



Alysha Branch &lt;alysha@networkforyouthsuccess.org&gt;

## Spotlight on Lights on Afterschool, last chance to share your afterschool story, equity in action, and more

Alli Lidie &lt;Alli@networkforyouthsuccess.org&gt;

Wed, Oct 20, 2021 at 9:12 AM

To: Alysha Branch &lt;alysha@networkforyouthsuccess.org&gt;



### Network Newsletter | October 20, 2021

[Spotlight: Lights on Afterschool New York](#)

[Present at the Network's Annual Conference](#)

[New York Girls STEAM Collaborative IF/THEN Collection Award Application](#)

[Policy Update: Equity in Action](#)

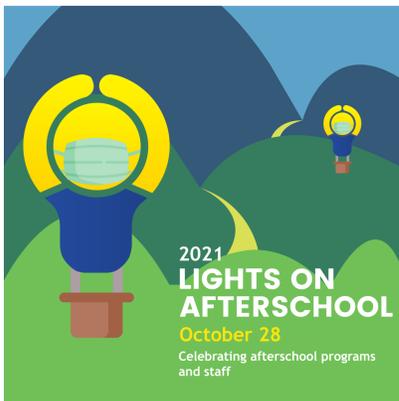
[Research Brief: Harnessing the Power of Afterschool](#)

[Apply to be an OST Meals Champion](#)

[Events](#)

[Support the Network for Youth Success](#)

## Spotlight: Lights on Afterschool New York



**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 join 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 publicly-funded programs are targeted. These families lean on afterschool programs to help them balance life and ensure that their children receive high-quality care and holistic support.

For 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.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our recent webinars. There are plenty more opportunities to join! Check out our upcoming events below.

### 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. 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.**

If you missed part one, New York's Afterschool Landscape, you can **[view the recording here.](#)**

### 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.**

### Celebrate With Us!

We invite you to participate in our two events on October 28 to celebrate New York's afterschool programs.

### Join our Tweetstorm from 12-1 pm.

1. Print the **Lightbulb** graphic and have program staff, parents, and students fill out why they support #LightsOnAfterschool
2. Snap a photo of the finished product (or a selfie of you and your message)
3. Share with us on Facebook or Twitter on October 28, between 12- 1 pm with the hashtag #LightsOnAfterschool or #HelpKidsRecover. Don't forget to tag us on Twitter @NYSYouthSuccess.

Share your lightbulb photo with the Afterschool Alliance for their annual lightbulb challenge!

Tag [#LightbulbChallenge](#) and [#LightsOnAfterschool](#) so that they can share your post! Head over to the [Facebook event](#) to RSVP.

**Join us at our virtual celebration at 5 pm!** Join participants, providers, and other supporters of afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs to shine the #LightsOnAfterschool in New York!

[Register](#)



### Program Spotlight

Want to be featured on Facebook or our enews?

Fill out the personal/program form to tell us about the great things you or your program are doing.

**[Personal Spotlight](#) | [Program Spotlight](#)**

## School's Out, Make it Count! Presenter Submissions Due October 31

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](mailto:Erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org).

### **Submit your proposal today!**

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

## **New York Girls STEAM Collaborative IF/THEN® Collection Award Application**



The New York Girls STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) Collaborative is announcing a NEW award for New York afterschool programs to support their girls in STEAM learning efforts.

Three \$500 awards are available for use in conjunction with the [IF/THEN® Collection](#) (free digital and curriculum resources featuring real women in STEM called STEM Ambassadors). Introduce your girls to the STEM Ambassadors and engage their interest with hands-on/minds-on activities tied to the Ambassadors' work. Funds can be used for a variety of expenses including:

- reusable supplies/kits/technology/books,
- consumables,
- printing expenses,
- field trips, and
- staff time.

To apply, complete this short [application form](#) and submit it by **Friday, November 4 at 1 pm**. Awardees will be announced in mid-November. Want to learn more about using IF/THEN® Collection resources in your program, check out this [webinar](#)!

If you have any questions about this award application, please contact Sara Kobilka from the New York STEAM Girls Collaborative leadership team at [sara@renwomanconsulting.com](mailto:sara@renwomanconsulting.com).

### **Submit your application today.**

## **Policy Update: Equity in Action**

The National Center on Afterschool and Summer Enrichment (NCASE) recently compiled and shared [Equity in Action: Tips for School-Age Child Care Providers](#).

These tips are designed to help build the capacity of school-age child care providers in supporting equity and inclusion. This tip sheet promotes reflection on current practices and offers additional ideas for pursuing equity in your work with children, families, and staff.

To access the tip list, [click here](#).



