Thank YOU, Updated Resources, and More!

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One More Thank You

Last week was Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week: a week dedicated to highlighting afterschool professionals in the field for their excellent service. We here at the Network just wanted to give one last shout out to the field and "thank you all for your care and dedication." We also wanted to share with you some of the shout outs we received last week. With out further adieu, thank you:

**Maria DiVito:** "Maria is one of a kind! She always goes above and beyond. Most recently she made sure that her students went home with anything they might need when schools closed due to COVID-19."
Nick Demarco: "Every weekend Mr. Nick does online drawings for the children in his community."

Room and Bloom Staff: "This staff has been hosting read alongs on Facebook every night to stay in touch with the children in the community. They put everything they have into making sure they provide the children in their care the best they can."

CPC SACC Team: "School closures and distance did not stop the dedicated afterschool teachers at CPC CDS from their love and care of the children. All team members from across NYC reached out to them via phone, WeChat, text, and Zoom immediately the week following closing! They continue to work from home to support families through the challenges of learning remotely, acquiring digital devices, applying for government assistance, social interaction, etc... A BIG THANKS to the CDS team and to all afterschool professionals."

Hope 7 Community Center Staff: "The staff at Hope 7 goes above and beyond to make sure each child is cared for, has fun activities to do while they are with us and make sure they feel safe while at Hope 7. They are dependable and their passion for working with children is incredible. Without them, we simply would not be the same."

Jamestown YWCA Staff: "The team at the Jamestown Y usually run four after school programs, but with the onset of the COVID crisis they’ve sprung into action to take on a brand new program for essential personnel’s children. They were able to get it up and running in just three days. They’re an incredible team!"

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Mizzen by Mott

As champions for children, you’re doing everything you can during this time to keep youth safe and continue to serve them. We also know you’re doing all you can to support your staff. You have risen to the challenge in every way. In support of your efforts, we have a new resource to share with you.

Mizzen by Mott is a new app built with and for afterschool professionals to provide high-quality, engaging learning content to the afterschool field.

To meet the needs of this moment, the Mizzen team has added new activity playlists and multi-week modules that can be done at home or in small-group settings. The app’s content focuses on youth learning and well-being and is provided by organizations like Jazz at Lincoln Center, the California Academy of Sciences, After-School All-Stars, OregonAsk and VentureLab. Through support from the Mott Foundation, the app and all of its content are available for free to afterschool providers. [Click here to learn more about Mizzen and how to download and share the app.]

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Policy Corner

Our policy team has been working hard to get information out to the field regarding advocacy efforts and other COVID-19 related resources. Recently worked with the New York State Assembly to send out a sign on letter to the governor regarding requests for guidance on contract flexibility. You can view that letter [here](#). In addition to the sign on
letter, they also released a document with recommendations to support children and youth. You can view said document here. For more policy and advocacy efforts from the network, check out our COVID-19 resource page under "Information for State-Funded Grantees."

COVID-19 Resources

Stewarts Shops has taken note that, with the increased demand on services, many nonprofits are experiencing strains on budget, staffing, and resources. While they realize there are many resources today for frontline organizations, they have always been committed to help make their shops' communities strong by supporting local nonprofits in many areas such as: the arts, education, recreation, health, civic, and/or social.

For those impacted in the nonprofit sector, Stewarts wants to know how to help. They are encouraging nonprofits impacted by COVID-19 to reach out for additional help for sustainability. Grants will be given on a case by case scenario as they come in. There is no deadline for submission. For more information, click here.

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

Network for Youth Success Events

5/12 - 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.

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

4/29: Reading Between the Lines: Building Equity through SEL and Literacy, Webinar
We all know how important it is to keep kids engaged around literacy during the summer months. But what will this look like for this coming summer with so many organizations facing the possibility of having to hold virtual programs? Join this webinar from the National Summer Learning Association for a discussion revolving around this. For more information or to register for this webinar, click here.

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. If you missed the first part on April 22, you can still catch the next two:

- 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.

4/30: Deep Ocean Exploration - Educator, Webinar
Join Ocean Today host Symone Barkley and Deep Ocean Education Specialist Debi Blaney for a quick 30 minute tour of the free videos and resources available from NOAA's Ocean Today Program. This webinar is for educators, whether you are a teacher or parent. For more information or 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.
4/30: Helping Young People Deal with Stress and Anxiety During Uncertain Times, Webinar
Join the Children's Institute for an important discussion on how to support young people who may have high levels of anxiety during these unsettling times.

- Learn how to identify signs of anxiety and heightened stress in young people.
- Learn how to start age-appropriate conversations with children and actively listen as they express their thoughts and feelings.
- Learn how to work together to develop coping skills to help them navigate the stress of having their world change.

Not limited to the current COVID-19 situation, attendees will hear a short address from Earl Greene, MA, a behavioral health consultant with Children's Institute. A short panel will follow featuring Lynn Lubecki, Ed.D, Linda Murray, and Charles Infurna, Ed.D. This panel of experts, parents, and professionals experienced in working with children ages 0-18 will share tips, present evidence-based strategies, and answer audience questions. For more information or to register, click here.

5/5: Safety and Emergency Management with the Coronavirus Pandemic, Webinar
What have our emergency management and public safety officials been doing to help New Yorkers during the coronavirus pandemic? How can we be better prepared for the potential "next wave" of infections? Tune in to our webinar to hear from Deanne Criswell, Commissioner of NYC Emergency Management, Laura Kavanagh, First Deputy Commissioner of the FDNY, and NYC Council Member Donovan Richards. To register, click here.

5/5: The COVID-19 Slide and the Future of Summer Learning, Webinar
A recent NWEA report, The COVID-19 slide: What summer learning loss can tell us about the potential impact of school closures on student academic achievement, confirms that “achievement typically slows or declines over the summer months with generally steeper declines for math than for reading, and the extent (proportionally) of loss increases in the upper grades.” Their report projects that with the COVID-19 crisis, students may return in Fall 2020 with roughly 70% of the learning gains in reading relative to a typical school year, less than 50% of the learning gains in math, and in some grades, nearly a full year behind what we would observe in normal conditions. For more information or to register, click here.

CUNY School of Professional Studies is Offering New Hybrid and Online Courses
Fall 2020 Regular Deadline: May 18, 2020
The Youth Studies program at the CUNY School of Professional Studies is happy to announce the addition of hybrid and fully online classes to our master's degree and advanced certificate this Fall 2020 semester. This addition to our on campus learning format ensures that youth workers in and outside the NYC metro area have access to our program. For more information, 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:

- Early Care and Learning Council
- The Buffalo Police Athletic League

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