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Spotlight on Lights On Afterschool, Last Day to Register for Techbridge Girls Curriculum, !Mpack Players, and More!

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2023 Lights On Afterschool

Register your Lights On Afterschool (LOA) event

The 24th annual Lights On Afterschool (LOA) event is on October 24th. LOA is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of youth, families, and communities. The event draws attention to the many ways afterschool programs support students and sends a powerful message to decision-makers about the value of these programs and the need to support them. It provides an opportunity to shine a light on the value afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs bring to their communities.

Host a Lights On event to show how your program uplifts youth and families in your community and register your event with the Afterschool Alliance. Registering is a good way to ensure that members of your local community and media can find and enjoy your event. Additionally, you will receive an event starter kit, which includes 10 free posters to help you promote your event and make you eligible for prizes each week.

After registering, you will still be able to update event information as your plans become more solidified.

Register your event now.

Light up a landmark in your community to celebrate Lights On Afterschool

This year, consider reaching out to local businesses, governments, leaders, and organizations to **light up landmarks** in your community.

For more than a decade, the Empire State Building has been lighting up the New York City skyline in support of afterschool programs everywhere. Across the nation, afterschool programs work with libraries, recreation

and parks departments, universities, arts institutions, and museums to light up landmarks for Lights On. Let's work to light up landmarks all across New York this year!

Get more ideas for how to light up landmarks in your community by [clicking here](#).

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](#)

Technical Assistance Sessions: Child Care Workforce Retention Grant

Register to participate in a technical assistance sessions specifically for school-age child care programs

The Office of Children and Family Services is holding technical assistance sessions to help child care providers learn more about the Workforce Retention Grant, and to see a demo of how to complete an application and answer questions. OCFS is hosting three sessions focused specifically on school-age child care programs. The available session dates are:

- September 7 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- September 14 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am

The Child Care Workforce Retention Grant program makes \$500 million of federal funds available to child care workers through their employers. The grant consists of two components: (1) Staff retention bonuses; (2) staff recruitment expenses and payroll tax assistance. Bonuses received under this grant program will not count as income for public assistance benefits they apply for or receive. Please note: Only eligible child care programs can apply for the grant; individual staff cannot apply.

To register for the technical school-age child care program technical assistance sessions, [click here](#).

To access the portal to apply and learn additional information, [click here](#).

Million Girls Moonshot Toolkit

☀️ Unlock Valuable Resources for STEM Education! 🚀

The Million Girls Moonshot Toolkit is a comprehensive collection of resources designed to supercharge your efforts to provide quality STEM learning experiences for girls. This toolkit is a goldmine of best practices, engaging activities, and thought-provoking blogs.

Explore these invaluable resources and stay tuned for upcoming events that will further enrich your STEM initiatives.

Tap into the [Toolkit — Million Girls Moonshot](#)

Start off the program year right with !Mpact players curriculum



School is back in session and so are afterschool programs. Start off your program year right with !Mpcat Players. !Mpcat Players has rolled out 25 new team-building games, activities, and ice-breakers for the Mizzen community that promote team-building, leadership, STEM concepts, art, SEL strategies, and inclusion.

This content is jam-packed with high-energy instructional videos. At the end of each video, you'll find questions and SEL terms and vocabulary to help participants get the most out of every activity.

This new content is ideal for inspiring new friendships, connecting youth and staff, supercharging team projects, and setting the tone for welcoming each participant from day one.

Check out !Mpcat Players activities [here](#).

DEADLINE TODAY: Techbridge Girls Curriculum Program with Training and Kits



Register for the Techbridge Girls curriculum program. Each of the services equips educators with gender- and culturally-responsive teaching tools and full program kitting materials to support youth persistence in STEM and expose girls to BIPOC peers and role models from STEM fields. **Participation includes educator training, all materials and a stipend.**

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE by September 6th!

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



EVENTS COORDINATOR

Organize high-quality, sustainable, & engaging events for the afterschool, summer, & expanded learning fields.

STEAM COORDINATOR

Work with afterschool programs to develop & facilitate STEAM partnerships to support high-quality STEAM experiences.

Click here for more information and to apply.

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.

JEDI Series Training



**JEDI | JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY,
AND INCLUSION TRAINING**



Expanding Trauma-Informed Care to Recognize the impacts of Historical Traumas

September 7, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm | Register Now

This session will address Cultural Humility from a Haudenosaunee and Native American cultural perspective and discuss some of the historical and continuing factors that impact diverse communities but are often unrecognized by mainstream society. Using a Trauma-Informed Care approach, we will explore the multiple factors of historical traumas and the unresolved, continuing consequences of these challenges, referencing Native American

experiences. Based on these perspectives, we will provide insights into some of the dynamics that may impact cross-cultural interactions, levels of trust and mistrust, and emerging approaches that are designed to improve the health and wellbeing of all peoples.

