Spotlight - Power of 3:00 Ambassador
Naa-Shorme Aidoo, Director of Policy, ExpandED Schools

Meet Naa-Shorme Aidoo, one of our new Power of 3:00 Ambassadors from this year's cohort. Prior to becoming a Power of 3:00 Ambassador she earned her BA in Sociology and English from Georgetown University and her Masters' degree in Education from Fordham University. As a product of NYC schools, and enrichment programs, she is passionate about empowering youth to take advantage of and create opportunities to excel while also giving back to their communities. This passion was heightened during her time as an elementary school teacher and Civics Coordinator in Harlem. She has been advocating for young people through her policy work around trauma-informed approaches and de-escalation policies in Washington, DC. Since then, she has worked abroad, teaching high school English and coordinating afterschool programming among community schools as a Fulbright Fellow.

Naa-Shorme recently transitioned from her role as a Program Manager at ExpandED Schools where she provided coaching and training in areas of student engagement, social emotional learning, behavior management, and more, to her new role as the Director of Policy. As the Director of Policy at ExpandED Schools, she works with other organizations within the fields of afterschool as well as youth development to advocate for policies that best support equitable access to high quality programming.

When asked about her favorite part of her work, she responded, “Advocating for changes in policies that allow for students to deeply engage with learning opportunities while gaining skills that propel them toward their future passions...” and that to her, “it always comes down to youth and ensuring that they have all of the tools necessary to thrive inside and outside of the classroom.”
To learn more about our Power of 3:00 Ambassador Program, [click here].

**Seeking Energetic Presenters for School's Out, Make it Count! 2020**

Looking to share your knowledge of the field? Come present at School's Out, Make it Count! 2020, New York State’s ONLY 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/](http://networkforyouthsuccess.org/2020-annual-conference-rfp/)
- **More information on the event:** [http://networkforyouthsuccess.org/annual-conference/](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.

**Policy Corner**

**2020 Budget Priorities for Afterschool:** The Network is currently determining state budget policy priorities for next year. As a valued partner, we would love to hear from you on what you would like us to prioritize. Please take the quick 3-minute survey [here](http://networkforyouthsuccess.org/).  

**ChildCare Education Institute NEW Course**

PROF106: Creating Early Learning Environments that are LGBTQ+ Friendly

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This course is designed to help professionals in the field of early childhood education create welcoming and affirming spaces for all children and families, including families from the LGBTQ+ community. The course will introduce common terminology and research data related to parents who are LGBTQ+ and their experiences in schools. Participants will better understand the experiences of parents who are LGBTQ+ and be able to identify ways to adapt their own programs to create more welcoming spaces for all children and families. This course was developed by Dr. Robin Fox, a teacher educator in early childhood education.

PROF106: Creating Early Learning Environments that are LGBTQ+ Friendly is a two-hour, intermediate-level course and grants 0.2 IACET CEU upon successful completion. Current CCEI users with active, unlimited annual subscriptions can register for professional development courses at no additional cost when logged in to their CCEI account. Users without subscriptions can purchase child care training courses as block hours through CCEI online enrollment.

For additional information visit CCEI's website hehttps://www.cceionline.com/re, or call 1-800-499-9907

Resources for New Background Checks

- Comprehensive Background Clearance Requirements Video
- FAQs on Background Clearances
- OCFS website (check for daily updates)

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.

10/14: Columbus Day Training Event, Troy, NY
Join Timothy Fowler and Jay Roscup for 6 hours of training! The trainings will consist of 3 hours on group games and STEM activities and 3 hours on trauma-informed care (OCFS areas 1, 2, 3, 4). The training will be held at our offices in Troy, NY. For more information and registration, click here! EIP scholarships may be available for this training. To apply for EIP, go here.

11/8: Regional Network Symposium, Rochester, NY
The Symposium is for each of the Regional Networks to share their successes and challenges, 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.
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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. To register for one of these trainings, click here.

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 2020 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

10/10: ECLC October Learning Café
Tomorrow (10/10) from 12-1pm the Early Care & Learning Council will be hosting their October Learning Café. Like all social systems and policies, child care and early education in the United States has been shaped by a history of structural racism and inequity. To design child care and early education policies that truly work for children and families, stakeholders must learn about and understand the forces of those inequities, and approach early childhood systems with the voices of impacted individuals at the center of and leading every step of the conversation. ECLC will talk about meaningful steps policymakers, advocates, researchers, and others can take to ensure racial equity is at the core of our work. For more information, click here.

10/12: Navigating LGBTQ Adolescent Health for the Healthcare Provider
Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth must navigate the typical challenges of adolescence while also managing the social stigma associated with their emerging sexual/gender identities. This seminar will highlight the unique health and developmental challenges of LGBTQ youth, and discuss ways to address these issues in the clinical setting. For more information, or to register, click here.

10/14: HAL TAC Original Escape Room, Hudson, NY
The year is 2100, and the world is left reeling after a suspicious spacecraft appears in the sky over Hudson, NY. A team is chosen to make first contact, and to craft a peace treaty with the “Visitors.” Unfortunately, due to a mistranslation during talks, the team is imprisoned and now war with the Visitors is imminent! Trapped in an alien crater, the team has only 15 minutes to escape, fix their mistake, and warn everyone before the attacks start. The fate of mankind rests on THEIR shoulders. To register, click here.

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. Kids 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, and 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 peak 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](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](http://www.nyscate.org/studentsteamfest) for more information and how to apply.

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