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Spotlight

Yanira Gonzolez, Education Coordinator, Apollo Theater Academy

This week we would like to highlight one of our trainers, Yanira Gonzolez. Yanira is currently the Education Coordinator for the [Apollo Theater Academy](#). The Academy provides many services beneficial to the community. One of which is paid internships for high school seniors that focus on arts administration in the fall and spring and technical stage production in the summer. In addition, they create an alumni group of former interns that help support theater events. Beyond that they provide on site seminars, career panels, and events.



This past June, their alumni group, called the “Young Producers,” hosted a kiki ball at the theater for the first time in the theater’s history. Under Academy guidance and with tons of support from the LGBTQ community, they were able to make Apollo history with their young people, something Yanira called “a shining and proud moment.” It showcased their young peoples’ event production and management skills, but as Yanira said, “more importantly provided a much needed safe space for other youth in the community.”

Yanira, like many of you reading this newsletter, is a champion of the field and when asked what she believes the benefits of afterschool are, she responded, “Afterschool has the power to transform people, spaces, and entire communities. The opportunities for youth and their families to be exposed to new things, resources, and ideas are boundless.”

Lastly, when asked what her favorite part of the job was, she replied, “Watching a young person discover their own power. Whether it’s creating a lighting sequence or successfully stage managing an event, seeing the satisfaction of a job well done come across their faces is always priceless.”

For those who would like to learn more about the Apollo Theater Academy, click on the link above.

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/>

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 Activity

5 Engeneering Challenges

Looking for an easy, fun activity using STEM that challenges kids of all ages? Check these 5 challenges out.

Material required

- Wooden Clothespins
- Binder Clips (3/4" wide)
- Colored Jumbo Craft Sticks (6" long)
- *materials don't not have to be specific the lengths or widths



5 ENGINEERING CHALLENGES
(with Clothespins, Clips, and Craft Sticks)

Challenge #1

- Using the materials mentioned you can either have your kids build a "true bridge" or simple load bearing structure. The design of the aforementioned, is up to the kids. The goal is to build a structure that can hold as many books, or something of that nature, as possible before collapsing. The one who builds the best structure that holds the most weight wins the challenge!

Interested in more? Check out the rest of the challenges [here](#).

OCFS Background Clearance Update

As mentioned last month, with the passage of the NYS budget on April 1, 2019, legislation was enacted that grants OCFS the authority to implement comprehensive background clearance requirements as federally mandated in the Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014.

You can read the full updated dear provider letter [here](#).

Register 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!

Check out the [brochure draft](#) available on our website now!

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.

NAA's Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders



Let's discover and recognize the **Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders!** Next Gen Leaders are individuals, age 30 or under, who are strong believers in the power of afterschool - who are thinking about things like program design and professional development. These emerging leaders are making contributions that influence programs and organizations and have the potential for long-term and broad impact on the afterschool field. If you (or members of your network – please share) know of a

candidate worthy of NAA's Next Generation of Afterschool Leader Award 2020, click here to [learn more and nominate today!](#)

Network for Youth Success Events

9/18/19 - 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.](#)

10/5: 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, 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

Our Regional Network Symposium for Network Leads 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](#) to register. EIP funding may be available for this training. To apply, go [here.](#)

1/14-17/2020: Health and Safety Trainings, 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.](#)

1/22/2020: 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 January and you could be qualified to be a Site Director by the end of the year! [Click here](#) for more information and how to register.

3/20 - 3/21: School's Out, Make it Count! 2020 Annual Conference, Troy, NY

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. To submit an

RFP by 10/24/19, [visit our website here](#). To become a vendor, [click here](#).

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

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Other Events

9/21: Museum Day, Nationwide

Museum Day is an annual celebration of boundless curiosity hosted by Smithsonian magazine. Participating museums and cultural institutions across the country provide free entry to anyone presenting a Museum Day ticket. The Museum Day ticket provides free admission for two people. For more information, [click here](#).

9/25: School Breakfast Day, Statewide

New York State will declare September 25th, 2019 as the second annual School Breakfast Day. On this day, schools across the state will be celebrating and raising awareness about their school breakfast programs. Help spread the word about School Breakfast Day! For more information, [click here](#).

9/27: High Tech Citizen Science Training, Acra, NY

Teachers, community educators, youth group volunteers, and any other adults who work with kids will want to come to this two-day training. It takes place on Thursday, September 26 (10 AM to 5 PM) and Friday, September 27 (8:30 AM to 3 PM). The location is the Agroforestry Resource Center, [6055 Route 23, Acra, NY 12405](#). All participants must pre-register by September 18 as there is limited space. For more information, [click here](#).

9/27: Building Developmental Relationships, Webinar

About the webinar: "In the youth development field we know how important our relationships with young people are. Research tells us that having a stable and supportive relationship with an adult program leader over an extended period of time may be the most important factor of effective youth programs. But what does this relationship look like? Are we friends, teachers or allies? What are key features? And what skills do we need to develop?" To register, [click here](#).

10/5: NYS Community Schools Summit, Buffalo, NY

On October 5 from 9am - 2pm, NYS Community Schools is having its Central/Western Summit with Keynote Speaker José Muñoz, Director of Coalition for Community Schools. For more information or 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](#).

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. [Click here](#) for

more information.

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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