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Spotlight: Vaccine Q&A for Afterschool Staff (Recording)

In case you missed it, the Network hosted a COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A for Afterschool Staff with medical experts from across the state. View the recording to hear answers to many common questions, including:

- Which afterschool staff are currently eligible to receive the vaccine?
- Will the State mandate the vaccine for SACC program staff?
- What vaccines are available, and are they safe?
- Can the vaccine give you COVID-19?
- What precautions can afterschool and summer programs take to keep kids safe?

View the recording and related resources, including additional recorded vaccine discussions, fact sheets, and toolkits for disseminating vaccine information here.

Program Spotlight

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Survey: STEM in Afterschool
Let’s Show the Nation How New York Does STEM in Afterschool!

The NYS Network for Youth Success is a part of the Million Girls Moonshot, helping afterschool and summer programs as they increase the quality of STEM learning opportunities for all young people, especially for underserved and underrepresented youth. The Moonshot seeks to reimagine who can engineer, who can build, who can make. It will inspire and prepare the next generation of innovators by engaging one million more girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning opportunities through afterschool and summer programs over the next five years.

Every state is asking afterschool and summer programs to share more about how they do STEM. Please join this important effort! Your answers will help us to better understand how we can best support afterschool and summer programs statewide. The survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete. Everyone who completes the survey will have exclusive access to a webinar on engaging kids in hands-on engineering activities from home and be entered into a drawing for a $100 gift certificate.

Take the Survey

Virtual Training: Intel Future Skills Educator Academy

Calling all middle school educators! You're invited to participate in an Intel Future Skills Educator Academy virtual training. Intel created Future Skills to ensure that future generations have access to the skills needed for a lifetime of problem solving and discovery through STEAM learning.

By the end of the training, you will have developed a deeper understanding of design thinking, know more about each Intel Future Skills project, and be ready to deliver Intel Future Skills content with youth in your program. The hands-on and interactive training will be facilitated by the Intel Future Skills team and everything you need to participate in the training will be mailed to your home.

Educator registration is required. Deadline to register is March 18. Register now!

Training Session 1
Mon., March 29, 4:00 - 5:30pm ET

Training Session 2
Wed., March 31, 4:00 - 6:00pm ET
(Note: You will be automatically registered for session 2 after attending session 1.)


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A year after lockdowns began, afterschool and summer programs continue to face challenges posed by the pandemic. We need your help to continue to tell the story of the ways in which COVID-19 is impacting your program and the kids and families you serve. By taking Afterschool Alliance’s short survey, you are lifting up challenges programs face as the pandemic continues, and, more importantly, your answers will raise awareness of the short- and long-term effects of COVID-19 on the afterschool field.

Take the survey now and have a chance to win a $50 gift card! Five winners will be selected at random each week the survey is open.

This is the fourth wave of the Afterschool in the Time of COVID-19 tracking survey, with findings from previous waves shared with federal policy makers and featured in publications such as Education Week and Youth Today.

The survey should take no more than 10 minutes of your time and your responses will be anonymous. The survey will close on March 14 at 11:59 p.m. PDT.

Thank you for sharing information about your afterschool and summer programs!

**Take the Survey**

**OCFS Dear Provider Letter: Paycheck Protection Program**

The federal Small Business Administration (SBA) is re-opening the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The money is not taxable, and it is not a loan, so child care providers don’t need to pay it back. The PPP is an important resource for child care providers, and we strongly urge you to consider applying.

Certain conditions apply. Check out these resources to help you navigate the process:

- Early Care and Education Providers: Taking Advantage of the New Small Business Administration Loan and Grant Programs
- Webinar Recording: “How to Take Advantage of the SBA Loan Programs”

Applications are due to the SBA by March 31, 2021.

The funding may run out before the deadline, so DO NOT WAIT until the last minute to apply!

Facebook’s Engineer for the Week Program: Stipends Available

Facebook is providing $200-500 stipends to afterschool programs participating in the Facebook Engineer for the Week (EFTW) program. Sign ups for the next sprint of the program are open until March 14.

Engineer for the Week provides a high-quality, cost-free curriculum that helps students ages 11-18 develop
computer science skills and explore engineering as they design a prototype to achieve positive social impact.