Genuine Disability Allyship

September 15, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | [Register Now](#)

What does disability allyship mean? How can you serve as an ally in your work and in your life more generally? During this session, you'll have the opportunity to create a personal plan for growing as an accessibility ally. You'll also explore how to find people and organizations to follow on social media or by email to stay current on conversations related to accessibility.

Prerequisite: Accessibility 101

Sept 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:

- **NY361PQ:** Coach Natalie S, meets Wednesdays 9:30 AM—11:30 AM on September 12, 26, and October 3, 2023*
- **NY301PQ:** Coach Sara K, meets Wednesdays 10 AM-Noon on September 13, 27, and October 4, 2023*
- **NY341PQ:** Coach Roberto, meets Saturdays 10 AM-Noon on October 21, 28, and November 4, 2023*

*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>

Power of 3:00 Afterschool Advocacy Webinar Series

Storytelling in Advocacy: Making the Case for Afterschool

September 20, 12:00 PM | [Register Now](#)

Everyone has a story to share, and your story can be a powerful tool to make the case for. This session will teach you a framework for using storytelling to advocate for issues with an afterschool. This will help you develop an advocacy message through storytelling as a tool, including how to incorporate data in a compelling way. This session will be interactive and allow participants to practice using their story to inform others why afterschool matters to them!

Activating Afterschool Advocates: Engaging Youth, Families, and Media

October 3, 12:00 PM | [Register Now](#)

Engagement of youth and parents/caregivers is essential to uplifting the voice of the individuals that benefit most from investment in afterschool programs. This session focuses on effective methods, tools, and tips for

meaningfully engaging youth, families, and media in afterschool advocacy. You will learn tips for best effectively engaging youth and families, discuss what motivates them to volunteer, and learn about common missteps when engaging them. We will then take some time to explore how to amplify youth and family voice through engagement of traditional media and social media platforms to increase awareness around the value of afterschool in your community.

Begins Oct. 10: 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. Registration closes on September 26th.

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.

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.

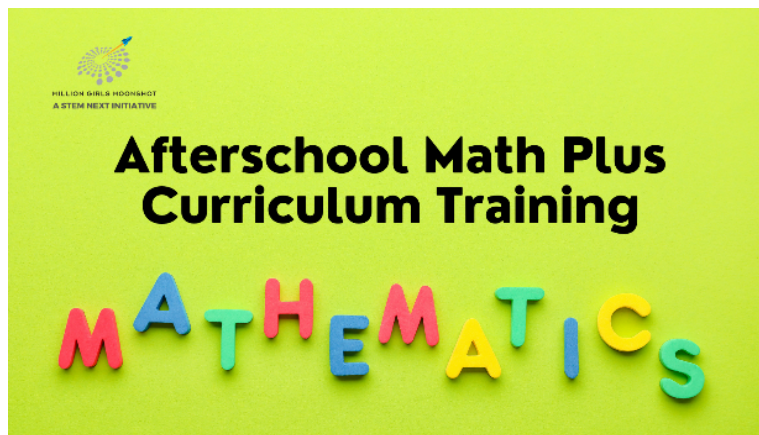
1. The NYS Community Schools Resilience & Equity Conference (April 17 & 18)
2. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Conference (April 19)
3. School's Out, Make it Count (April 19 & 20)

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.

September 19th | MusicMath: Unexpected Math, Creating Rhythms, and Making Rhythm Patterns

Create musical patterns, then repeat the patterns and think about how to represent the patterns using words, pictures, and symbols.

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

Sept 13: NYC Residents only- SAC Credential Virtual Course Begins Soon!

First Steps – Urban Outreach, Inc., is a host agency for the New York State SAC Credential Preparatory Course. The SAC course is an in-depth study of competency standards that reflect best practices in afterschool programs.

This course is designed for individuals currently employed in SACC, center-based, or home-based childcare programs who serve children ages 5 to 13 years old.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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.

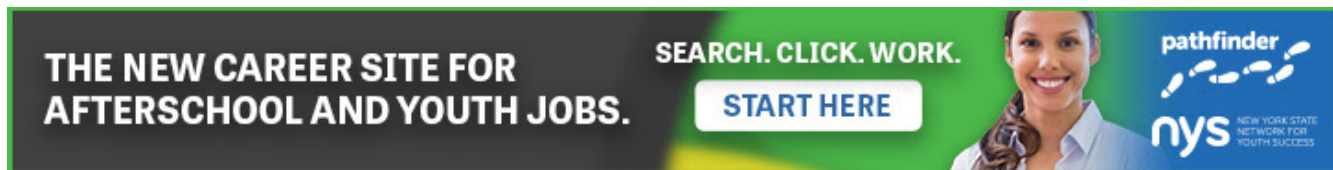
- **Oct. 10: Data Detectives**

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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