Creating a safe, welcoming space where children learn and thrive, and families feel supported is a hallmark of high-quality school-age child care. In your program, you are already taking many steps to be inclusive and equitable. This tip sheet can help you reflect on your current practices and offers additional ideas for pursuing equity in your work with children, families, and staff.



## Research Brief: Harnessing the Power of Afterschool and Summer Programs to Support Recovery and Reengagement



The American Institute of Research (AIR) released a research brief explaining how afterschool and summer programs support learning and development. As most of us have seen firsthand, evidence confirms that afterschool and summer learning have a positive influence on students and are related to many positive

outcomes, including increased engagement in school and improved attendance, academic performance, and social and emotional competencies.

AIR's brief emphasizes three key competencies of afterschool programs that promote learning and development:

**Relationships and relationship skills.** Quality programs create a community for youth to be part of outside of school. This helps improve engagement and social emotional learning.

**Sense of agency.** Many programs encourage autonomy and cognitive problem solving. This increases students' engagement and performance, and it helps them build self-efficacy and competence.

**Identity development.** When young people are encouraged to explore their interests and experience new things, this strengthens their ability to foster new passions and develop their sense of self.

This research brief concludes with a list of resources and questions for afterschool programs to consider as they work to build back stronger after the significant disruption in learning due to COVID-19.

[Read the full brief here.](#)

## Are You an Afterschool Meals Champion?

[Apply for the Out of School Time \(OST\) Meals Champions 2022 Cohort Now!](#)

Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign is seeking eight champions who will help to

further their work to expand access to summer and afterschool meals through the Summer Food Service Program and the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program.



They are excited to announce the request for applications for the OST Meals Champions 2022 Cohort. Applicants must have experience running either the Summer Food Service Program or the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program. Anyone who runs both programs is strongly encouraged to apply.

The application will close on Friday, October 29 at 11:59pm ET, and they will make selections by November 30. Commitments will last through December 2022. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Paige Pokorney at [ppokorney@strength.org](mailto:ppokorney@strength.org).

**[Learn more and apply here.](#)**

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

### **November–December 2021: Site Leader Institute (VIRTUAL)**

Site directors in afterschool programs often have skills at working with children and youth but minimal training in program operation and management. In order to build the best foundation for programs, the Network for Youth Success delivers training and support to site directors and leaders.

The goal of this training is to expose new directors to the knowledge base and skill set of effective afterschool supervision and management. The training will focus on the skills and techniques of a supervisor and manager. This includes managing staff roles, supporting staff development, and addressing problems effectively. Participants will also explore techniques for managing themselves, their work, and the work of others (i.e., time management and project management skills).

This year's training will be held over Zoom. Participants who attend all 6 sessions will earn 15 OCFS-approved training hours.

Mon., Nov. 29, 10 am–12:30 pm

Thurs., Dec. 2, 10 am–12:30 pm

Mon., Dec. 6, 10 am–12:30 pm

Thurs., Dec. 9, 10 am–12:30 pm

Mon., Dec. 13, 10 am–12:30 pm

Thurs., Dec. 16, 10 am–12:30 pm

The cost is \$900 per person. For more information or to register, **[click here.](#)**

**(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.

To nominate someone for an award, **[click here](#)**.

---

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

## Other Events

### **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. 20: Bringing The 1619 Project to Afterschool (virtual; 1 pm)**

How can educators working in the afterschool space use resources from *The 1619 Project* to spark their students' creativity, teamwork, critical thinking, and media literacy skills? Join us for a webinar to explore new educational resources and methods to help educators bring *The 1619 Project* into the afterschool space. In addition to examining the history and the legacy of slavery in the United States, these resources guide students in celebrating the contributions of Black Americans to democracy and exploring the genius of Black innovators and artists.

This afternoon, join the Pulitzer Center to learn more about these resources and how afterschool educators can access them freely on the [Mizzen by Mott](#) app. Participants will also hear from experienced afterschool practitioners about their racial justice education work, how they foster safe and inclusive spaces for students when exploring difficult themes, and more.

This webinar is open to all, but it is designed for afterschool educators working with middle school and high school students. To register, **[click here](#)**.

---

### **Oct. 21: Adverse Childhood Experiences, Trauma, and Response Virtual Symposium (9 am–2 pm; register by 8:30 am)**

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](#).

## Quick Ways To Support the Network

Support us through [Amazon Smile](#).

Make a [donation](#).

Become a [member](#).

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



Visit our [COVID-19 Resource Page](#) for updated information and guidance.

Please visit our website at [networkforyouthsuccess.org](http://networkforyouthsuccess.org).  
Donate to our cause at [networkforyouthsuccess.org/donate](http://networkforyouthsuccess.org/donate).

[Remove my name from all future mass email communications:](#)

Address postal inquiries to:  
New York State Network for Youth Success, Inc.  
415 River Street  
Troy, NY 12180