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Spotlight on Empower Youth Success Conference, Register for Afterschool Advocacy Day, Lights On Afterschool, and More!

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Spotlight: Empower Youth Success Conference and RFP

SAVE THE DATES:
APRIL 17-20, 2024

Empower Youth Success 2024

Featuring:

NYS Community Schools Resilience & Equity Conference
April 17 & 18

21st Century Community Learning Center Conference
April 19

School's Out, Make it Count! 2024
April 19 & 20

Registration opens this winter! More information will be available on our website soon.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS can be booked [here](#) or contact the hotel directly at 518-272-1700 to make your reservations using our group code: NYNYS

Seeking energetic presenters for School's Out, Make It Count! 2024

Looking to share your knowledge of the field? Come present at **School's Out, Make It Count! 2024**, New York's statewide conference for afterschool professionals.

The conference will take place on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY.

This event brings in hundreds of 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 accept proposals on the following topics, but we're open to new and innovative ideas. Sessions are either 30 or 90 minutes long.

- Justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion (JEDI)
- 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
- Culturally responsive programming and practices
- 21st century skills

Submit Your Proposal Today!

All submissions are **due by November 17, 2023**, and selected presenters will be notified by December 31, 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

Register Now: Afterschool Advocacy Day 2024



Help us make the case for afterschool! Join supporters of afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs to uplift the need to increase access to high-quality afterschool programs for New York's youth and families.

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. We will schedule meetings and create new opportunities for youth to showcase their program to legislators.

Thinking about bringing youth and families to Advocacy Day? We ask that you register by the priority deadline, November 17. This will allow us to coordinate with you to ensure the youth joining us have a meaningful experience. Registration closes on Friday, January 19.

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

Register Today!

Want to learn more the basics of afterschool advocacy, how to effectively share your story with decisionmakers, and how to engage youth and families in advocacy? Check out our Power of 3:00 Afterschool Advocacy Webinar series [here](#).

2023 Lights On Afterschool



Take the #LightbulbChallenge

Take a photo of yourself mimicking the Lights On Afterschool logo and post it on social media.

We are just 1 week away from Lights On Afterschool. It's not too late to get your community involved in the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of youth, families, and communities.

Lights On draws attention to the many ways afterschool programs support youth by offering them opportunities to learn new things and discover new skills. Lights On highlights the importance of afterschool and the need for quality afterschool programs for all youth.

Even if you aren't hosting your own event this year, there are still plenty of fun, easy, and cost-effective ways to get involved

in Lights On, like participating in the Lightbulb Challenge. To participate:

1. **Strike a pose.** Take a photo of yourself, students in your program, teachers, or parents/caregivers posing in the shape of our Lights On Afterschool logo.
2. **Share on social media.** Post your photos on social media platforms with the hashtags #LightbulbChallenge and #LightsOnAfterschool.
3. **Inspire others.** In your social media captions, encourage others to follow in your footsteps. Tag afterschool programs, educators, and people you'd like to see participating and challenge them to post their own photos.

You can also involve your students in the creative process by asking young artists to craft their own lightbulbs by drawing, painting, or decorating **printouts of the Lights On lightbulb** and sharing a photo of them with their unique lightbulbs.

We encourage you to continue **registering your Lights On Afterschool celebration** to share what you and your program are doing to celebrate!

NASA Activity Playlist



Looking for fun and engaging activities for your program? Check out these NASA inspired activities ready to be implemented tomorrow!

- **Build a Pizza Box Solar Oven:** Use easily found materials to create an oven where students can cook s'mores. The activity answers the question "What has engineering got to do with me?" in a way that is fun.
- **Hands-On Math: Fraction Math Trees:** This fun, hands-on, kinesthetic and visual approach to learning about fractions produces "math art".
- **Welcome to Space Math @ NASA:** A collection of math videos, books, and activities that are sorted by grade level, science topic, NASA missions, and engineering topics. All activities are based on NASA Mission and projects.
- **STEM Lessons From Space: Mathematics:** A collection of math and engineering activities, videos, and resources with a focus on the International Space Station.
- **The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers:** A collection of fun and easy activities for ages 4-18 that cover a broad spectrum—everything from designing devices to addressing climate change to coding.
- **STEM Activities for Families:** Family engagement is a key factor in developing a positive STEM identity and success in STEM. These easy-to-implement, hands-on activities can be shared with families. The activities focus on engineering, technology, and math skills and content.

