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Spotlight on Register for Advocacy Day, Survey: Afterschool Timeline and Contract Process, 2023 OCFS Market Rate Survey for Child Care, and More!

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Spotlight: Register for Advocacy Day

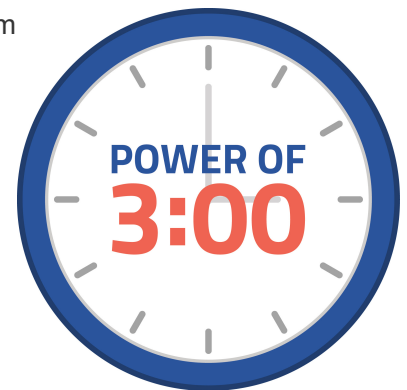
Afterschool Advocacy Day is a unique opportunity for students in your program to participate in civic engagement during one of the most exciting times of the year in New York State government.

We hope to maximize participation from afterschool advocates, including afterschool professionals, families, and youth themselves. The Network will schedule meetings and will provide opportunities for youth to showcase their program to legislators. Register to join us in Albany to help uplift the importance of afterschool.

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. General registration closes on Friday, January 19.

We hope to see you at the State Capitol on January 30!

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](#).

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](#)

Survey: Afterschool Timeline and Contract Process

The New York State Network for Youth Success is seeking input from the afterschool field to learn more about the factors affecting afterschool program implementation in New York State. This short **survey** seeks your feedback on several factors, including:

- afterschool contract process
- afterschool timeline
- background check process
- waitlists

We encourage all afterschool providers to share their perspective, including those that are current or former grantees of publicly funded (state and federal) afterschool programs.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and the deadline is **Friday, November 17**. Your responses are confidential and anonymous. We do not collect identifying information.

Take the Survey

Join Our Team



Join **OUR TEAM**

EVENTS COORDINATOR

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

Primary responsibilities:

- Uphold the Network's mission and vision with every event.
- Own each event, from venue choice to success metrics.
- Maintain budgets and timelines.

Qualifications:

- Three years experience running large-scale events such as conferences.
- Established relationships with vendors.
- Experience with budget management and expense tracking.

Position is remote with option to work at the Network offices in Troy, NY.
Candidate must reside within the Capital Region.

HOW TO APPLY

Send cover letter and résumé to Kelly McMahon, CEO, at **Kelly@NetworkForYouthSuccess.org**. Please include the role Events Coordinator in the subject line.

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

In the cover letter please address the following:

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

For additional details on role responsibilities and qualifications, visit **networkforyouthsuccess.org/about/careers**.

Surprisingly STEM Video Series



Surprisingly STEM is a video series that highlights exciting and unexpected careers at NASA. This series is designed to inform students about the broad range of career opportunities at NASA – outside of the typical associations of rocket scientists and astronauts – and to break down perceived barriers for working at the agency.

- Monthly Release of new prerecorded 5 minute career episode
- Associated STEAM Activities
- Monthly Live Session with NASA expert to answer Student Questions

November 2023 - Wind Tunnel Engineers

You'll be blown away as you learn how NASA uses its 14-foot by 22- foot subsonic wind tunnel. See some of the fascinating things Frank and Sam Zauber– twowind tunnel test engineers at NASA's Langley Research Center– have tested, and learn what propelled them into their exciting STEM careers.

[View the Episode](#), [Explore the Activity](#), [Register for the live Q&A on November 15 at 5pm](#)

December 2023 - Marine Biologists

NASA's Kennedy Space Center is known for its launch pads, rocket launches, and cutting-edge technology —it's also a national wildlife refuge! NASA has a team of biologists whose mission is to protect and preserve threatened and endangered species living near launch sites. Biologists Eric Reyier, PhD, and Bonnie Ahr share how their ecological work contributes to the agency's larger mission and how they personally ended up on a boat in the Florida wetlands doing exciting work for NASA.

