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## Spotlight on Brochure Cover Art Contest, Registration Closing for Advocacy Day, National Mentoring Month, and More!

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## Spotlight: Brochure Cover Art Contest

### Do you have aspiring artists in your program?

The Network is seeking submissions from afterschool participants to design the cover art for our Schools Out, Make it Count! 2023 conference brochure.

We invite all individuals participating in New York State afterschool programs to submit artwork depicting **What Afterschool Means to Me**.

All artwork must be submitted by **January 25, 2023**.

- 5 x 11 (w/ 0.5" white margin on all sides)
- **Portrait style**
- PDF files
- Up to 10 MB

We can't wait to see what afterschool means to you!

**[Submit Your Artwork Here](#)**

The program that submits the selected cover art will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card. All artwork submitted may be used in other Network for Youth Success marketing. *Children will only be identified by first name and last initial, grade, the program they attend, and city.* The winner will be notified by February 7, 2023.



### 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**

## Registration Closing: Afterschool Advocacy

Join us on January 25 to gather and engage in coordinated efforts to amplify the importance of afterschool to state decisionmakers. Participants will meet with legislative offices to express the need to fund afterschool programs in New York. Join to share your perspective and what afterschool means to you and your community!

By registering below, you will continue to receive ongoing updates about Advocacy Day and opportunities for engagement, including call scripts and sample tweets. We encourage you to share this registration link with other supporters of afterschool and summer programs.

Registration for Advocacy Day closes this Friday, January 13.

[Register Today!](#)

**Unable to participate in Advocacy Day?** Support our efforts by sharing an artifact from your program (e.g., photos, videos, testimonials, quotes, etc.). These examples will allow us to show decisionmakers the invaluable work your programs do for students and families. Please send all artifacts to Gabby at [Gabby@NetworkForYouthSuccess.org](mailto:Gabby@NetworkForYouthSuccess.org)

**Tell us what afterschool means to you.** Take five minutes to record a short video of yourself sharing why afterschool is important to you or your community. We encourage you

to share this link with your networks and programs. [Click here](#) to join other afterschool advocates.

## 10 Ways to Support Girls in STEM in 2023

To kick off the new year, National Girls Collaborative Project put together a list of 10 ways to support girls in STEM for the year 2023. The list not only discusses simple ways to make a difference in helping girls explore STEM, it also includes tons of resources to get you started on incorporating more STEM in your programs.



National Girls  
Collaborative Project

**Include the Arts** – Art and design play a big role in many technical and scientific fields. The arts can also make STEM more appealing to students who do not already identify with the sciences. This is where STEAM comes in. The “A” of arts in STEAM can refer to the whole spectrum of the liberal arts including music, history, dance, painting, and more. Not sure where to start with STEAM? Check out the [STEAM Playbook](#), created in partnership between NGCP and the Toy Association’s [Genius of Play](#) initiative. This free playbook includes a collection of play ideas and ready-to-use activities to help you spark children’s interest in STEAM.

**Read STEM-themed books** – STEM-themed books are a wonderful way to begin having conversations with children about STEM. They also provide the opportunity to reflect diversity in STEM in much the same way as movies and digital media. Try reading aloud STEM picture books with female protagonists like [Rosie Revere Engineer](#) and [Ada Twist Scientist](#) by Andrea Beaty. You can find a long list of diverse STEM picture books for elementary students [here](#).

**Find Science Near You** – Sometimes creating your own event or program is daunting. Luckily, there are online resources available to help you find STEAM programs and events near you! [Connected Girls](#), for example, is a free, curated directory of girl-serving STEAM opportunities.

[Click here](#) to check out the full list on the NGCP blog.

## National Mentoring Month

January is [National Mentoring Month](#) - a national celebration of the role models and mentors that have made monumental differences in the lives of so many. Role models and mentors play a significant role in showing young women what is possible for them in STEM.

