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SAC Professional Spotlight: Shaheedah Ali

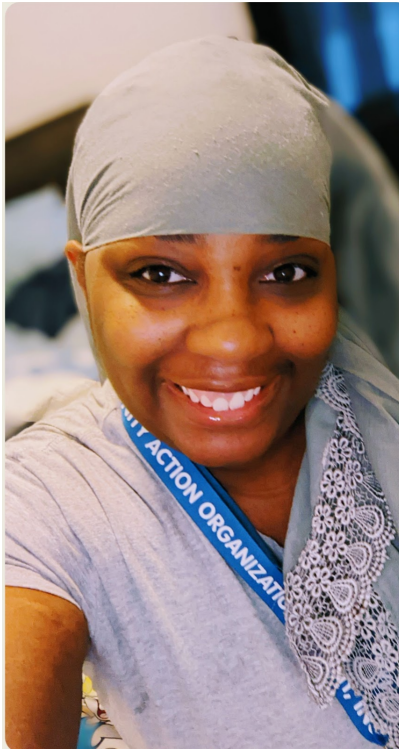
Shaheedah Ali, Program Coordinator of CAO of WNY, began working with the organization's afterschool and summer programming in 2021.

Shaheedah's favorite part of the job is helping children overcome obstacles and accomplish goals. Children being happy and proud of their hard work is what keeps her smiling and going.

She decided to pursue a career in afterschool care to be a positive role model helping children feel included and cared for. Based on Shaheedah's own childhood experiences, she knew she wanted children that she worked with to feel the support and value she did not feel in her own childhood.

The motivation to pursue a career in afterschool care stemmed from Shaheedah's own childhood experiences. She strives to be a positive role model who fosters a supportive space in which children feel included, valued, and cared for—the type of environment missing from her own childhood.

As a mother of children who attend the CAO programs, she saw the positive impact these programs had on her entire family. Wanting to be that source of extra help and support for other families, she began her work at CAO.



Shaheedah took the SAC Credential Course to meet a requirement of her position, and she's so glad she did! Not only did she learn a lot, but she also saw so much growth within herself through the course over the past year.

As a result of taking the course, Shaheedah was able to adapt and make the necessary changes in her program to better support the CAO youth and their families. She learned the importance of inclusive equipment for different ages and how transition activities are a great approach to calm children and get their attention. She also discovered ways to be a better communicator with the children, her staff, and the parents. And most importantly, she identified ways to help children regulate emotions and feelings.

If you are on the path to a career in afterschool, the School Age Credential might be the right step for you. Visit the Network for Youth Success' [website](#) and find a course near you.

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](#)

Virtual Health and Safety for Directors

This virtual director training meets the 15-hour health and safety training requirement for all new directors.

Directors are responsible for hiring, training, and maintaining staff who provide a healthy and safe environment for children. This course will help directors look at policies and procedures that reinforce high-quality health and safety practices. Directors must bring a copy of the policies and procedures from their program.

Registration for the next course offered is open!

The course will be offered over several evenings from 6:30-9:30 pm via zoom. This is a six-day course and participants must attend all sessions for this OCFS approved virtual training.

Training Dates:

- Wednesday, September 6
- Thursday, September 7
- Wednesday, September 13
- Thursday, September 14
- Wednesday, September 20
- Thursday, September 21

Cost: \$300

How to register:

1. Begin your registration [here](#)
2. To make your payment, [click here](#)

You must be accepted to take the course and make your payment to enroll in the course. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

For a full list of event policies, [click here](#).

Questions?

Contact Erin via email at erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org

Framework for Safe, Supportive, and Affirming School Environments for Transgender and Gender Expansive (TGE) Students

On June 12, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) released a framework and legal update, ***Creating a Safe, Supportive, and Affirming School Environment for Transgender and Gender Expansive Students: 2023 Legal Update and Best Practices***, to support schools in fostering an educational environment that supports transgender and gender expansive students. This framework builds on NYSED's **2015 Guidance to School Districts for Creating a Safe, and Supportive School Environment for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students**. The update:

- Reflects changes in New York State Human Rights Law and federal laws concerning bullying, harassment, discrimination, and student privacy.
- Provides current national and New York State data on the experiences of TGE students.
- Offers updated and expanded resources for schools.
- Provides best practices for supporting TGE students and recommended best practices to move away from gender-based activities.
- Includes voices and lived experiences of TGE students.

To read the media release from NYSED, [click here](#).

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

Mizzen Summer Camp Activities

Are you ready to embark on an epic adventure where curiosity meets the great outdoors? Create wonder about the natural world with California Academy of Sciences at Mizzen Summer Camp.

