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Spotlight on Diyoni Stith, Afterschool Advocacy Day Registration, Mindfulness Practice, and More!

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SAC Spotlight: Diyoni Stith



Diyoni Stith began his work in youth development as a summer youth employee in 2015, and he currently serves as a **program director at Grand Street Settlement**. In this role, Diyoni is able to provide the staff team with the tools to ensure that participants are given the best experience as possible while in their care.

Through Diyoni's program, he is able to host family events to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. These are his favorite events because of the family-community aspect that allows him to give back while bringing families together. During their Thanksgiving event, [Grand Street Settlement](#) offers grab-and-go meals and turkey giveaways. The community members are always grateful—for some, this may be their only warm meal during the holiday season.

Not only are these events Diyoni's favorite part of his role, they are a huge benefit to afterschool. These outreach events create lasting bonds, foster strong community relationships, and encourage compassion as they uplift children in the program and

the community.

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.

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Register Now: Afterschool Advocacy Day is January 30, 2024

JANUARY 30, 2024

NEW YORK STATE CAPITOL



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



Join supporters of afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs to uplift the necessity of increasing access to high-quality afterschool programs for New York's youth and families.

Legislators will be at the Capitol negotiating with their colleagues about what programs to fund in the FY 2024-25 budget, and we need your voice to show them that afterschool cannot be an afterthought. Afterschool programs play a crucial role in caring for and supporting youth academically, socially, and emotionally while their families are at work. Afterschool advocacy is crucial to increasing access to these programs for all New York youth.

This year, the NYS Network for Youth Success is hosting our annual Afterschool Advocacy Day event at the State Capitol on January 30. We hope to maximize participation from afterschool advocates, including afterschool professionals, families, and youth themselves, by scheduling meetings and creating new opportunities for youth to showcase their program to legislators.

Help us make the case for afterschool by registering below! Registration closes on Friday, January 19.

Register Today!

Please Note: Meeting schedules with legislative offices are set based on Advocacy Day registration. We kindly ask that you be present for the meetings that you are scheduled to attend.

Mindfulness Practices and Wellness Trainings

from Kid-Grit

Team kid-grit has announced their FREE Virtual Series to share mindfulness practices for the wellness of staff and students.



Methods to Move through Trauma

October 17, 2023

12-1 pm

Join this online event that focuses on aiding staff who are supporting students with trauma. This event is part of the kid-grit Series, designed to empower educators and caregivers.

In this session, staff will learn how to manage their emotional state and build strategies of resilience so they can show up for students with strength, calm, and hope.

November 14, 2023

7 pm

Participants will examine their own self-awareness and life balance in order to assess how they are managing life during these mostprecedented times in history. We will introduce mindfulness tools and emotional intelligence strategies that help people to stay healthy and productive. We will also explore how to apply what we experience in our work as youth development professionals and educators by addressing — mindfulness, body awareness, community and connection, and digital and social media consciousness.

Holistic Wellness



Creative Writing for Mental Wellness

December 12, 2023

12 pm

A powerful and transformative experience that will help participants develop a deeper understanding of themselves, build social-emotional skills, and connect with others in a meaningful way. By reflecting on thoughts and feelings, participants will develop a deeper understanding of their own mental health, emotional intelligence, and well-being.

Fall Into Learning With Mizzen

Monarch butterflies, grey whales, and ladybugs are on the move.

It's fall, and many insects and animals are looking to stock up on a few more reserves for winter — or set out on a jaw-dropping journey to warmer climes or better feeding grounds.

That's why Mizzen is sharing content from their fall collection to help you open worlds of exploration to youth. With these activities, youth will dive into animal migration, learn about seasonal foods and sustainability, and build models of Earth's movement beneath our feet.

Dip into this exciting content now with activities that bring STEM learning to life!



ANIMAL MIGRATIONS

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Playlist

Youth will explore the migratory patterns of butterflies, bats, and raptors. Learn why insects and animals make daring annual treks to new places and use your five senses and STEM skills to make observations about the world around you.



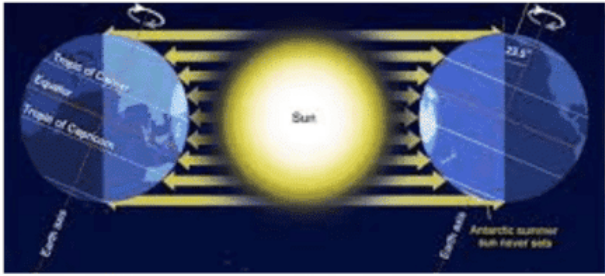
IN SEASON, HEALTHY EATING

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Grades 2-6


Youth will dive into the in-season eating habits of five different birds and learn how their adaptations help them get through the cold winter months. Along the way, they'll learn how seasonal eating also helps humans and the planet.





