Girls who Code, Advocacy Day, and More!
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Network Spotlight
Timothy Fowler, Professional Development Director
NYS Network for Youth Success

In September we asked our Executive Director Kelly Sturgis, what's your why? This time we asked our faithful Professional Director, Timothy Fowler pictured here with nephew.

One of Timothy's many passions is his love for learning. After earning his Bachelors from the University of St. Louis, Timothy completed his Masters Degree in Public Affairs - Nonprofit Management through the Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri - Columbia. This love for learning has been an important factor throughout Timothy’s 25-plus year career in helping youth through various community organizations.

When he first started working with children, Timothy was able to learn about the powerful influence adults have on their development. He learned how deeply positive or negative influences can impact a young person’s life. He then began training, facilitating, and promoting adult learning in order to have a bigger impact.

Every time Timothy leads a learning event, he is able to learn something new and hopes he is helping others learn as well! To boil it all down Timothy concluded his response stating, “learning and helping others learn at the same time is extremely fulfilling and that is why I do what I do.”

If you are interested in Professional Development opportunities with Timothy, you can reach him at Timothy@NetworkforYouthSuccess.org.
STEM Corner: Girls Who Code

The Network for Youth Success has partnered with Girls Who Code (GWC) to bring free computer science learning opportunities across the state.

Girls Who Code Clubs are FREE programs for 3rd-5th or 6th-12th grade girls to join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models and use computer science to change the world. Girls Who Code has already reached 185,00 students across the U.S. and Canada to help girls unlock their bravery, resilience, purpose, and creativity as they learn how to use computer science to impact their community. You can join the movement to increase gender parity in tech by starting your own Girls Who Code Club in your community.

Learn more by checking out the Clubs Overview or by joining an upcoming Girls Who Code webinar.

As a Girls Who Code Community Partner, any Clubs in our network are eligible to receive additional partnership benefits by indicating The Network for Youth Success as your partner affiliation on the Clubs Application!

Learn more about how to get started by joining the next live 30 min webinar or emailing clubs@girlswhocode.com!

Advocacy Day

Join us for our annual Advocacy Day in Albany on January 22, 2020 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. We will arrange your meetings with elected officials/their staff and give you all the information you need to have a successful day advocating for afterschool, summer, and expanded learning opportunities. Let us elevate afterschool and not make it an afterthought! Registration closes January 10th, so don’t wait and sign up here today! If you have any questions or comments please contact our Policy Coordinator, Trudy Dadzie.

Grant Management eBook

Cayen Systems just released a new ebook to help support afterschool programs for the road ahead.

This ebook, Creating a Successful Grants Management Plan, can help programs that are just starting out, or share some new perspectives on familiar topics with established programs. They believe the key to creating a successful grants management plan is making the best possible use of funds to set up a program for future success. Download their step-by-step guide to finding and...
managing educational grants and tips on increasing funding your after-school program.

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**OCFS Regulations Resources**

For OCFS resources in the new background checks, check out the links below:

- FAQs on Background Clearances
- ICYMI: Comprehensive Background Clearance Requirements Video
- SAC Regulations & Definitions
- 6000 Pack
- OCFS website
- Letter to Families, Funders, and School Personnel

Leave a comment or question about the new regulations [here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=c64bdf719d&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1652632551857673372&simpl=msg-f%3A1652632551857673372).

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**Network for Youth Success Events**

**12/11/19 - 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](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=c64bdf719d&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1652632551857673372&simpl=msg-f%3A1652632551857673372).

**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](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=c64bdf719d&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1652632551857673372&simpl=msg-f%3A1652632551857673372).

**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](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=c64bdf719d&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1652632551857673372&simpl=msg-f%3A1652632551857673372).

**1/22: Afterschool Advocacy Day, Albany, NY**

Join us for our annual Afterschool Advocacy Day in Albany on January 22, 2020 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Come meet with your state representatives and share with them why afterschool programs are important to you! Let us elevate afterschool and not make it an afterthought! [Click here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=c64bdf719d&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1652632551857673372&simpl=msg-f%3A1652632551857673372) to RSVP.

**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 and registration is now open! In addition to two full days of trainings, and vendors, we are now also accepting [award nominations](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=c64bdf719d&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1652632551857673372&simpl=msg-f%3A1652632551857673372). For the second year in a row we will be giving out awards based to those who represent and illustrate the following at high levels: **quality leadership, exemplary professionalism, program excellence & innovation, champion of the field, and Regional Network Leader**. For more information on nominations or to register, [visit our website here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=c64bdf719d&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1652632551857673372&simpl=msg-f%3A1652632551857673372). To become a vendor, [click here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=c64bdf719d&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1652632551857673372&simpl=msg-f%3A1652632551857673372).

**8/20 & 8/24/2020: Health and Safety Training for Directors, Troy, NY**

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Other Events

What will you do in an emergency? Join the U.S. Department of Education’s You for Youth (Y4Y) Technical Assistance team as they walk you through developing a program safety plan that meets local and national standards. You will be joined by a representative from the U.S. Department of Education’s Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance Center to discuss best practices for safety planning, and aligning your host organization’s current safety protocols to relevant regulations. This showcase will also feature 21st CCLC programs who will share strategies for implementing an optimal safety plan. Register now.

12/14: Middle School Girls Data Bootcamp, NY, NY
Girls+data invites middle-school girls, grades 5-9, to learn about high demand tech careers in data analytics. This three-hour hands-on STEMinar will teach participants to build, customize, and present their own data story using analytics software Looker. Swag and snacks included! For more information, click here.

1/23: Mentoring Boys and Young Men of Color, Buffalo, NY
This training session focuses on best practices surrounding a critical, strengths-based approach to mentoring and developing relationships with boys and young men of color. Data has shown that boys and young men of color face systemic disadvantages in this society, and this training strives to address how mentoring can work towards combating this. To register, click here.

2/20: Design & Manage a Quality Mentoring Program, Buffalo, NY
For professionals interested in developing a mentoring program, this comprehensive session will provide the necessary tools and information to launch and sustain an effective youth mentoring program. Covered in this training will be the industry’s nationally accepted best practice standards for the development of youth mentoring programs that have proven effective in a wide range of existing mentoring strategies. To register, click here.

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!" For more information, click here.

Common Ground is looking for volunteer mediators to serve in our community-based and Family Court Mediation programs. Common Ground is a non-profit mediation center, serving Greene & Columbia Counties, funded in part through a grant from the NYS Unified Court System. Resumes with letter of interest to: dwallant@commongroundinc.org or mail, Dawn Wallant, Executive Director, Common Ground Dispute Resolution Inc., 11 William St., Catskill NY 12414. For more information, call 518-943-0523.

This conference will take place in Rochester with actress and activist Ms. Abernathy, daughter of American Civil Rights Leader Ralph Abernathy. For more information or to register, click here.

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. Click here for more information and how to apply.