Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week, COVID-19 Updates, and More!
April 22, 2020

This week is Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week. It is a week dedicated to highlighting afterschool professionals in the field for their excellent service. We here at the Network would like to post these highlights on our Facebook and Twitter! Help us out by giving a shout out to someone in your life that has made a difference in the community through their care and dedication. Share your stories by filling out this quick form and we'll do the rest!

This one comes from Claudia Congemi from the Capital District,

"I am the Project Coordinator for the Empire State After School Program and typically work closely with Ishmael Morton, Miriam Montes, Samantha Coles, Nicole Shao, and Gary Robinson from the Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Area. With program not in session these ultimate Change-Makers have been on the ground serving and feeding their community. Although I miss them all tremendously, I have never been more proud of a group of individuals. They are fearless advocates and every day, with smiles, serve those who need them most. Their kindness is electric and I am positive those seeing their happy faces is the light we all need during this time. They are truly an inspiring group and I know their families and students are so grateful for their generosity. I am so proud of them all - keep up the great work!"
COVID-19 Updates

The Office of Family and Child Services released "Interim Guidance on Executive Orders 202.17 and 202.18 Requiring Face Coverings in Public During the COVID-19 Outbreak" last week. This document provides important information regarding two new Executive Orders that went into effect on Friday, April 17. Please read this information carefully and familiarize yourself with the content.

For more updates and resources check out our COVID-19 resource page.

QSA Corner

The QSA Tool is meant to be used in concert with other formal and informal evaluation methods, such as youth, parent, and staff meetings, youth and parent focus groups, and external monitoring and evaluation. Each of these methods can help identify program strengths and areas in need of improvement.

Whether you need help getting started, or tips integrating self-assessment into your program, check out our website for a ton of helpful information, including a number of translated QSAs if needed. Click here to visit our informational page, or you can email Marcos Velazquez with any questions.

Afterschool in a Virtual World: What it Means and How to do it

Afterschool professionals and leaders everywhere are being asked to “go virtual” to provide opportunities to share, learn and connect with youth, families and each other. What does that mean and how do you do it?

NAA has partnered with its State Affiliates and NAA Top Presenter, Eric Rowles, President and CEO of Leading to Change, to provide a three-part virtual series for all members:

- **April 22, 11 a.m. EDT** – VIVACIOUSLY VIRTUAL: 15 Fantastically Easy Games and Activities to Engage Your Virtual Audience
- **April 29, 11 a.m. EDT** – KEEPING THEM CONNECTED: Using Zoom to Connect to Youth
- **May 6, 11 a.m. EDT** – IS THIS THING ON?: Tips, Tricks, and Tools to Master Zoom Meetings
The capacity for each webinar is 500 and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

To register, [click here](#). Note: you must first log in to your NAA member account prior to registering.

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**Network for Youth Success Events**

**4/23 - 6/4: Trauma-Informed Practice in Afterschool, Virtual Training**
Discover the role that afterschool programs play in helping children survive and thrive after traumatic experiences. Using trauma-informed care research, this workshop will explore how afterschool programs can be safe places for all children. Emphasis will be on practices in afterschool, including interactions with children and program development. This workshop is for all afterschool, summer, and expanded learning time staff who want to integrate trauma-informed practices into their programs.

Note: When registering please try to sign up for the training dedicated to your region. If you are unable to attend that training, you may sign up for another. Each training is limited to limit 60 participants. To register, [click here](#).

**4/28: SAC Endorser Training, Virtual**
In order to accommodate the growing number of SAC Credential candidates in New York State, and especially in NYC, the Network is seeking to expand our SAC Credential Endorser Pool.

SAC Credential Endorsers are representatives of the Network, who, at least twice per year, conduct observations of SAC Credential Candidates across the state. Endorsers should have knowledge of the SAC Credential standards and process, experience working in afterschool programs, and an understanding of regulations best practice in New York State. Endorsers receive a $100 stipend (plus mileage) for each visit they conduct.

For full list of requirements, please see page 15 of our [SAC Credential Manual](#). To submit an application, [click here](#).

**8/20 & 8/25: 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](#).

**9/23: Fall SAC Credential Course, Capital District**
The New York State Network for Youth Success administers the New York State School Age Care (SAC) Credential, which promotes quality services to children and families by providing specific standards, training, and evaluation for afterschool professionals. For those interested, [click here](#).

**9/2020 - 12/2020: 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 Fall 2020.

**10/3: Regional Rochester Training Institute, Fairport, NY**
Save the date! Join the Network for Youth Success for a day of high-quality professional development that includes six OCFS training hours on a variety of topics that is appropriate for supervisors, teachers, and front line staff working with school-age children.
Don't miss out on this great opportunity to develop your career and network with other like minded individuals! Stay tuned for more information.

Other Events

4/23: Literacy for Frontline Staff, Virtual Series
Students’ ability to read, write, speak, and listen effectively is critical to their success in school and beyond. These literacy skills lay the foundation for other academic and 21st century skills. In this three-part webinar series, the U.S. Department of Education’s Y4Y Technical Assistance (TA) Team will share strategies for supporting frontline staff in assessing and improving 21st CCLC literacy initiatives. Site leaders and other participants will improve their understanding of the key components of literacy and take away research-based literacy activities geared toward building 21st century skills like collaboration and critical thinking. Register here.

4/23: Maintaining Program Participation During COVID-19, Webinar
Communities across the country have stepped up to create plans that connect children to meals during COVID-19, but how do advocates and sponsors maintain momentum and sustain programs? Join this webinar to hear about strategies for maintaining participation and tips for adjusting meal service as the impact of COVID-19 continues to evolve. To sign up, click here.

Join the nonprofit leaders whose organizations are on the frontlines of the crisis, and hear directly from them on how they’re managing during this NYN Media Webinar. To register, click here.

4/28: Small Business Perspective on Coronavirus Pandemic, Webinar
Join Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez, NYC Department of Small Business Services Commissioner Gregg Bishop, and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer to discuss the federal offerings in the new stimulus bill, its impact on New York, and what other resources are available for small business owners. To register, click here.

4/28: Let's Talk About Afterschool: Telling Your Story, Webinar
Join the Afterschool Alliance for a webinar that brings together voices from the field to talk about strategies that can help you make a stronger case for afterschool, as well as share ideas on how programs have adapted in these challenging times. To register, click here.

Join the Afterschool Alliance for a lively discussion featuring presenters from the Afterschool Alliance, American Institutes for Research, and Providence After School Alliance focused on expanding opportunities for SEL in middle school settings. Attendees will learn more about how afterschool programs can support youth social, emotional, and character development, and will leave with some practical tools and strategies to implement. To register, click here.

10/15: WGiOS Celebrate Children's Mental Health Awareness, Scotia, NY
SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, October 15, 2020. What's Great in Our State has rescheduled their Day of celebration for children's mental health. The day will include workshops and an honorary luncheon celebrating their honorees. Save the date and stay tuned for registration.

Ways You Can Help the Network!
Choose us as your non-profit through Amazon Smile, donate, become a member, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or check out our website!

School's Out, Make it Count! Partners

Please take a moment to view some of our partners for the School's Out, Make it Count! 2020 Annual Conference. Each one offers a variety of resources to the field. Check out their websites for more information by clicking on their name:

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