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Spotlight: The Network Responds to Attacks on the AAPI Community

A Message from Kelly Sturgis and the New York State Network for Youth Success Team:

Over the past year, our lives and communities have been turned upside down by two viruses: COVID-19 and hate.

The Network for Youth Success shares in your anguish and outrage over the violent and deadly attacks against members of the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community across the country, including right here in New York. These senseless assaults are a devastating reminder that the same racism and scapegoating that spurred the Chinese Exclusion Act, Japanese internment camps, and general anti-Asian hate continues to be a stain on our country to this day.

Pandemic fears have fueled the sharp increase in brazen and abhorrent attacks against the AAPI community. People are being targeted, assaulted, and murdered in broad daylight. We all know that hate is learned. Afterschool staff are uniquely positioned to challenge a child’s learned racism or hate before it becomes ingrained, and to protect kids who are being...
traumatized by race-fueled harassment, bullying, and isolation.

When it comes to the children in our care, we can intervene. We MUST intervene. According to the Stop AAPI Hate Youth Incident Report, “Adults were present in almost half of the [discrimination] incidents (48%), but in only 10% of the cases did bystanders intervene.”

In a recent segment on Saturday Night Live, cast member Bowen Yang challenged his fellow New Yorkers and the entire nation to “do more.” The Network pledges to do more, and so can you.

- Shut down any anti-Chinese or anti-AAPI language, such as referring to “COVID-19” as the “China virus.”
- Step in and intervene the moment you see a child being physically or verbally harassed for their race or ethnicity.
- Lookout for—and put an immediate stop to—any shunning or isolation of AAPI youth by their peers.

Hollaback! offers a free bystander intervention training. Stop AAPI Hate provides a number of resources on its website, including the youth incident report.

The Network for Youth Success will update our racial equity page as more resources and trainings become available. Please send us any resources your team has found helpful so that we may share them with our members.

It has been a devastating year. Please continue to take care of yourselves and each other.

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NY Project Hope

There have been changes to our routines, work, school, family life, activities…all aspects of our lives have been affected by COVID-19. Therefore, it is normal to feel stressed, isolated, scared, anxious, sad, or angry. That is why thousands of New Yorkers call the NY Project Hope Covid-19 Emotional Support Helpline to talk with trained crisis counselors who provide a listening ear, as well as information and referrals to a vast array of community resources. NY Project Hope is a statewide program of the NYS Office of Mental Health and is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

After a year since the pandemic began, the need for emotional support to help folks navigate COVID-19 continues. To meet this need, NY Project Hope's crisis counseling program has expanded in 12 NY counties that have been highly impacted by COVID-19, including Dutchess, Erie, Nassau, NYC (all boroughs), Orange, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester. NY Project Hope has contracted with several local agencies in these 12 counties that will now provide COVID-19 related crisis counseling in their respective communities. By expanding the NY Project Hope crisis counseling program in these areas, more New York residents will be able...
to receive the emotional support they need, along with local resources and referrals from trained crisis counselors who know their community. For more information about local provider agencies, visit NYProjectHope.org/providers.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about NY Project Hope services, please contact Cheryl.Gerstler@omh.ny.gov.

**Preparing for Summer Learning and Programming**

The transition from afterschool program to summer program always poses challenges. But the added pressure of evolving pandemic health and safety measures may make the prospect feel especially daunting this year. The Network has compiled the following new resources to help support your development of a comprehensive summer program.

**Summer Camp 101**
This is a must-read article for anyone who is transitioning their afterschool program to a full-day summer program. Arlene Rider and Tracy Galuski walk readers through the most critical considerations, including:

- Developing routines and structure
- Making the indoor/outdoor space work for you
- Incorporating themes
- Planning field trips

*The link will expire on Apr. 30. Save the PDF to access the resource at a later date.

**Report: Planning for Impactful Summer Learning 2021**
This report explains best practices backed by current research for designing and delivering summer programs. According to the report, "For all programs this summer, the emphasis must be on providing all students with safe, supportive environments with caring adults so they have the opportunity to recover and re-engage in learning." Summer programs in 2021 need to be more creative around service delivery to address the challenges of learning loss.

**Getting to Work on Summer Learning: Recommended Practices for Success, 2nd Ed. – Executive Summary**
This guidance from RAND is intended for school district leaders and their partners who are interested in launching or improving summer learning programs. In this summary version, the authors distill lessons about implementation gleaned from a six-year study of voluntary summer programs in the five urban districts participating in the National Summer Learning Project. The report stresses "a good planning process might be the most important characteristic of a strong program."

