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Spotlight on Hope 7, Lights on Afterschool, equity in STEM, and more

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Spotlight: Hope 7 Community Center

The mission of [Hope 7 Community Center](#) is to be a resource for and provide services to individuals and families in their community.

Hope 7's after-school program is open to all youth in Kindergarten through 7th grade. Students from Troy City School District, Troy Prep and Albany charter schools are all welcome to participate in our program. They are licensed by New York State Office of Child and Family Services with highly experienced, educated and trained program director and counselors on their team.

During their afterschool program, children receive a healthy snack and supervised homework sessions and tutoring, as well as opportunities for arts and crafts and physical education. The entire program is designed with the children's developmental capabilities and interests in mind.

Hope 7 also provides summer camp program for children ages 5 to 16, giving them an opportunity to enjoy nature five days a week. Each day during camp, they travel by chartered school bus to a state park where children have the opportunity to enjoy hiking, arts and crafts, nature centers, and swimming.

These activities are in concert with enrichment programs in STEM, music, art, and more! Hope 7 creates a theme for each week and designs correlating activities to keep the children



engaged and excited about learning. Special events and trips take place throughout the program, such as to MiSci, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, and other exciting locations. To ensure every child is properly nourished, lunch and an afternoon snack are provided daily, at no charge.

Teenagers in the program also have an opportunity to join through their Counselors in Training (CIT) program, allowing them to gain work and leadership experience. Their summer camp program is licensed by New York State Office of Child and Family Services.

To learn more about Hope 7's afterschool and summer programs, [click here](#).

Program Spotlight

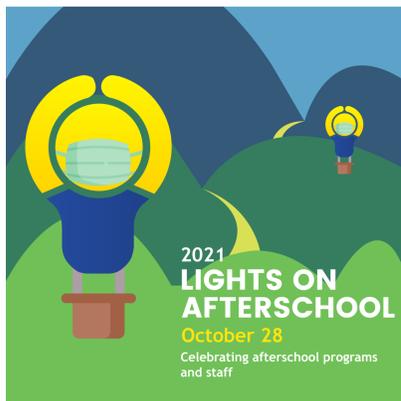
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Lights on Afterschool New York

The Network is hosting events to celebrate afterschool programs the entire month of October! Check out the information below to see how your organization can get involved.



That's right! Lights On Afterschool may still be a few weeks away, but we are taking **the whole month of October** to highlight afterschool, summer, and other expanded learning opportunities in New York.

The New York State Network for Youth Success is proud to be joining the Afterschool Alliance and thousands of afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs across the country in the largest nationwide showcase of afterschool programs during the 22nd annual Lights On Afterschool celebration!

Despite the uncertainty and challenges of this year, afterschool programs continue to rise to the moment to support children. Afterschool programs have been a lifeline for young people and their families—including and especially those hit hardest by the pandemic and those from marginalized communities to whom these funds are targeted—lean on afterschool programs to help them balance life and ensure that their children receive high-quality care and holistic support.

We all know that for so many families, afterschool goes beyond after school. Every year, Lights On Afterschool provides an opportunity to showcase the importance of afterschool programs and make them a priority for Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature.

See below for our upcoming events and how you can participate.

Learn with Us

Join our #LightsOnAfterschool New York! virtual series to learn more about the current landscape, role, benefits, and impact of these programs on New York's children and families.

Oct. 14, 12–1 pm: Afterschool landscape in New York: the need, impact, and challenges

How is afterschool funded in New York? What afterschool programs are available in my community? How can I access data about afterschool programs? How can I advocate for afterschool? You have questions, we have answers!



Join us to learn more about afterschool in New York and familiarize yourself with afterschool funding streams. At this webinar, we will also discuss how to use the [KWIC Maps](#) to access afterschool data and make the case for additional afterschool support.

Register now.**Oct. 26, 12–1 pm: Creating afterschool partnerships to accelerate student success**

Now more than ever, students—including those who need the most support—will need more wraparound support to help them build hope today and resilience towards the future.

