Fwd: New VISTA and Event Updates!

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Rochester Training Institute and Think-Act-Grow Playbook Resource
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Spotlight
Rochester Regional Training Institute

The 2018 Rochester Regional Training Institute is open for registration. This annual, regional conference will be held on Saturday, November 10th, 2018 from 8:00AM-4:30PM. The event will be located at the Radisson Hotel Rochester Airport. Come for six hours of professional development for afterschool providers!

Amazing presenters, one such is Candace Edwards who has 40+ years of experience and an impressive record of achievements in educational administration and program design, will be facilitating workshops. Candace’s experience has resulted in strong development of public relations, communications, and educational administrative capabilities with exceptional skills in organizational, motivational, creative problem solving, and leadership activities. A past school principal, Candace is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of BASCOL, a before and afterschool program with eighteen locations in seven school districts and two different counties. Over her years of experience in administration, Candace has presented leadership workshops at National Conventions in New York, New Jersey, Colorado and Texas.

We are excited to have experienced facilitators running workshops on a range of afterschool related topics from STEM and social emotional learning to advocacy and leadership development. A full draft of the brochure highlighting all the workshops is coming soon. Follow this link for more information and our early bird registration available until October 1st!
How does your afterschool program make a difference in the lives of young people?
Tell Us How!

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation is interested in learning more about afterschool programs in your area to better inform its grant-making. The foundation has asked Grand Valley State University to conduct a survey of afterschool programs to better understand the afterschool landscape and where funding is most needed. Can you help? Taking the survey is easy and will only take about 15 minutes of your time!

What kinds of questions will be asked?

- What geography is served by your program(s)?
- Who are the youth your program(s) reaches?
- What is special and unique about the youth you currently serve?
- When are your programs offered?
- What are the activities and outcomes of your program(s)? What aspects of your work need more support?

What can I do to make sure my organization is included?
Please schedule your interview today by following this link! Your work is important, and we want your afterschool programs to be included!

Questions? Want a copy of the results?
Contact Dr. Aaron Van Oosterhout, Research Manager, at (616) 331-9030 or vanoosaa@gvsu.edu.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Resource
Think-Act-Grow (TAG) playbook offers strategies for strong protective factors

The US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Adolescent Health recently published an updated Think-Act-Grow (TAG) Playbook. The new playbook highlights ways to keep youth healthy and away from risk factors for afterschool and other youth-serving providers.

The resource makes some of these strategies by laying out six main things afterschool providers can do to increase youth health and safety. These recommendations include:

1. Help youth connect to supportive adults, positive peers, school and the community
2. Create a safe, warm, enriching space
3. Encourage physical activity and good nutrition
4. Be another set of eyes and provide a listening ear
5. Share local health resources with youth
6. Teach youth about staying healthy and safe

While many providers already offer such resources to youth, the report urges that getting youth involved in programs, especially those after school, continues to be of high priority in order to maintain health and safety. It is suggested that afterschool time programs can encourage and motivate youth to get involved through program design. Designing programs with meaningful opportunities for youth in leadership, decision making responsibilities, program development, and evaluation can have a positive impact on participation.

These initiatives are built off of the ones presented by those of Healthy People. The Healthy People 2020 objectives are included in the TAG Report and focus on increasing the number of students who participate in extracurricular or afterschool activities.

For those who want to learn more about helping to support healthy youth, here are a few ways to start:

- Read the full TAG report
Learn about a successful initiative in Iceland that incorporates afterschool programs in an integrated approach to keeping students healthy.
See the National AfterSchool Association’s Healthy Eating and Physical Activity (HEPA) Out of School Time standards.

Long Island Training Institute

Long Island Providers-- join us on Saturday, September 22th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Child Care Council of Nassau for a day of learning!
Topics at the Long Island Training Institute will include STEM activities, engineering design, program quality improvement, and family engagement!

Throughout the day's four 90-minute sessions, frontline staff can earn six training hours on four afterschool topics for $99 per person (lunch included)! This will be a practical, hands-on day of learning focused on school-age settings (K-8th). This day of training may qualify for EIP funding.

Register Online Now* or visit our website for more details.

Interested in advancing in the school-age field? Need the qualifications to become a Site Director?

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Click here for the link

Upcoming Events

8/8-8/9: Through My Window FREE Training, Massachusetts
Engineering curriculum Through My Window is excited to be hosting a FREE, in-person workshop for formal and informal educators who work with grades 4-8. Through My Window is a free, NSF-funded multimedia engineering curriculum for grades 4-8. The training will cover all of the Through My Window curriculum resources, including the novels, companion websites, and offline enrichment activities. Participants will leave prepared to implement in their classroom or site. The hands-on interactive training will include plenty of time for participants to explore curriculum components and learn more about engineering education. Participants will be awarded 14 PDPs for this two day training. The training will be held in Springfield, Massachusetts on August 8th and 9th, 9 am - 4:30 pm with breakfast and lunch provided on both days. You can apply here!

