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Spotlight on Fall Site Leader Institute, Techbridge Girls Curriculum Training, Findings from Youth Mental Health Listening Tour, and More!

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Spotlight: Register for the Fall Site Leader Institute

Site directors in afterschool programs are often skilled at working with children and youth, but have little to no training in program operation and management. In order to build the best foundation for programs, the Network for Youth Success will deliver training and support to site directors and leaders.



This training "made me reflect on what type of supervisor I am, and how I can improve to help out my staff."

The goal of this training is to expose new directors to the knowledge base and skillset 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).

"I loved the workshop. It's going to help me not only in my professional life but also my personal life."

In order to promote positive youth development in afterschool programs, the trainers will model and utilize those same approaches for the adult learners. Webinars will utilize the chat and polling features to promote participants' engagement and critical thinking. In-person trainings will use multiple grouping strategies and various techniques for multiple learning styles, both to teach content effectively and to show supervisors methods they can use with their staff and the youth they serve.

All training events will be led by Professional Development Director Timothy Fowler.

"Timothy has been THE BEST presenter, trainer, etc. He's always clear, concise, and makes everything easier to understand & made sure that we did before we moved on."

This year's training will be held over Zoom. Participants who attend all 6 sessions (dates listed below under Network for Youth Success Events) will earn 15 OCFS-approved training hours. The total cost is \$700 per person.

For more information, visit the **Site Leader Institute page** on the Network's website.

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**

Techbridge Girls Curriculum Training

Get free STEM curriculum focused on girls of color this fall. Techbridge Girls is offering three different programs to encourage more young people to engage in STEAM. Space at these trainings is limited, so apply today!



Curriculum Programs

IGNITE

Ignite sparks 3rd-8th grade girls'* interest in their STEM journey. In this program, afterschool time educators work with girls* to deliver engaging STEM and social-emotional supportive activities. Ignite offers easy-to-access, high-quality, broad STEM and social-emotional learning (SEL) content through fun, engaging STEM experiences that build connection, community, and family engagement.

Educators will participate in a 2-hour asynchronous training and have access to an 8-session curriculum program to host with youth. **Learn more.**

INSPIRE & CHANGEMAKERS

Inspire (3rd-5th grade) and ChangeMakers (6th-8th grade) encourage girls to explore a wide range of hands-on STEM activities and build STEM joy and belonging. In this program, afterschool time educators work with girls* to deliver engaging STEM through the contributions of BIPOC women who have used STEM as a tool to positively impact systems, communities, and their personal lives.

Inspire and ChangeMakers offer rigorous synchronous and asynchronous training in hands-on STEM and effective practices with delivering equitable STEM education. Participants will

also have access to a peer learning community to share insights and challenges as they build their capacity as equity educators.

Want to learn more? Join an upcoming information session to learn the details.

July 13 at 7:00pm

August 8 at 3:00pm

Application deadline is September 6th!

Recap: Findings from Statewide Youth Mental Health Listening Tour

On June 15, Governor Hochul hosted the Summit on Youth Mental Health to convene leaders, experts, and youth to discuss the findings in the Youth Listening Tour summary report.

In April and May, the Office of Mental Health and Office (OMH) of Children and Family Services (OCFS) conducted listening sessions with a total of 197 youth in 5 locations around New York State. OCFS and OMH asked youth ages 13-18 about the impact of the pandemic on their mental health, social media, schools promotion of student wellness, the types of mental health programs that would help them at school, and the advice they would give to their peers struggling with mental health issues.

The youth listening tour identified overall themes such as:

- The impact of the pandemic varied among youth and over time
- The extent to which youth understand the benefits and risks of social media
- The challenges youth face in developing positive peer relationships and social skills is and their desire for multiple school and community-based approaches to address this.
- The overall perception of a lack of empathy and cultural sensitivity in adults. Thus, youth prefer mental health interactions with trusted adults who are like them.

Read the full summary and press release.

Virtual 2023 Infant/Toddler and School age Care Institute



ITSACCI
Virtual 2023
Infant/Toddler and School-Age
Child Care Institute

Save the Dates!
August 15–17, 2023
1:00–4:00 p.m. (EDT) daily

DAY 1 Infant/Toddler and School-Age Combined Focus

DAY 2 School-Age Focus

DAY 3 Infant/Toddler Focus

Celebrating the Investments That Positively Impact Social-Emotional Wellness and Mental Health for Children, Families, and the Workforce

Please visit our website and register:
www.occ-cmc.org/ITSACCI2023

If you have any questions, please contact the Child Care Communications Management Center by e-mail at occ-cmc@strategixmanagement.com.

We are pleased to share some information regarding the Virtual 2023 Infant/Toddler and School-Age Child Care Institute (ITSACCI).

The Institute will take place on August 15–17, 2023, from 1—4:30 pm each day. The focus will be on social-emotional wellness and mental health for children, families, and the workforce.

- Day 1: Combined Infant/Toddler and School-Age Day to set the stage for the age-focused days to follow
- Day 2: Sole focus on school-age with multiple interactive breakout sessions!

[Click here](#) to register for the institute. For additional details, visit the ITSACCI [website](#).

Building Engineering Mindsets with NASA



Looking for activities you can implement in your afterschool program today? Say goodbye to googling or searching on Pinterest. Use the following activities in sequence to support youth in building an engineering mindset.

- **First Woman Camp Experience:** Hands-on activities that accompany NASA's "First Woman" graphic novel series.