Student Mental Health Toolkit

Governor Kathy Hochul recently announced a multi-agency collaboration with New York PBS stations to equip prekindergarten-grade 12 educators with resources and strategies they can rely on to support the mental well-being of their students. Produced by The WNET Group with assistance from the state Office of Mental Health and the State Education, [Student Mental Health Matters: A Toolkit for Educators](#) is available free online and provides more than 50 digital videos addressing topics specific to youth mental health.

The toolkit focuses on five distinct topics that primary and secondary educators often encounter among students: suicide prevention, stress and anxiety, self-harm, adverse childhood experiences, and social media. Each topic includes short videos providing expert perspectives from mental health professionals, school administrators and educators aimed at helping teachers better understand these challenges; student perspectives revealing the lived experience of students; and strategies providing real-world applications for teachers' practices.

[Click here](#) for the Student Mental Health Matters Toolkit.

DiscoverE: Chats with Change Makers



Calling all elementary and middle school students!

Tune into the DiscoverE monthly series "Chats with Change Makers," hosted by high school senior Kavya, to meet STEM professionals who are working hard to change the world.

Teachers and parents are invited to tune-in along with their students to meet an engineer and ask questions.

Join on Thursdays at 1pm for new LIVE monthly chats!

- [Nov 2](#)
- [Dec 7](#)
- [Jan 25](#)
- [Feb 22](#)
- [Mar 21](#)
- [Apr 25](#)
- [May 23](#)

Millions Girls Moonshot Flight Crew



FLIGHT CREW

MILLION GIRLS MOONSHOT

The application for the 2024 Million Girls Moonshot Flight Crew is now OPEN! The Moonshot has launched a nationwide search for the next Flight Crew. This group of youth advocates promote the value of afterschool STEM learning and equity in STEM for young people across the nation.

All girls, non-binary or cis-gender youth, ages 13-18, with experience in afterschool and summer STEM learning, can **apply here.** (Deadline December 1st)

From February - September 2024, the Flight Crew will:

- Act as a champion for afterschool STEM by sharing their first-hand, impactful STEM experiences beyond the classroom;
- Work with state leaders on relevant opportunities to advocate for STEM, create social media content and connect with media;
- Aspire to break down stereotypes and spark their peers' curiosity in STEM by connecting their STEM experiences to everyday life; and
- Receive leadership development opportunities, including public speaking, social media, and connections to mentors.

Youth Should 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

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)**

NYS SAC Credential Part 1* - (Spring)

Dates: January 12, 2024 - March 29, 2024

Time: Fridays, 9:30am - 12:30 pm

Instructor: Sara Rickan

Method of Instruction: Virtual-Live (via Zoom)

Cost: \$1,250 per semester. Individuals must take both semesters (Part 1 and Part 2)**

NYS SAC Credential Part 1* - (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 21: 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 to 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

Date Available

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.

Oct. 25: 2023 Regulatory Series

The Network for Youth Success is here to meet your needs for regulatory training! In this workshop series participants will receive training hours that covers nine OCFS training areas for school-age care. This series is designed for front-line staff who need to obtain regulatory training but any staff working in school-age care is welcome to attend.

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

The cost is \$80 per session if you want to select which ones you attend. Registration is limited, [click here](#) to save your spot.

Oct. 25: Learning Centers and Activities for School Age Programs

Presenter: Arlene Rider Ph.D.
OCFS areas 1,3

Nov. 1: Keeping Children Safe and Protected

Presenter: Dallas Garven
OCFS areas 4, 6, 7, 8

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)

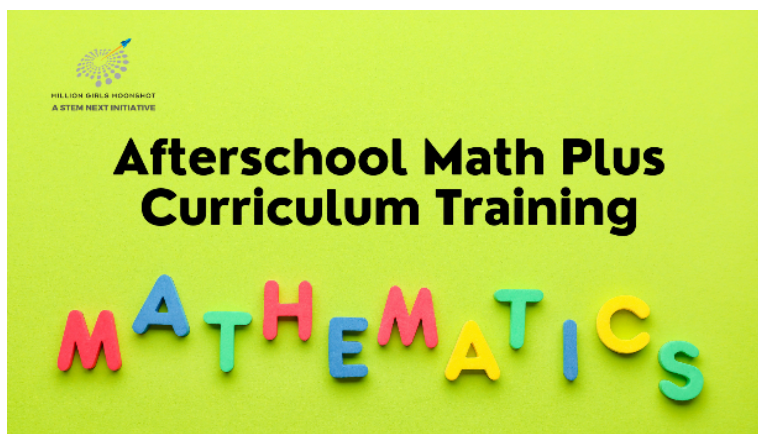
We are excited to announce the conference partners for next year's Empower Youth Success Conference: SED, Finger Lakes Community Schools, Binghamton University, NYC Technical Assistance Resource Center (NYC TARC), and Change Impact.