Afterschool and other youth-serving, community-based organizations can play a crucial role in bringing essential resources and expertise to schools, and high-quality, thoughtfully designed partnerships can bring an infusion of new energy, new ideas, and new resources into their work of changing students' lives.

Come to learn how you can engage and leverage effective school-community partnerships.

Register now.**Share Your "Why" with Us**

Everyone has a story about why afterschool is important to them, so what's yours?

As we celebrate afterschool programs in New York and across the country, we are asking you to share with us why afterschool is important to you. It's that simple!

Just tell us how your afterschool program has risen to the moment, or share with us why you work for, support, and/or advocate for afterschool programs. Families, program staff, and other advocates/supporters of afterschool may fill this out as well.

Selected entries will receive:

- Spotlights during our month-long celebration
- Shout outs on our social media
- A feature in the Power of 3:00 listserv
- Hard copy of this year's Light's On! state proclamation
- Network swag!

Share your story.**Creating Pathways for Equity in STEM**

In STEM fields in the US, this challenge of being seen as “one of the group” faces many individuals—particularly women and people of color—who have a hard time seeing STEM as a place where they belong.



It's not surprising when you consider who is revered as a "hero" of science and mathematics. If you ask anyone to name someone famous from these fields, most will name Einstein, Tesla, Newton, Pascal, and (occasionally) Marie Curie.

Why does this list fail to reflect the important STEM contributions of Latin American, Black or Afro-Caribbean, Asian, and other ethnic groups?

Because this false ideal of the white male STEM archetype has seeped into our education systems and pop culture, reflecting deeper issues of prejudice and racism in STEM fields. What better time to change the conversation than during Hispanic Heritage Month?

We encourage you to read "[Creating Pathways for Equity in STEM Through Family Engagement: Highlighting the Experiences of Hispanic/Latine Youths](#)" by Remy Dou and Heidi Cian. It is a great resource as you look for programs that will excite your participants—and help them see themselves as math and/or science people!—and highlight the experiences of the unsung heroes in STEM fields.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

Dear Provider Letter: Revised Regulation Update

On September 16, 2021, the New York State Child Day Care Regulations were revised to include the emergency face covering regulations.



Office of Children
and Family Services

These are effective immediately. If you have any questions, please reach out to your regulator.

For the most current child care regulations, [click here](#).

21st CCLC Request for Proposal Released



A Request For Proposal (RFP) for a new round of the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program has been released. 21st CCLC programs offer academic enrichment and youth development, particularly for youth at low-performing or high-poverty schools, through school-community partnerships. The 21st CCLC initiative is the only federal funding source dedicated exclusively to supporting New York's afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs.

- The grant period is 5 years, anticipated to begin July 1, 2022 and to end June 30, 2027.
- Annual subgrant awards will range from a minimum of \$50,000 to a maximum of \$1,200,000. **The maximum request amount per student is \$2,100.**
- The due date for application submissions is **November 23, 2021, at 5 pm** Complete applications **must** be submitted electronically via [Survey Monkey Apply Portal](#). Applications submitted via mail will not be reviewed.
- Administrative Cost Cap: **No more than 10%** of the total annual award may be used for administrative costs.

- All questions must be submitted via email to 21CRFP@nysed.gov by **5 pm October 13, 2021**. A complete list of all Questions and Answers will be posted on the RFP webpage no later than November 2, 2021.

For more information, [visit the RFP page](#).

Calling All Energetic Presenters

Come share your knowledge of the afterschool field! Submit your applications to present at New York's statewide conference for afterschool professionals.

School's Out, Make it Count!

School's Out, Make it Count! will be held April 8–9 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY. This event brings together over 200 afterschool professionals (administrators, directors, teachers, and frontline staff) from across the state. Accepted lead presenters also receive **free admission** to the conference on the day of their presentation.

We are accepting proposals on the following topics, but are open to new and innovative ideas. Sessions are either 30 or 90 minutes long.