MODEL OF THE SEASONS
OREGONASK
 Grades 6-8

In this STEM, astronomy, and team-building activity, youth explore how Earth's rotation causes day and night and how the movement and tilt brings about the seasons. Working in groups, they'll make a model of the Earth to learn about axis, rotation, tilt, and orbit.



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Network for Youth Success Events

Asynchronous Distance Learning SAC Credential Registration is Now Open!

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.

Oct 12: Acres Training: Register for the NY Cohorts**NY Cohorts**

Are you ready to bring meaningful STEM learning into your program? The ACRES module offers educators who are new to facilitating STEM the opportunity to build supportive relationships with other educators, while exploring the principles of STEM learning. This module combines an introduction to STEM facilitation with the skill of Asking Purposeful Questions.

This series (valued at \$250) is offered at **no cost** to participants, for a limited time (Fall 2023 only) thanks to funding from the National Science Foundation grant #2115229 and #1713134.

Here's how to register:

1. First, enroll in ACRES.
2. Once you are logged in, sign up for this opportunity using one of the

following codes:

- **NY341PQ:** Coach Roberto, meets Saturdays 10 AM-Noon on October 21, 28, and November 4, 2023*
- **NY 30-39** (Coach Kaycia S.), meets Wednesdays 4:30-6:30 PM on October 28 and November 1 and 8

*The expectation is that you will attend all three sessions and be an active member of this coaching cohort.

Not sure if this is the right opportunity for you? Check out this testimonial about ACRES training: <https://youtu.be/ZUp7DVOuhEY>

Training Opportunities Available for the 2023-2024 school year!**Supervision of Children and Youth in Afterschool Programs**

Learn how to keep the children and youth in your program safe by implementing different supervision tips and tricks. Learn more about your role as a teacher and also how to create a safe environment that allows for safe and successful supervision.

Presenter: Alysha Branch or Sara Rickan
OCFS Area(s): 3, 4
Location: Virtual-Live, via Zoom

Two Training Dates Available

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
10:00am - 12:00pm

Thursday, January 25, 2024
10:00am - 12:00pm

Encouraging Positive Behavior

Part of working with children also includes managing behaviors. This training will help participants identify common misbehaviors in after school programs and how the environment plays a role. Learn techniques to guide positive behaviors and turn misbehaviors into teachable moments for youth.

Presenter: Alysha Branch or Sara Rickan
OCFS Area(s): 1, 3
Location: Virtual-Live, via Zoom

Two Training Dates Available

Thursday, November 16, 2023
6:30 - 8:30pm

Thursday, February 29, 2024
10:00am - 12:00pm

Click here to register.

Empower Youth Success 2024

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.

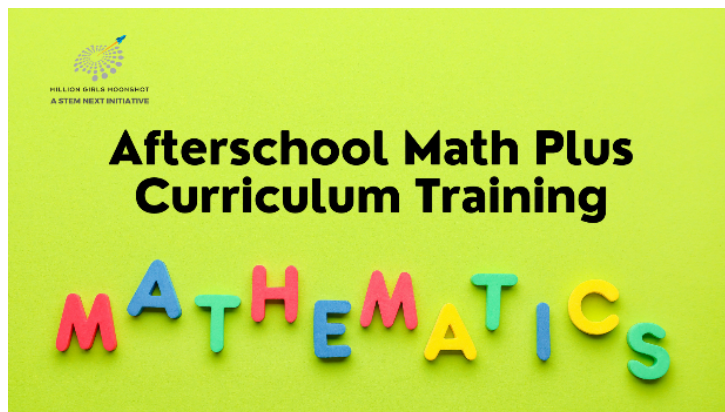
1. The NYS Community Schools Resilience & Equity Conference (April 17 & 18)
2. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Conference (April 19)
3. School's Out, Make it Count (April 19 & 20)

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.

October 17th | MusicMath: Composing Music (with Math!)

Experiment with repeating patterns and create new arrangements using similar sounds in different sequences.

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. 10 & 17: Scientific Adventures for Girls Math Curriculum Training (12:00-1:00PM)



HILLION GIRLS MOONSHOT
A STEM NEXT INITIATIVE

**HARNESSING
THE MAGIC
OF MATH**

Join Scientific Adventures for Girls for a dynamic three-part virtual training series designed to make math magical through games, kid-friendly data analysis, and nature exploration!

October 3, 10, & 17th
12-1PM EST / 9-10AM PST

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. 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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