*“A mentor is someone who allows you to know that no matter how dark the night, in the morning, joy will come. A mentor is someone who allows you to see the higher part of yourself when sometimes it becomes hidden to your own view.” –Oprah Winfrey*



• **Resources for Mentoring Month**

- Career Girls - A comprehensive video-based career exploration tool for girls featuring diverse women STEM role models. It's free to use and contains 16,000 videos, as well as career quizzes and resources.
- FabFems - A collection of resources for role models, educators, and parents to inspire and educate girls about science, computer science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses and careers. The website includes Resources for Role Models and Resources for Girls.
- National Mentoring Resource Center - A collection of mentoring resources including handbooks, curricula, manuals, and other resources that practitioners can use to implement and further develop program practices.
- Techbridge Role Model Training and Resources - These resources are for adult or near-peer role models to develop skills for engaging girls and historically excluded youth in STEM through guides, videos, and questions.

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**

**Mar. 24 & 25: NYSNYS Annual Conference**  
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY



### Snag Your Spot!

This is THE event for education professionals to push the boundaries and create high-quality expanded learning and development opportunities that support New York youth.

Join us for an exciting two days of innovative learning, engagement, and fun with the New York State Network for Youth Success!

### WHAT'S IN STORE!

- Participate in 2 days of engaging trainings that count towards 10 hours of OCFS credits.
- Connect with 500 afterschool practitioners and leaders from across New York.

PLUS...

- Awards
- Vendors
- Daily lunch

For more info & to register, visit [networkforyouthsuccess.org/annual-conference](https://networkforyouthsuccess.org/annual-conference). Stay tuned for more updates on our program, speakers, special events, and more!

**We hope you can join us. See you March 24–25, 2023!**

[Register Today!](#)

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#### Jan. 17: 2023 Regulatory Series

##### ***One Registration, Five Workshops, Nine OCFS Training Areas!***

The Network for Youth Success is here to meet your needs for regulatory training! In this NEW workshop series, participants who attend all 5 sessions will receive 15 OCFS-approved training hours that cover nine OCFS training areas for school-age care. This series is designed for front-line staff who need to obtain the 15 hours of regulatory training, but any staff member working in school-age care is welcome to attend.

Sessions are virtual and will be held on Tuesdays over Zoom from **10 AM to 1:15 PM**.

**Cost: \$300 per participant**

**Click here** for more information and to register!

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#### Jan. 25: Advocacy Day

**Join us** on January 25 to advocate for afterschool budget priorities

**JANUARY 25, 2023**

**NEW YORK STATE CAPITOL**

## **Afterschool Advocacy Day 2023**

Join participants, caregivers, program providers, and other supporters of afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs across the state to advocate for New York's children and families.

Join the Network to:

- Rally support for increased investments in afterschool, summer, and other expanded learning opportunities
- Educate leaders, legislators, and other decisionmakers about the importance of afterschool, summer, and other expanded learning programs.




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### **JEDI Training Series**

#### **Native American Cultural Competency**

January 18, 9:30 — 10:30 am

This presentation will provide a brief overview of Native cultures, health challenges facing many communities, and historical traumas. Emerging strategies to engage with Native American peoples more respectfully, and efforts to restore community wellbeing will also be discussed.

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#### **Jan. 18: Sustainability Series: Cultivating Partnerships: Building Relationships for Sustaining High Quality Programs (12:00 — 1:30 pm)**

What are the benefits to enduring partnerships?

What are the best first steps to take to get strong partnerships going?

How can municipalities and school districts work together to create high quality afterschool and summer programs?

What steps can we take to develop and support champions for our programs?

....and learn about the timely resources the Network for Youth Success has to help you use ARP dollars to build enduring afterschool and summer programs

**Click here** to register.

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

## Other Events

### Jan. 17: Click2Computer Science Virtual Workshop: Developing Computational Thinking in Afterschool (1:30-2:30 pm)

Computational thinking builds problem-solving strategies to help youth prepare for their future. Computational thinking can be a game changer for young people when they learn problem solving skills with computers. This virtual workshop focuses on practice strategies for developing a computationally rich environment in afterschool – with or without computers – and resources so you can get started right away.



[Click here](#) to register for this workshop.

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