Mizzen by Mott and the California Academy of Sciences team up to bring you content that will:

- Captivate your youth's interest.
- Inspire critical thinking.
- Promote a profound appreciation of the natural world.

Check out these science activities:

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Organize your science notebook California Academy of Sciences

A science notebook is a record, both of youths' sense making process and their learning overtime. Guide youth through setting up their science notebooks to get ready for learning.

Using the iNaturalist App to Conduct a Bug Safari

California Academy of Sciences

Youth will practice using scientific tools to conduct bug safari observation, gently collecting arthropods, taking photos, and recording their findings in the free iNaturalist app for nature research.



Using the GLOBE Observer App to Conduct a Sky Survey California Academy of Sciences

Youth will step into the shoes of scientists by exploring the features of the sky using the free GLOBE observer app to submit their celestial sightings to NASA researchers who are studying the connection between the cloud and climate.

Sketching for Observation Exercises California Academy of Sciences

Scientific sketching is not about making a pretty picture! It's about looking at something so closely that you notice something new. Help youth practice sketching for observation, data collection, and analysis during a science investigation.



Explore these science activities and even more on the [free mizzen app](#).

Network for Youth Success is Hiring

The Network for Youth Success has two openings on our team! We invite you to share the job listing with any colleagues who may be a good fit for the Network.

The New York State Network for Youth Success (the Network) is a statewide organization dedicated to strengthening the capacity and commitment of communities, programs, and professionals to increase access to high-quality programs and services beyond the traditional classroom. For nearly three decades, the Network has served a critical role to advance equitable expanded learning ecosystems throughout New York state. We work to ensure high-quality afterschool and summer programs are available so all of New York's youth—and especially youth from low-income families, youth of color, and youth of other marginalized identities—can have the opportunities they deserve to thrive. The Network is dedicated to building responsive community systems to support quality afterschool, youth development, and summer programs for New York's youth.

Events Coordinator

Position Description

The Network for Youth Success' Event Coordinator's main priority is creating and maintaining a sustainable multi-day annual conference that includes three different components (21st Century Community Learning Centers, Community Schools Equity and Resilience, and School's Out, Make it Count!). Secondary priorities include Wayne MOST support and other training supports.

The purpose of the Events Coordinator position is to organize high quality, sustainable, and engaging events for the afterschool, summer, and expanded learning fields, including community schools.

STEAM Coordinator

Position Description

The Network for Youth Success is seeking a driven candidate with a dedicated interest in youth development and STEAM education for a full-time staff position starting in late 2022 under the supervision of the Professional Development Director with guidance from the Regional Network Director and CEO. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) is the leading growing sector of the economy; however, students' opportunities to learn and experience STEAM aren't equitable. Afterschool programs provide an excellent venue for students to explore STEAM concepts and learn STEAM skills in a way that there isn't always time for in the standard-driven school day.

Application Process

Please send cover letter and résumé to Kelly McMahon, CEO, at Kelly@NetworkForYouthSuccess.org.

In the cover letter please address the following:

- Why you are interested in working for the Network
- Experience in event planning and other relevant experiences

Strong preference will be given to candidates with strong and clearly written cover letters.

Please include **"Events Coordinator"** or **"STEAM Coordinator"** in the email subject line.

These positions are open and ready to be filled immediately. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Network will be conducting interviews on a rolling basis, so we encourage you to send in applications as soon as possible.

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

Virtual & Asynchronous Distance Learning SAC Credential Registration is Now Open!**NYS SAC Credential Part 2* - (Fall)****Dates:** September 15 – December 15, 2023**Time:** Fridays, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm**Instructor:** Alicia Salamone-Powers, Timothy Fowler, Erin Broderick**Cost:** \$1,250 per semester. Individuals must take both semesters (Part 1 and Part 2)**NYS SAC Credential Part 1* - (Fall)****Dates:** August 28, 2023 - December 18, 2023**Instructor:** Alysha Branch**Method of Instruction:** Asynchronous Distance Learning (via Google Classroom)**Cost:** \$940.00 per semester. Individuals must take both semesters (Part 1 and Part 2)**NYS SAC Credential Part 2* - (Spring)****Dates:** January 8, 2024 - April 28, 2024**Instructor:** Alysha Branch**Method of Instruction:** Asynchronous Distance Learning (via Google Classroom)**Cost:** \$940.00 per semester. Individuals must take both semesters (Part 1 and Part 2)

**Classes (Parts 1 and 2) can be taken in either order (in a variety of formats), but not at the same time.*

Register Today!**Have Questions?**Email Erin@NetworkForYouthSuccess.Org

Note: There may be other virtual or face-to-face classes in your area. For a listing go [here](#). Pricing and times will vary.