- **James Webb Space Telescope STEM Toolkit:** Virtual and classroom resources related to the James Webb Space Telescope.
- **Sun STEM Toolkit:** Virtual and classroom resources related to the sun.
- **Sustainable Aviation STEM Toolkit:** Virtual and classroom resources related to aviation.
- **NASA Coloring Pages:** Color and learn about some faraway worlds with these coloring pages.
- **NASA for Students Grades K-4:** Fun activities centered around all things NASA. Games, puzzles, color, and more.
- **Space Place Art Challenge:** Space Place monthly art missions. Draw, color or paint the subject of the month.
- **Climate Kids:** Learn about weather and climate through games, activities, and videos
- **Build to Launch with LEGO Education and Artemis I:** An interactive digital learning adventure that explores the Artemis I mission to the Moon.
- **Clean Room - Europa Clipper:** Watch this live YouTube stream as NASA's Europa Clipper, is built and tested.
- **Learn the Phases of the Moon:** Assemble a printable Moon Phases Calendar and Calculator.
- **Night Sky Network:** Astronomy clubs bring the wonder of the universe to the public.
- **NASA Space Voyagers Game:** A strategy card game where students explore the solar system.
- **Mars Scavenger Hunt!:** Students participate in a Martian mission by completing the Mars scavenger hunt.

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 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

To register:

Two Part Registration

1. Begin your registration [here](#)

2. Make your payment [here](#)

Note: 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.

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

JEDI Series Training



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

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

Pete Hill is an exceptional trainer, and past attendees have raved about this JEDI session and the positive and profound impact it has on their mindset.

"I was a beautiful teaching. I am especially moved by the part about using historical traumatic experiences to grow from and heal. I think it takes a "good mind" to be able to do that. I hope to be able to express a good mind more often and awareness is the first step. Thank you."

Bias Blocks: Practical Solutions for Equitable Change

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.

Accessibility 101

July 28, 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.

Oct. 20: Site Leader Institute

Are you a new site-level manager? Are you starting an afterschool program with a new grant? The Site Leader Institute can help you grow into your new role. Visit our Site Leader Institute [webpage](#) for more details and to register.

There are six total sessions for 15 OCFS-approved training hours. All sessions are held 9:30 am–12:30 pm.

Tuesday, October 10th
Thursday, October 12th
Tuesday, October 17th
Thursday, October 19th
Tuesday, October 24th
Thursday, October 26th

[Click here](#) to register.

Apr. 17-20: SAVE THE DATE Empower Youth Success Conference 2024

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss the Network's Empower Youth Success 2024 conference, which will tackle the issues that matter most to you and your organization.

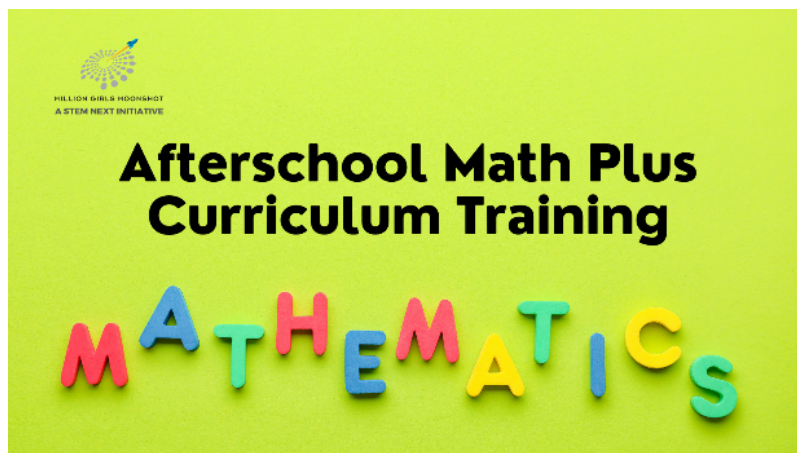
1. The NYS Community Schools Resilience & Equity Conference (April 17 & 18)
2. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Conference (April 19)
3. School's Out, Make it Count (April 19 & 20)

We are excited to announce the conference partners for next year's Empower Youth Success Conference: SED, Finger Lakes Community Schools, Binghamton University, NYC Technical Assistance Resource Center (NYC TARC), and Change Impact.

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 18 | 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 15 | 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](#).

View previous recordings below:

April

May

June

Oct. 6, 10, 17: Scientific Adventures for Girls Math Curriculum Training (12:00-1:00PM)**Harnessing the Magic of Math**

Join this dynamic, three-part virtual training series designed to breathe life into math through games; meaningful, kid-friendly data analysis; and nature exploration. Sessions focus on strategies that accommodate multiple grade levels and ability levels, helping you meet each student where they are. Prepare to turn your after-school program into a vibrant and engaging mathematical journey!

- **Oct. 3: Let's Play**

Delve into the world where play meets mathematics. In this session, explore how common game pieces, such as dominoes and dice, can be transformed into effective math teaching and exploration tools. You'll learn strategies for presenting math concepts in a playful, engaging manner, catering to different grade levels and ability levels. Also discuss how games can enhance critical thinking, problem-solving, and cooperative learning among students.

- **Oct. 10: Data Detectives**

In our second session, focus on strategies to collect and analyze data in fun and meaningful ways. From measuring the bounce of different balls and exploring exponential decay by eating M&M's, you'll learn to demonstrate how students can become active participants in the world of gathering and interpreting data.

- **Oct. 17: Nature's Numbers: Exploring Shapes & Patterns**

Explore the geometric patterns and 3-D shapes that exist in the natural world, demonstrating how these can be used to enrich math learning. This session will equip you with strategies to engage all students, from the youngest to the oldest, and from beginner to advanced levels.

REGISTER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SESSION [HERE](#)

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