Services Available to Prospective Grantees

Afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs do the hard and crucially important work of providing enriching experiences for youth, keeping them safe, cultivating strong relationships with caring adults, and sparking engagement in future careers. Excellent programs and positive outcomes for youth and families don’t happen by chance, and the New York State Network for Youth Success is here to help.

As the only statewide network for afterschool, summer, and expanded learning opportunities, the Network for Youth Success has over two decades of experience working with program providers, growing communities of practice, and providing tools, resources, and technical assistance to afterschool providers.

We know that training is most effective when it is applicable to real-world situations and includes opportunities for follow-up after implementation. That is why many of our options include multi-session work across different modalities. Our trainings take a long-term focus to ensure staff not only learn new skills, but are able to successfully implement them in their programs in a sustainable way.

With New York State credentialed trainers and coaches on staff, the Network’s professional development opportunities count towards required training for registered school-age child care programs and may be eligible for scholarships through the Educational Incentive Program (EIP).

Additionally, throughout COVID, virtual professional development has been more important than ever. In NYS, only credentialed trainers are able to offer virtual training approved by OCFS. With our credentialed trainers on staff, we are able to safely offer a host of trainings from the comfort of your home or office with no travel needed.

Whether your program has been operating for years or you are just looking at starting a new program, the Network has options for you. Please find several offerings below. The Network would be happy to discuss more customized options to meet your needs. Contact Kelly Sturgis at kelly@networkforyouthsuccess.org with any questions and for more information to include in funding requests.

Training and Professional Development:

ACEs Training: Learn how research into trauma and child development impacts afterschool programs. This two-hour workshop reviews adverse childhood experience and trauma-informed approaches and compass them to quality standards for school-age care settings. Emphasis is on practical applications in programs to support youth.

Cost: Varied based upon single individual vs. group rate
Site Leader Institute: New grant managers and site directors can learn how to navigate the world of afterschool through participation in this intensive institute. This Institute provides knowledge, resources, and support across the school year to help those new to the field or new to their role get started with the information they need to make the most of their programs. The Institute will use webinars and video conferencing to help new leaders connect with best practices in afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs. Topics covered include program development, regulations, effective partnerships, family engagement, creating quality, program management, and more. With this institute going virtual, access to this intensive program is greater than ever.

Cost: $900 per person

The 15-hour Health and Safety: Competencies in Child Care for Day Care Center and School-Age Child Care Programs Course is the only classroom course approved by OCFS to enable Day Care Center and School-Age Child Care program staff to meet the federal training requirements under the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014. Staff may choose to complete the five-hour Foundations in Health & Safety eLearning course instead of the 15-hour classroom course to meet the training requirements under the CCDBG.

Cost: Dependent on location, can be done virtually ($300pp)

Health and Safety Training: Competencies in Child Care for Day Care Center, School-Age Child Care, and Enrolled Legally Exempt Group Directors
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.

Cost: Dependent on location, can be done virtually (minimum $255pp)

Citizen Science: Fostering 21st century skills in young people can be done through direct experience alongside supportive adults who help frame those experiences. One way to engage more youth in developing STEM skills is through participation in citizen science. Citizen science connects everyday citizens with tools and techniques that allow them to gather vital data for ongoing research efforts. Cornell’s Lab of Ornithology, the California Academy of Sciences, and NASA are three organizations that mobilize hundreds of thousands of people in their ongoing research. When applied to young people, citizen science can give youth direct experience in science, building their identity as scientists as they contribute to scientific knowledge.

The Network offers training in three citizen science projects - Bird Scouts, Bug Safari, and Cloud Quest - in partnership with the California Academy of Sciences. Each of these projects includes blended online and in-person training in the curriculum, as well as materials and guides for implementation.

Cost: $3,000 per site

STEM Skills for Practitioners: The Network offers training in delivering high quality STEAM experiences to ensure that any project, activity, or curriculum is being done to maximize the youth experience. These in-person trainings include follow-up coaching and feedback for participants to implement skills. There are 16 workshops in total:
Preparing for STEM Learning Opportunities
Creating STEM Learning Environments
Managing Groups During STEM
Encouraging Collaborative STEM Work
Facilitating Inclusive Learning Experiences
Developing a STEM Identity
Making Connections to STEM Careers
Connecting to Prior Knowledge and Experiences
Giving Youth Control
Enabling Active STEM Learning
Modelling Science Practices
Modelling Engineering Practices
Supporting Documentation of STEM Learning
Asking Purposeful Questions
Reflecting and Processing STEM Experiences
Making Authentic Assessments

Cost: $700 per 90-minute workshop (includes follow-up).