To run a one-week EFTW project with your students, register by March 14. Facebook provides technical assistance for you to run the project anytime from March 15 to May 14. Through a partnership with Facebook, the Afterschool Alliance will award stipends to the first 18 programs that complete the project: the first 8 programs will receive $500, and the next 10 programs will receive $200. **Sign up here!**

**Nominate Heroes for the Hunger Hero Hall of Fame**

Even before the pandemic, school staff members, community organizations, and anti-hunger advocates worked incredibly hard to feed kids in their communities. But especially throughout the past year, these hunger heroes have continued to step up in incredible ways to ensure that the hundreds of thousands of kids in New York who rely on school meals remain healthy and nourished.

No Kid Hungry New York wants to say a huge “Thank You!” to these amazing frontline heroes by naming them to our New York Hunger Hero Hall of Fame, and they need your help.

**Do you know an individual or group who are going above and beyond to make sure kids in New York continue to have access to meals? Nominate them as a Hunger Hero today by filling out this [short form](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ik=9eab5ba277&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1693853981081834325&simpl=msg-f%3A1693853981081834325).**

**Timeline:** Nominations are rolling, but we encourage you to submit nominations as soon as possible. No Kid Hungry is going to start recognizing heroes this month!

**Eligibility:** Individuals or groups working to feed children across New York State are eligible for the New York Hunger Heroes Hall of Fame.

**Questions:** Visit [No Kid Hungry's website](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ik=9eab5ba277&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1693853981081834325&simpl=msg-f%3A1693853981081834325) or email Emily Gartenberg at egartenberg@strength.org.

Interested in advancing in the school-age field? Need the qualifications to become a Site Director?

**EARN YOUR SCHOOL-AGE CREDENTIAL TODAY**

**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

**Current Qualifications to Apply for Your T-TAP**

**More Information on the T-TAP**

Have questions? Contact Erin@NetworkForYouthSuccess.Org

**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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**Other Events**

**TONIGHT (Mar. 10, 7:00pm): Book Chat with Winner of the 2020 Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice**

Goddard Riverside is hosting a virtual book chat with journalist and author Anne Kim to discuss her book, *Abandoned: America’s Lost Youth and the Crisis of Disconnection.* In its description of the book, Goddard Riverside says, "For the majority of young adults today, the transition to independence is a time of excitement and possibility. But nearly five million young people—or a stunning 11.7 percent of youth aged 16-24—experience entry into adulthood as abrupt abandonment, a time of disconnection from school, work, and family. For this growing population of Americans, which includes kids aging out of foster care and those entangled with the justice system, life screeches to a halt when adulthood arrives. Abandoned is the first-ever exploration of this tale of dead ends and broken dreams." Darleny Suriel, a youth activist at #DegreesNYC will lead the conversation. To learn more or to RSVP, click here.

**Mar. 11: Imagining & Planning for Quality—Exploring Goals to Guide Our Work**
(webinar; registration deadline Mar. 8)
Join this webinar from PEAR to reflect on areas of SED and STEM that are traditionally strong or challenging for programs nationally and for your program specifically. Participants will also create a vision and generate goals for strengthening STEM and SED in programming using the DoS framework and tools as a guide. To register for the webinar, [click here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ik=9eab5ba277&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1693853981081834325&simpl=msg-f%3A169385398106)

**Mar. 17: Positive Youth Development (PYD) Reading Club (virtual)**

Please join PYD 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. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join!

- **Time:** Wed., March 17, 10am
- **Topic:** Mental Health
- **Reading Club article:** Teens in Covid Isolation: “I felt Like I was a suffocating.” (Emma Goldberg, NY Times, Nov 2020.)
- **Supplemental reading if interested:** Will the Pandemic Result in More Suicides?

The pandemic has and continues to take its toll on all of us. These two articles touch on its impact on both young people and adults. They will focus on the first article for the upcoming PYD Reading Club discussion.

Please register in advance for this meeting. [Register now!](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ik=9eab5ba277&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1693853981081834325&simpl=msg-f%3A169385398106)

**Mar. 30: Creating Change—Leveraging DoS Toward Continuous Growth (webinar; registration deadline Mar. 26)**

Join this webinar from PEAR to learn how to use the freely available DoS planning tool and related data collection tools to grow and strengthen programming. The webinar will address how to sustainability leverage data and planning resources to continue strengthening STEM and SED in your program. To register for the webinar, [click here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ik=9eab5ba277&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1693853981081834325&simpl=msg-f%3A169385398106).

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