Celebrating 25 Years of Service, New York State School-Age Care Credential DL Classes Starting in September, and More!!

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Spotlight: The Network Celebrates 25 Years of Service

As of 2020, the New York State Network for Youth Success celebrates our 25th Anniversary! Since the organization was established, we have been through many iterations: New York School Age Care Coalition (NYSSACC), AfterSchool Works! New York (ASW), and the New York State Afterschool Network (NYSAN), yet our mission has remained steadfast. As an organization, our goal has always been to strengthen the capacity and commitment of communities, programs, and professionals to increase access to high-quality programs and services beyond the traditional classroom. It will always be our pleasure to serve you all!

What we do would not be possible without the work of the providers! So, we’d also like to celebrate your on-going hard work and commitment, but also honor you for all your essential work during these uncertain times.

If you’d like to be featured in our newsletter, share your story with us so we can highlight you and your dedication to the field.
To celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we are having a promotion throughout the month of September offering a 1-year individual membership for only $25!

Thank you to all you for allowing us to make it to 25 years and counting!

As the only statewide organization dedicated to increasing access to high-quality programs beyond the traditional classroom, we believe that ALL youth deserve the right to participate in expanded learning opportunities that support their success in school, college, work, and life. We do this through educating the community on the value of expanded learning opportunities, offering high-quality professional development, and professionalizing the field.

*This promotion is only for individual memberships purchased in the month of September. These must be new memberships, currently expired memberships, or memberships expiring in the month of September.

Is your program working hard to offer quality services to your community? Let us know about it by filling out a quick questionnaire and we will spotlight your program in an upcoming newsletter.

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New York State School-Age Care Credential DL Classes Starting in September!

Register Now For Distance Learning

Looking for a way to meet the educational requirements to be a site director at a school-age program? Looking for a way to "build your bench?"

The New York State School-Age Care Credential will help you meet these needs! Throughout the course, you'll learn how to meet children's needs and reduce challenging behaviors, all while gaining confidence in yourself as a professional.

The course can either be taken in-person at a local Host Agency or through our distance learning option. During the course, you'll work with a trained advisor who will help to ensure your success in the program and will work with you to advance your skills and expertise as an afterschool practitioner. You'll work with your instructor and advisor to further develop your knowledge in the 14 skill areas: professionalism, child development, safety, health, out-of-school environments, physical, cognitive, communication, creative, self, social, guidance, families, and operational program managements.

Distance Learning begins September 15, 2020. **Register Here!**

Scholarship funding to participate in this training may be available through the Educational Incentive Program (EIP). For more information or to apply for a scholarship, please visit [www.eceop.pdp.albany.edu](http://www.eceop.pdp.albany.edu). You may also contact EIP at eip@albany.edu or 800-295-9616. If you have received an EIP scholarship, please sign it and mail it to the Network along with your registration.

For more information, check out the attached flyer, go to our [webpage](http://www.networkforyouthsuccess.org), or contact Erin at 518.694.0660 or Erin@NetworkforYouthSuccess.org

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**STEM Corner: Balloon Magic with Bernoulli's Principle**
Have you ever seen pictures or videos of a roof being blown off a house during a hurricane or tornado? You might be surprised to hear that the roof is actually not pushed off by the strong winds but instead by the air inside the house! This can be explained by Bernoulli's principle, which states that fast-moving fluids or air, such as strong winds, have lower pressure than slow-moving air. In this activity you will demonstrate how balloons can be moved in a similar way. It is not quite as impressive as blowing the roof of a house, but still pretty magical!

Click here, for more information.

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**A Tale of Two Cities: Stark Opportunity Gap for Children**

One block is lined by neat, single-family homes, each one within walking distance to the lake, surrounded by ample open space. Another, on the other side of town, is blighted by dilapidated, boarded-up structures, some of them marked unsafe by red signs. Albany's Arbor Hill and Buckingham Lake neighborhoods, located on the city's east and west sides, were the focus of a National Public Radio (NPR) report last week which highlighted racial divides in access to health, nutritional, and educational opportunities, a reality for kids in urban areas across the nation.

Click here, to read the full article.

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**Network for Youth Success Events**

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.

Our Annual Conference will be held on April 23rd & 24th, 2021. Be ready for two full days of trainings on a wide variety of topics, various vendors, awards, networking, and more! Stay tuned for more information.

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**Other Events**

8/27: Positive Youth Development (PYD) Reading Club
Join the Positive Youth Development Reading Club for another session of the PYD Reading Group. They are inviting youth work professionals affiliated to NYS 4-H, Youth Bureaus and the NYS Network for Youth Success. For this Reading Club meeting, they'll be going with a video to learn from children and teens about what it’s like Growing Up Trans in this PBS/Frontline documentary. To register, click here.

9/21, 9/22, 9/23, & 9/24: Social and Emotional Learning (Four Part Series)
Join the Y4Y team as they dive into each step of the process for delivering high-quality social and emotional learning activities - planning, designing, implementing and assessing your efforts. The webinar will start with assessing your organization's ability to implement SEL instruction. Next up is the program design - reviewing the necessary data and conducting a needs assessment. On the third day of the series, you'll get information on how to plan activities and routines designed to improve social and emotional learning skills in students. The week will end discussing how to maintain and improve your SEL programming. To register, click here.

10/22: Lights on Afterschool
Take part in 21st annual Lights on Afterschool to reflect, celebrate, and call attention to the afterschool programs that are so critical to youth and families. It’s been a hard year, and Lights On will look very different this year. There are new ways for everyone to take part. Even if you are not doing a typical event, register! There will be new offerings and developments that all can take part in, no matter your circumstances or operating status. Afterschool programs are rising to the moment to support youth and families during the pandemic — from innovative virtual programming to meals to caring for children of essential workers to wellbeing check-ins. We need to celebrate and recognize your efforts, and call attention to the importance of afterschool supports as our nation moves ahead. For more information or to register, click here.

10/16 & 10/17: Empire State Maker Faire 2020
Regional faires throughout New York state have banded together to create a virtual interactive experience! Empire State Maker Faire will share the creative work and technical know-how of all kinds of makers who share a passion for making. The event features demonstrations, performances and how-to workshops, and an online project showcase. For more information or to register, click here.

Fall 2020 (Multiple Dates): Core Body of Knowledge Virtual Training Series
Explore how the CBK is to be used as the foundation for professional preparation and development of New York’s early childhood workforce and how it fits into the broader scope of training and coaching protocols. The CBK can provide a framework for supervisors and trainers to evaluate performance of individual staff and support the planning of professional development to ensure that it is intentional and relevant to the strengths, interests, and needs of each teacher. The session will include a review of materials; small group discussions; and hands-on, interactive activities to help trainers develop meaningful professional development opportunities. To register, click here.

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