**NAA's 2021 Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders**
NAA's 2021 Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders are making contributions that influence programs and organizations, are active in the broader afterschool community, and possess a passion for the profession and the youth they serve. Get to know these emerging leaders—featured in the new spring 2021 issue of AfterSchool Today!

**MEET THE HONOREES**
Dear Provider Letter: Updated Travel Guidance

Dear Provider,


Please review the information contained in these important guidance documents.

Thank you.

Network for Youth Success Events

Apr. 23-24: School’s Out, Make it Count! (VIRTUAL)
The Network’s annual conference will be held April 23-24. We invite all frontline staff, supervisors, and executive directors to take advantage of this great opportunity, all from the comfort of your home.

- Participate in 10.5 hours of training over 2 days.
- Enjoy training on pertinent topics, including ACEs, diversity, STEAM, advocacy, social emotional learning, and more!
- Complete OCFS-approved training hours.
- Recognize and celebrate leaders in the field with our annual awards.

View the agenda. Register now.
May 12, 19, and 26: Training of Upcoming Trainers
Thinking about earning your Training and Technical Assistance Professional Credential? This spring, we’re offering a training workshop that is your opportunity to stop considering and start achieving.

The NYSAEYC Training and Technical Assistance Professional Credential (PD Specialist) formally recognizes the value and specialized knowledge necessary to provide professional development in New York State. This credential is perfect for individuals providing non-credit bearing in-person group professional development (such as the New York State School-Age Care Credential or Click2Science Trainings) on general early childhood and/or school-age content.

In this workshop, we will help you navigate the process of becoming a T-TAP PD Specialist. Over the course of three days, you will learn how to:

- Fill out your intent to apply form,
- Link your training to the NAEYC and NAA trainer competencies, and
- Design a training with adult learning theory in mind.

**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm (*Participants should attend all three sessions.*)
**Cost:** $175 - Current Host Agencies and NYSNYS Click2Science Co-hort
$300 - All others

**Qualifications:** Current Qualifications to Apply for Your T-TAP
**Information:** More Information on the T-TAP
**Questions?** Contact Erin@NetworkForYouthSuccess.Org

REGISTER NOW!

September: Fall 2021 SAC Credential Course (VIRTUAL), Part 1
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 2021.**

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**Check the Network for Youth Success events page anytime for a current listing of upcoming events.**

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**Other Events**

Apr. 7: Addressing Equity Through Social and Emotional Learning (webinar; 3-3:45 p.m. EDT)
Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults develop, learn and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that help them understand and manage their emotions, achieve goals, feel empathy for others, establish supportive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Research shows that SEL is associated with positive academic and life outcomes. When implemented in a culturally responsive manner, SEL can help support equity and help students thrive during this particularly challenging time. In this webinar from American Institutes for Research, presenters will share the latest evidence, effective practices, and implications and recommendations for federal policy.

Click here to register.

Apr. 8: Understanding Impacts of Systemic Racism on the AAPI Community (virtual; 12–1 p.m. EDT)
The Early Care & Learning Council is hosting this virtual conversation with members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community. To register for this free event, click here.

Apr. 28: Cultural Crossroads: Exploring the Important Intersection of Summer Program Training & Design with the Critical Need to Address Race, Equity, and Inclusion (webinar; 2 p.m. EDT)
This webinar from the National Summer Learning Association will help organizations learn how they can best equip summer program staff with tools and training on race, equity, and inclusion in order to meet student needs and maximize program impact this summer. For more information or to register, click here.

Apr. 28 - 30: Reimagine the Future of Afterschool: Building Back Better with Youth and Communities (virtual national institute; 12–5 p.m. EDT)
This past year marked the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, a reckoning with systemic racism, and the toll of climate change. Through it all, afterschool systems rose to address every challenge. At the 2021 Every Hour Counts National Institute, participants will gather virtually to reimagine the future of afterschool and what’s possible to engage, empower, and support young people. Participants will explore how to develop community-wide solutions with young people and all leaders from across communities. To register, click here.

Summer Bootcamp: Get Ready for Summer Series (recording)
The Summer Bootcamp Series provides program leaders with the tools they need at this moment to keep kids healthy, learning, earning, and thriving through this pandemic and beyond. In this series, the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) dives into strategies to accelerate learning, build critical partnerships, and plan successful programs with evidence-based practices relevant to any scenario of summer plans emerging this season. To view the recordings and materials, click here.

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The Network for Youth Success is committed to supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion. For resources, please visit our website.

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