Conference Brochure Available, Welcome Elisabeth Espinosa, and More!
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Draft of the Conference Brochure Now Available!

A draft of the School's Out Make it Count 2020 Annual Conference Brochure is now available! Just click on the button to the left and browse through over 50 trainings on various topics ranging from SEL to the history of afterschool! And don't forget to nominate someone great! Nominations close Friday, January 17th - don't wait!

Regional Network Spotlight - Syracuse

Last month we chose our first Regional Network spotlight, CRELO (Capital Region Expanded Learning Opportunities). This month we are choosing to spotlight the Syracuse Regional Network. The Syracuse Regional Network is headed by Natalie Scavone, Executive Director of BASCOL. Natalie along with Beth Henderson have been involved with Regional Network for just over a year now. Their vision for the Syracuse Network is similar to most Regional Networks - establish a coalition of afterschool professionals and push the field to new heights.

At our Regional Network Symposium this past November, Natalie identified some areas focus both regionally and organizationally. Some areas of focus within the region included, connecting to Oswego County, increase advocacy efforts, start more conversations with providers, and more. Organizationally, Syracuse plans to focus on policies and procedures, observation and evaluation, site review, and more.
In addition to the focus areas provided, Natalie also highlighted regional and organizational challenges. These included recruiting qualified staff, maintaining staff, and more.

If you would like to read more about the Syracuse Regional Network you can take a look at our 2019 Symposium notes here. If you have any questions, or would like to get involved in the Regional Network, you can contact Natalie Scavone at Nscavone@Bascol.org or 315.622.4815.

The Network Welcome's Elisabeth Espinosa as New STEM VISTA!

Welcome the newest member to the team, Elisabeth Espinosa. She will be serving a year as the Network's second AmeriCorps VISTA. Unlike our Capacity Building VISTA, Marcos, Elisabeth will be working under Timothy as our STEAM VISTA. Her role is to increase access to high-quality afterschool programs focusing on STEAM fields and establish a community support system that links established afterschool programs with potential partners and STEAM resources. Prior to taking this position Elisabeth served as a VISTA in Erie, PA. She is a multifaceted individual with a variety of experiences that included serving in two military branches beginning at the age of seventeen.

Elisabeth is a regular volunteer in her free time and enjoys giving back to her community. She lives by the African proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child.”

#ILoveAfterschool2020

Join the Network for Youth Success on our I Love Afterschool Valentine’s Campaign which started yesterday and will go until Valentine’s Day. Our goal is to increase awareness about the unbelievable benefits of the afterschool field on a statewide scale using individuals who represent, support, or participate in afterschool programs. We ask you to print out the "I love afterschool because..." template by clicking on the picture to the right, and tell us why you love afterschool by posting it on your own social media using #ILoveAfterschool2020, or by sending it to us at Capacity@NetworkForYouthSuccess.org and allowing us to post on your behalf!

*Remember if your picture includes children in them, be sure to have written consent from their parents, or legal guardians.*

Addressing ACEs in Out-of-School Environments

This newly launched professional development module covers the prevalence of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and the utility of trauma-informed and healing-centered engagement as strategies to positively impact the development of school-age children in out-of-school time environments. Developed in collaboration with the National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching, and Learning, the learning module provides context around ACEs and toxic stress, exploring types of ACEs as well as the seminal research study on ACEs and its implications. [Click here](#) to check it out.
OCFS Regulations Resources

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

- FAQs on Background Clearances; ICYMIL: 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.

Network for Youth Success Events

1/30/20 - 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.

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. If you would like to attend, please sign up by clicking on the link here.

Our Annual Conference will be in Troy for 2020 and registration is now open! As mentioned at the top, a draft of the brochure is now available on our website. In addition to two full days of trainings, and vendors, we are now also accepting award nominations. 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. To become a vendor, click here.

8/20 & 8/24/2020: 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.

Other Events

1/15, 1/29, 2/6: 4-H Vet Science Club, Hudson, NY
Join the Vet Science Program! Vet Science will introduce youth to the importance of animal health and wellness through a variety of species. Those involved will have the chance to hear from experts in the field and engage and participate in hands-on learning activities. For more information click here, or contact Emily Warrington at ew387@cornell.edu.

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. This training strives to address how mentoring can work towards combating this. To register, click here.
1/30-31: Health and Safety Training, Syracuse, NY
Directors are responsible for hiring, training, and maintaining staff who provide a healthy and safe environment for children. For those interested, click here to register, or contact Dorthea@DEKSConsulting.com

1/30: Critical Issues Conversations, Bronx, NY
Join Community School for a day of professional conversation facilitated by experienced school leaders who will engage you in critical thinking and active participation. This unique opportunity will allow the participants to lead the learning in a truly collaborative way. For more information, or to register, click here.

2/18: Annual GRASA February Summit, Rochester, NY
The 7th Annual GRASA February Summit will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, at East High School. This year, all afterschool /OST staff will attend one mandated session on the new SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) PQA tool that our community will be shifting to this spring. Then, each of you can choose two more sessions from a growing list including hands-on STEM, SEL and self-care. Details to come, but save the date!

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.

2/21: The Best Babysitter is a Safe Sitter, Hudson, NY
Safe sitter is a medically accurate, hands-on class that teaches boys and girls ages 11 to 14 how to handle emergencies when caring for children. Safe Sitters will learn a variety of things from what to do when a child chokes to how to entertain children. If you are interested in joining the class, registration closes February 14th. For more information, or to register, click here.

2/29: Community-Wide Basketball League, Rochester, NY
Rochester Community Centers is looking for players and coaches for their Community-Wide Basketball League. Running from 2/29 - 4/28, games will run from 10am-2pm. There will be 3 age divisions: Pee-Wee (6-9), Juniors (10-12), and Seniors (13-15). For more information, call 585.428.7592, or visit www.cityofrochester.gov/cwbbl.

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.

Enrollment for the 2020 National Bilingual Bee & Biliteracy Competition is now open! The competition is open to any bi-literate students fluent in English and one of the following languages: Arabic, French, Haitian Creole, Mandarin Chinese, or Spanish. To enroll click here. If you have questions please contact mirta@smartcoos.com.

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