8/16: Devereux and Kaplan e-DECA Webinar
Does your team use the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) Program? The online version, called the e-DECA, uses technology to ensure that staff can implement the resilience-building DECA Program efficiently and effectively. Whether your program has been using the online, web based e-DECA platform for many years or you are just getting started, this webinar is for you and your team! Every year, Devereux and Kaplan bring new enhancements to the e-DECA, and this webinar will cover all of them on the 16th from 2-3pm ET. Use the link to register and learn all about what the e-DECA has to offer!

8/16: Rochester Terra Fairs Fellowship
Join Terra Science and Education Foundation at RMSC for a catered lunch and training on STEM Wizard. Network with other educators supporting your local Terra Regional Science & Engineering Fair while learning how to better support student projects year round. Click here for more information!

8/22- 8/23: 12th Annual Games in Education Symposium, Capital Region
The Games in Education Symposium is a two-day event focusing on the use of games and 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, tabletop games, and related technology to enrich and inspire interest by students in core curriculum topics. More information can be found here!

9/11- 12/18: Distance Learning SAC Credential I Prep Course
The Network offers an alternative way to gain and document skills to earn your SAC Credential if you don’t live near a Host Agency that offers face-to-face classes. SACC Prep I covers Skill Areas 1-7 and helps you prepare your Portfolio and Resource File as well as share, discuss, and learn from colleagues throughout the state about the value, purpose, and process of your work. For more information and to apply for the course, go to: http://networkforyouthsuccess.org/credential/distance-learning/

9/22: 2018 Long Island Training Institute
Join the Network for Youth Success for a day of training! Earn 6 training hours across four topics! Lunch will be provided. This training is recommended for front-line staff in afterschool, summer, and expanded learning settings and will be held at the Child Care Council of Nassau. Visit our website for more details.

9/26: New York State SAC Credential Classes Begin, Capital Region
The Network, in partnership with the Capital District YMCA, will be offering SAC Credential classes this fall. Classes will be held at the North Albany YMCA on Wednesday nights from 6:30-9:30 PM. For more information, please contact: Alicia Salamone-Powers asalamonepowers@cdymca.org 518.463.9622 x 1320.

10/17-10/19: Community Schools Fundamentals Conference, New York City, NY
Children’s Aid National Center for Community Schools presents the Community Schools Fundamentals Conference, a three-day seminar designed specifically for those new or relatively new to community schools. The Fundamentals Conference will share CA’s lessons learned from over 25 years of implementation in New York City and capacity building across the country and beyond. In addition to conducting a study visit to a CA community school, participants will learn about the foundations and the “nuts and bolts” of the strategy. For more information and to registre, follow this link!

10/25-10/26: 48th Annual Youth Development Training Conference, Tarrytown, NY
The Association of Youth Bureaus and The Coalition for Homeless Youth invite youth professionals to attend their Annual Youth Development Training Conference. The training conference will focus on issues and initiatives supporting positive youth development, runaway and homeless youth, and afterschool programs and services. The conference offers colleagues the opportunity to share best/promising practices, learn skill sets to assist youth in achieving their goals, and hear updates on federal, state, and local issues and initiatives impacting the youth development field. More information can be found here.

11/10: Rochester Training Institute, Rochester
Our Rochester Training Institute is returning and will take place Saturday, November 10th, 2018. For more information, please click here!

11/12-11/14: Summer Changes Everything, Missouri
Join hundreds of summer learning and expanded opportunity leaders on November 12-14 in Kansas City, MO for National Summer Learning Association's annual conference devoted entirely to summer learning. What to expect? The nation's top summer time leaders from across the country sharing and discussing effective learning approaches, systems building, program planning, policies, and ways to advocate for our nation's children. More information and registration can be found here!

3/5-3/18: National AfterSchool Association Convention, New York, New York
Join our community for four days of networking, learning, and inspiration. For more information follow this link.

3/16: Terra Science and Engineering Fair
Whether you want to explore Cassini's adventures around Saturn, test water quality in a local creek, or design an app to prep for your next exam, the Terra Northeast Regional Science & Engineering Fair (TNRSEF) enables you to ask questions and find answers! Students in grades 6-12 can come to SUNY Geneseo in March to celebrate all s/he has learned and perhaps even earn an award. More information can be found here.

5/10-5/11: Network for Youth Success Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs
Save the Date! Back by popular demand for one more year in Saratoga Springs! Stay tuned for more information!

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Registration for the Rochester Regional Training Institute is Now Open!

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