org.
STEM Corner

Join EarthEcho International as they highlight relatable voices and exciting life experiences to make careers in science, technology, engineering, and math come alive! EarthEcho strives to connect students to STEM professionals to serve as positive role models and inspiration to the next generation of STEMExplorers. Each Fall, STEMExplore Virtual Career Connections showcase diverse, female professionals in STEM careers during dynamic, 45-minute live virtual events. Join them for the 2019 STEMExplore Virtual Career Connections. Register for upcoming events to be part of the conversation!

For more information, or to register, click here.

NAA Annual Conference

Join over 2,000 members of our community at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center for four days of networking, learning, and inspiration. Special events, 200+ educational sessions, daily keynotes, and an interactive Learning Expo all designed to meet the needs of the developing professionals, and emerging current leaders of afterschool. Come to NAA Convention 2020, and leave saying, "I've found my people!"

- When? March 15-18, 2020
- Where? Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, Washington DC

For more information, or to register, click here.

Network for Youth Success Events

10/22/19 - 5/7/20: CRELO Trainings, Across the Capital Region
The Network for Youth Success will be providing various Front Line and Director Trainings across the Capital Region at no cost. For more information click here.

11/8: Regional Network Symposium, Rochester, NY
The Symposium is intended for each of the Regional Networks to share their successes and challenges. In addition, we would like to take a look at what their network framework looks like, community collaborations and partnerships they currently have, and how the State Network can better support each region. Network leads are required to create a presentation with a visual aid and share any documents such as strategic plans, marketing materials, and committee documents.

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 to register. EIP funding may be available for this training. To apply, go here.

1/14-17/2020: Health and Safety Training for Directors, Troy, NY
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. Registration is limited to 12, so don't wait to register! click here.

1/21/20-4/21/20: Distance Learning
The Distance Learning School-Age Care (SAC) Preparatory Course includes viewing recorded videos, reading, and preparing a portfolio and resource file. This class meets the education requirement to be a Site Director in New York State. We are now enrolling for Spring 2020.

3/6: Legislative Breakfast, Greenbush, NY
The Network plans to host its annual Legislative Breakfast on March 6, 2020, at the Greenbush YMCA. Stay tuned for more information.

Our Annual Conference will be in Troy for 2020! Our annual conference will contain two full days of frontline and directors level trainings as well as an abundance of vendors. If you are interested in providing a training at our conference, you must submit a proposal by 10/24/19. The proposal must include a short bio, description and goals of the training, as well as additional details about the proposed training. For more information, or to submit a proposal, visit our website here. To become a vendor, click here.

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Other Events

10/16: SEL and Resilience Webinar
In this webinar, presented by Aperture Education, there will be a discussion on the importance of social and emotional learning as a tool to support the development of resilience and protective factors in today's students. You'll hear from a panel of industry experts and walk away with actionable information, including answers to the following questions: How can community partnerships be used to support SEL in schools? What are the challenges around integrating data and proper data use within a mental health framework? How do you integrate SEL skills into the classroom to build resiliency and promote positive mental wellness? How can we connect SEL and protective factors to the ACES framework? To register, click here.

10/16-10/18: Community Schools Fundamentals Conference, New York, NY
The National Center for Community Schools at Children's Aid presents the Community Schools Fundamentals Conference, a seminar designed specifically for those new or relatively new to community schools. At the Fundamentals Conference, they will share their lessons learned from over 25 years of implementation in New York City and nationwide capacity building. In addition to the option of attending a study visit to a Children's Aid community school, participants will learn about the foundations and the "nuts and bolts" of the strategy. For more information, click here.

Learn why effective implementation strategies are needed and how active implementation strategies can be used to enhance your community schools approach through the use of case examples and data stories. For more information, or to register, click here.

10/19: Rocktober Fest, Hudson, NY
Columbia-Greene Community College is set to host Rocktober Fest on their campus on October 19, from 10am-3pm. The event is hoping to raise awareness about suicide, addiction, mental illness, and social isolation. The event will include an open house, live music, and classic car show.

10/20: 19th Annual Ghostly Gallop, Hudson, NY
The Hudson Area Library is putting on its annual Ghostly Gallop. Children ages 11 and under are granted free entry. For more information, or to register, click here.

10/21: Advancing Educational Equity: Defining Implicit Bias, Newark, NY
Join Dr. Bryant Marks, founding Director of the National Training Institute on Race and Equity. Examine the conversation around educational equity, and the role implicit bias has on student agency and empowerment. To register, click here.

10/21-10/23: NSLA National Conference, Atlanta, GA
National Summer Learning Association’s (NSLA) national conference, Summer Changes Everything is the only conference exclusively focused on summer learning. The conference will provide attendees insights and solutions into the evolution of the field from closing academic achievement gaps to now addressing opportunity gaps and fostering social-emotional learning. Please visit https://www.summerlearning.org/national-conference/ to learn more about the conference, and use the code SAN50 for a $50 discount off the 2-day registration rate.

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. For more information, click here.

11/7: Kindergarten Transition Planning Summit, Newark, NY
Join keynote speakers Lenny Grozier and Tracy Lyman for a training on creating strong early care education and community school linkages, innovative and promising programs/services, trauma informed practices, and SEL. For more information, or to register, click here.

11/15: Workshop: No Empty Seats, Binghamton, NY
Join Ronald Cope, II, from the National Center for Community Schools for a workshop that will focus on: continuous improvement, capacity building with an emphasis on human capital, data-driven attendance work, strong attendance teams, aligning the attendance work with student activities, and parent engagement. To register, click here.

11/23: Maker Faire and Student STEAM Fest, Rochester, NY
Maker Faire Rochester will be returning for our 6th annual event on November 23rd, 2019 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Additionally there will be a Student S.T.E.A.M. Fest for the second year! What is the Student S.T.E.A.M. Fest? It's a special sneak peek at Maker Faire Rochester held on Friday, November 22nd, from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. This day is open to school and homeschool groups for 3rd through 8th-grade students. At last year's event, there was over 1,000 students in attendance, and for this year, they are aiming to raise that number to over 1,500. For more information about the Student S.T.E.A.M. Fest and for registration please visit http://www.nyscate.org/studentsteamfest.

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