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
- Virtual Programming
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM)
- Guiding Children's Behaviors
- Program Sustainability
- Program Quality Improvement
- Leadership Development for Professionals
- Family Engagement
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Arts
- Self-Care
- Health and Safety/COVID

Submissions are due by October 31. Selected presenters will be notified by November 30. Questions? Contact Erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org.

[Submit your proposal today!](#)

Event registration will open in January. For more information on the conference, [click here](#).

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Network for Youth Success Events

(SAVE THE DATE) Apr. 8–9, 2022: The Network's Annual Conference

School's Out, Make it Count!

Mark your calendars! We hope you'll join us next spring for our annual conference to be held at the Troy Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY.

Stay tuned for more information coming this fall. In the meantime, check out our [conference web page](#) for the latest news and information.

Check the Network for Youth Success [events page](#) anytime for a current listing of upcoming events.

Other Events

Oct. 13: How to Empower Upstanders: A Bullying Prevention Approach to Creating Positive Class/Community Culture (virtual training; 12:30–1:15 pm)

There are many ways to prevent bullying in your school communities—come to this workshop to learn about The Leadership Program's approach, Empowering Upstanders. This workshop will give participants tangible ways to create an Upstanders Approach to bullying prevention. To register, [click here](#).

Oct. 14: Introducing Artificial Intelligence Using Curiosity Machine (webinar; 11 am ET)

Artificial intelligence can be fun, hands-on, and connected to real life, even for kids. In this training for educators of upper elementary or middle school students, Technovation will showcase their Curiosity Machine artificial intelligence lessons. With these free lessons from Technovation, help your students learn, play and create solutions to real-world problems with AI. Learn what AI is, how it works, and how your students can use it to solve a problem they care about through our 10-lesson challenge. This is a great program for educators with and without STEM backgrounds! To register, [click here](#).

Oct. 20: The Particularly Puzzling Pervasiveness of Cyber-Bullying: How Bullying Shows Up In Social Media and How It's Affecting You (virtual workshop; 12:30 pm)

What are the messages that our young people receive on the many social media platforms, and how is bullying showing up? And, for that matter—how is bullying impacting YOU through your social media channels? Participants in this workshop hosted by The Leadership Program will share notes and discover just how sneaky and pervasive bullying can be online, and they will learn ways to combat it, both for themselves and for the young people in their lives. To register, [click here](#).

Oct. 21: Adverse Childhood Experiences, Trauma, and Response Virtual Symposium

LaSalle School invites you to join them for a day of challenging conversation for the 2021 ACEs Symposium. The year 2020 brought us COVID-19 and with it a clear and present illustration of the many ways our systems are ill equipped to care for people of color and other marginalized communities. In 2020, the symposium continued to expand how we

examine the impact of environment on a person's life trajectory by discussing the impact of race and ethnicity on health and justice. This year's ACEs Symposium continues that dialogue by moving us from talking about trauma-informed care to implementing meaningful action to promote anti-racist and truly trauma-informed practices to improve health and wellbeing for all. For more information or to register, [click here](#).

Oct. 27: Bullying Is Not Just Something That Happens On The School Yards: Bullying In The Workplace- How To Spot It And How To Prevent It (virtual; 12:30 pm)

When we hear the term "bullying" we oftentimes think it's a problem for our children, in the schoolyards. But how does bullying follow us into adulthood? How does it show up in the workplace? And... how might YOU be the bully? Participants in this webinar from The Leadership Program will take an introspective look at how their behaviors might be detrimental to the forward momentum of their team or organization. To register, [click here](#).

Nov. 4: Going Deeper: From Curiosity Machine to Technovation Girls Challenge (webinar; 11 am ET)

Calling all educators who are interested in teaching your students how to solve global problems with technology! While Technovation's global program is tailored for girls, educators around the world are using this curriculum with all their students. Take your exploration of open-ended design challenges with your students to the next level by learning about this multi-week opportunity for students to dive deep into coding or AI and a passion project that could change the world and themselves. This program will prepare students not only to succeed as a STEM learner but as an entrepreneur as well. To register, [click here](#)

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