Coaching: Coaching is a relationship-based process led by an expert with specialized and adult learning knowledge and skills, who often serves in a different professional role than the recipient(s). Coaching is designed to build capacity for specific professional dispositions, skills, and behaviors and is focused on goal-setting and achievement for an individual or group. The Network for Youth Success offers customized coaching by a New York State credentialed coach to meet the specific needs of the staff member receiving coaching. OCFS training hours can be earned through this process.

Cost: $55 per hour

Customized Professional Development: The Network for Youth Success offers training in a variety of other topics and is happy to customize offerings to meet your needs. The Network for Youth Success can provide the workshops, coaching, and on-site feedback to help staff reach their potential. Our credentialed trainers and network of professionals can bring professional development to your community, network, or program. Please contact us for more information.

Cost: Rates vary

Staff Credentialing and Site Accreditation:

School-Age Care Credential: 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. Staff that take this two-semester course learn how to improve their work with children and also meet the education qualifier to become a Site Director under the School-Age Child Care Regulations. Courses are offered both in-person at host agencies throughout the state and through a full distance learning option online.

Costs: $900/semester for distance learning (2 semesters required), price varies for in-person courses and advisor fees. Endorsement fee $1,000
Afterschool Program Accreditation: The Network for Youth Success facilitates program improvement through accreditation, the ultimate indication of program quality. Accreditation provides afterschool professionals with performance indicators, benchmarks of quality that guide program planning, implementation, and evaluation. Moreover, the accreditation process supports a team approach to program improvement and fosters a competent, caring, and qualified staff. Through participation in the accreditation process, afterschool professionals improve their practice and sites improve quality in a sustainable way. Accreditation remains in effect for three years. Cost: $1,200-$1,400 for initial accreditation, coaching fees vary. $1,000 for reaccreditation.

Group Professional Development:

Annual Conference: (Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24 in 2021)
JOIN US at the Annual School's Out, Make it Count! Conference. This year’s conference offers 10.5 hours of training over two days from the comfort of your home. It is appropriate for frontline staff, supervisors, and executive directors. Topics include ACES, diversity, STEAM, advocacy, social emotional learning, and more! These are OCFS-Approved training hours. Plus, there will be awards recognizing leaders in the field. The 2021 agenda can be found at: https://networkforyouthsuccess.org/annual-conference/agenda/. In 2021, member rates are $80 for one day, and $155 for both days. Non-Member rates are $100 for one day, and $175 for both days. For information on how to become a member, go to: https://networkforyouthsuccess.org/membership/

President's Day 2021: Join the Network for Youth Success for two workshops for one price! Make President's Day a day for your own professional growth. Timothy Fowler, Professional Development Director for the Network, will lead two workshops for school-age professionals:

Session 1: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma-Informed Practice in Afterschool. 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 adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can affect children's growth and development. 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. *Meets new OCFS training area, OCFS (10) Adverse childhood experiences, focused on understanding trauma and on nurturing resiliency. CBK 1, 4

Session 2: Engineering Design Practices. What do engineers do? Learn by acting like an engineer! Participants will complete an engineering design challenge in order to learn about the skills and practices of an engineer. Emphasis will be on hands-on activity with easy-to-find materials and the creation and testing of a prototype. OCFS 3

Cost: $45 per person
Other Resources for High-Quality Programs:

**Membership:** The New York State Network for Youth Success offers professional development, resources, tips and tools for programs, advocacy alerts, support of regional networks, and much more. Professional membership in the statewide network for afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs includes conference discounts, members-only newsletters with funding opportunities, a connection to the professional field and your regional network, Ambassador level membership with the National AfterSchool Association, and more. Both individual and organizational memberships are available.

*Costs:* *Individual* one-year $50, *Individual* three-year $120, *Organizational* one-year $450 - $900+

**The Quality Self-Assessment (QSA) Tool, Third Edition:** The QSA Tool is used by afterschool programs to self-assess their quality, recognize areas of strength, and make and implement plans for improvement in areas of need. This free tool was developed and updated by experts and practitioners from across New York State to be relevant and reasonable. The self-assessment is designed to be used as part of a program quality improvement process, engaging stakeholders and building collective vision along the way. The Network for Youth Success offers free webinars, resources, and conference trainings to assist providers with successful use of the QSA Tool.

*Cost:* *Free*

**Healthy Suppers and Snacks:** The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federally funded entitlement program administered through the New York State Department of Health, which provides reimbursement for healthy snacks and meals. Many afterschool programs are eligible to enroll and receive reimbursements, currently up to $3.51 per supper and $0.96 per snack. The Network for Youth Success encourages eligible programs to enroll, and would be happy to discuss eligibility with you.

*Cost:* *Free*