Registration opens this winter, but book your hotel now: Use our designated reservation link or contact the hotel directly at 518-272-1700 and use group code NYNYS.

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.

November 14th | MusicMath: Discovering Music Fractions

Identify and represent parts of fractions using music and explore combinations and permutations, or ways of creating variety while still using the same elements.

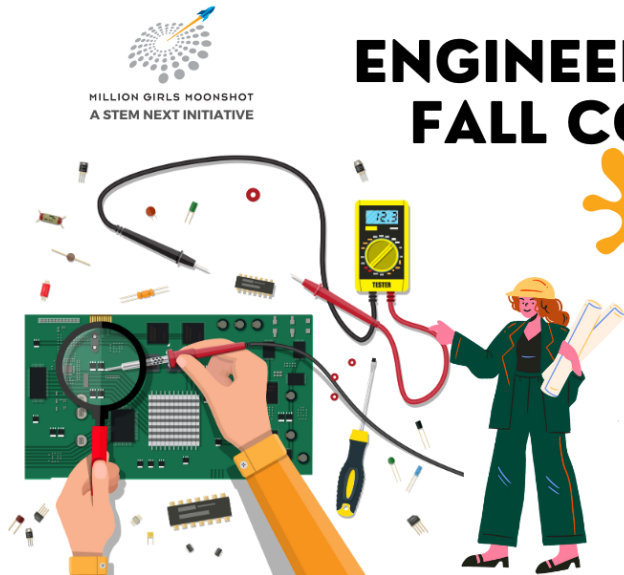
December 12th | MusicMath: Orchestration

Use fractions to create musical compositions, then perform the compositions using found instruments (pans, boxes, pencils, whistles). Create new combinations and permutations for the music fractions.

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](#).

Oct. 26: Click2Engineering: Engineering Mindset Fall Community of Practice (2:30- 3:30 PM)



**ENGINEERING MINDSET
FALL COMMUNITY OF
PRACTICE**

Thursdays - October 12, and
October 26 at 2:30 - 3:30 EST /
11:30 AM - 12:30PM PST

Introducing out-of-school time educators to the basics of engineering and leading engineering activities with youth

**CLICK 2
ENGINEERING**

The Click2Engineering community of practice (CoP) introduces afterschool time educators to the basics of engineering and leading engineering activities with youth. The CoP is organized around the 10 Practices for an Engineering Mindset, and includes hands-on engineering activities to help educators develop engineering experiences for youth and learn skills to facilitate engineering practices. The CoP is 4 meetings over 6 weeks.

REGISTER HERE

Oct. 19, Nov. 9 and 16: Free Digital STEM Trainings



Digital Harbor Foundation is offering free digital online trainings focusing on STEM. At the Digital Harbor Foundation, they are working to unlock opportunities and access by grounding their work in community and heart. Check out the free online sessions are being offered this Fall.

Live Online with the Center of Excellence and Lemelson MIT

Entrepreneurship
October 19, 2023
7-8 pm

Bring entrepreneurship into the classroom and help your students build 21st century skills

Electronic Textiles

November 16, 2023

7-8 pm

Explore e-textiles as a tool for invention, community, and perspective taking.

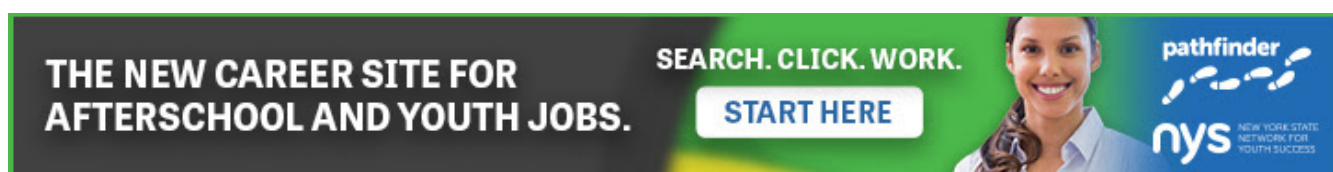
Live Online with Center of Excellence

Exploring Math Through Code

November 9, 2023

4-5 pm

Learn about the coding language, Python, and use it to teach math and engage students in computational thinking.



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