*Registration closes two weeks prior to the start date or when the course is full.

Sept. 6-21: Virtual Health and Safety for Directors! (6:30- 9:30 pm)

This meets the 15-hour health and safety training requirement for all new directors*.

To register:

Two Part Registration

1. Begin Your Registration [Here](#)2. Make Your Payment [Here](#)

*You must be accepted to take the course and make your payment to enroll in the course.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

See "Virtual Health and Safety section" for more details.

*Directors of programs operating under an NYS OCFS SAC License.

JEDI Series Training**Windows & Mirrors: LGBTQIA-Affirming Programs and Curriculum****June 28, 10:00 am - 11:00 am | [Register Now](#)****July 11, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | [Register Now](#)**

Adults in youth programs and education settings have a unique opportunity to provide programming and materials that allow youth to see themselves and their families represented. When we do this, we also prepare youth for interacting with the world around them and help them build skills to be better friends and bystanders. This session introduces

the “Mirrors & Windows” learning theory (coined by educator Emily Styles in 1988) and provides examples for improvements to curriculum and programming.

Bias: A Human Condition

June 30, 10:00 am - 11:30 am | [Register Now](#)

July 11, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm | [Register Now](#)

This highly interactive training opportunity will discuss the neurological basis for implicit bias. Participants will be able to reframe their understanding of bias and learn practical definitions for diversity, equity, and inclusion terms. Real-life examples and relevant research will be discussed to assist participants in identifying bias within various every day and educational contexts.

Bias Blocks: Practical Solutions for Equitable Change

July 6, 10:00 am - 11:30 am | [Register Now](#)

July 20, 10:00 am - 11:30 pm | [Register Now](#)

Participants will continue to explore the effects of bias while focusing on solutions for reducing bias at the personal and institutional levels. They will be introduced to evidence-based strategies that interrupt biased thinking, reflective prompts for sustainable bias mitigation, and assessment considerations for equitable outcomes. Tools and resource lists will be provided to assist participants in developing action plans for change.

Teaching of the Good Mind— The Story of Spirit and Intent

July 14, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm | [Register Now](#)

Accessibility 101

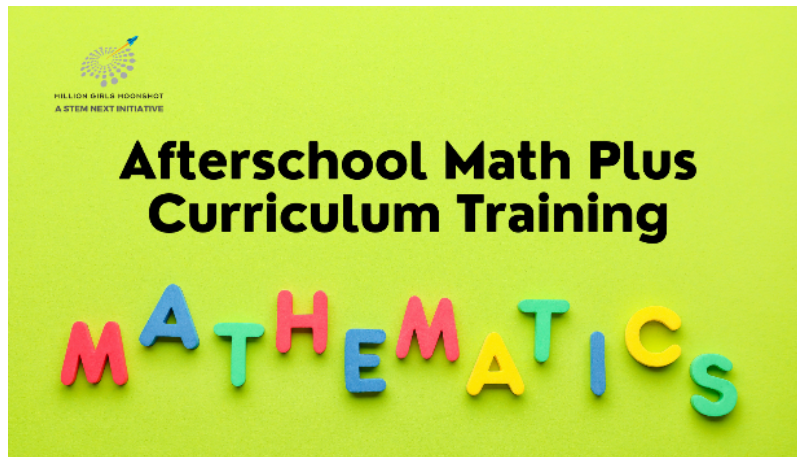
July 20, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm | [Register Now](#)

Accessibility is a buzzword, but what does it mean when you're working with youth? This interactive session will provide an introduction to what accessibility is and why it matters in your programs and organizations. Participants will practice skills such as using inclusive language, combating microaggressions and more. No matter their role in their organization, participants will leave with strategies for how they can bring accessibility in all of their work. Attending this session is a prerequisite to attending other sessions from this facilitation team.

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

Other Events

Afterschool Math Plus Curriculum Training (Thursdays 1– 2 pm)



Click below to register for one or more of the webinars and learn how to use Afterschool Math Plus activities in your afterschool time program.

July 18th | Jump Rope Math: Going to Great Lengths

Observe patterns, create a scatter graph, and analyze data to make predictions about connections between jump rope length and jumper height.

August 15th | Jump Rope Math: Designing a Math Investigation

Use bar graphs, line graphs, scatter graphs and Venn diagrams to explore different ways of answering math questions about jumping rope.

Note: Each webinar will include strategies to support a positive Math Identity (e.g., role models, career connections, family connections, literacy connections).

Register for each individual training session [here](#).

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