[View the Episode](#), [Explore the Activity](#), [Register for the live Q&A on December 6 at 5pm](#)

[CHECK OUT THE FLYER HERE](#)

2023 Market Rate Survey for Child Care

Every few years, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) conducts a survey of the price of child care across New York and uses the information to update payment rates for the Child Care Assistance Program (formally known as Child Care Subsidy Program) to reflect local prices. The survey includes questions about child enrollment numbers, costs of providing child care, and the price programs charge for child care.

This year, OCFS sent all child care providers who were licensed, registered, or permitted as of September 18 an electronic survey invitation by email that contains a link to the 2023 Child Care Market Rate Survey.

The email was from the sender “ocfs.sm.marketratesurvey@ocfs.ny.gov” and has the subject line, “2023 Child Care Market Rate Survey Invitation.”

The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and does not need to be completed in one setting. Once the survey is submitted, it is closed and no longer available for edits.

If your program has received the survey and has not had the chance to submit, please be sure to check your email, and complete it by the deadline, **Monday, November 13.**

To learn more, read the Dear Provider Letter in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

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 November 4, 11, and 18, 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.

Jan. 10: Virtual Health and Safety for Directors!

This 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.

When?

- *Wednesday, January 10*
- *Thursday, January 11*
- *Wednesday, January 17*
- *Thursday, January 18*
- *Wednesday, January 24*
- *Thursday, January 25*

Time

- 6:30pm-9:30pm

Where?

- Zoom (*Registered participants will receive a Zoom link closer to the date.*)

Cost

- \$325.00

Note:

- This is a six-day course. **Participants must attend all sessions.** This is an OCFS–approved virtual training.

Policies

- No make-up classes will be provided.
- [Full list of event policies.](#)

Questions?

- Contact Erin via email at erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org

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.**

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

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.

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.

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

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

Submit Your Proposal Today!

Nominate someone great!

Do you know someone working in our field that deserves to be recognized for all their hard work? Someone who goes above and beyond advocating for the field? A program that is doing innovative things? If so, read the criteria below and nominate them for an award that best suits their excellence. Winners will be celebrated at our annual conference this spring.

Nomination deadline is December 1, 2023

The awards available are:

- The Quality Leadership Award
- The Exemplary Award of Professionalism
- The Program Award of Excellence and Innovation
- The Champion Award
- The Regional Network Leader Award

Submit a nomination today!

Sponsor our Annual Conference

We're seeking sponsorships to make our annual conference possible and support our work year-round. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, we rely on fundraising contributions to make our work possible.

Platinum Sponsor - \$1,300.00

Gain high-level exposure as a Platinum sponsor by having a presence throughout the conference! Be shown in sponsored videos and prominently featured in the venue and website.

Gold Sponsor - \$700.00

A *golden* opportunity to get recognition for your business by being advertised both digitally and at the event!

Silver Sponsor - \$375.00

You're in luck! The silver sponsorship is a great way to get your name out there at the event, while supporting NYSNYS.

A LA CARTE SPONSOR OFFERINGS

Opportunity to sponsor a la carte opportunities at a flat cost. Does not require sponsoring at platinum, gold, or silver level and can indeed be stand-alone.

- ROOM SPONSORSHIP: \$500 (per room)
- LUNCH SPONSORSHIP: \$2,000 (per day)
- COFFEE BREAK SPONSORSHIP: \$1,000
- AWARDS CEREMONY: \$2,500
- BOOKS FOR AUDIENCE: \$3,500
- RELAXATION STATION: \$3,000
- RESOURCE TABLE ITEMS: \$150
- PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS: \$2,000
- PHOTOBOOTH: \$2,000 (per day)
- INTERACTIVE DISPLAY: \$500
- ART SHOW: \$2,500
- Attendee Bags: \$5,000

VENDORS

See the [agenda](#) for a schedule of the event.

ONE DAY VENDOR (4/19 OR 4/20)

Available: 10

For profit: \$300

Non-profit: \$150

TWO DAY VENDOR (4/19 AND 4/20)

Available: 10

For profit: \$500

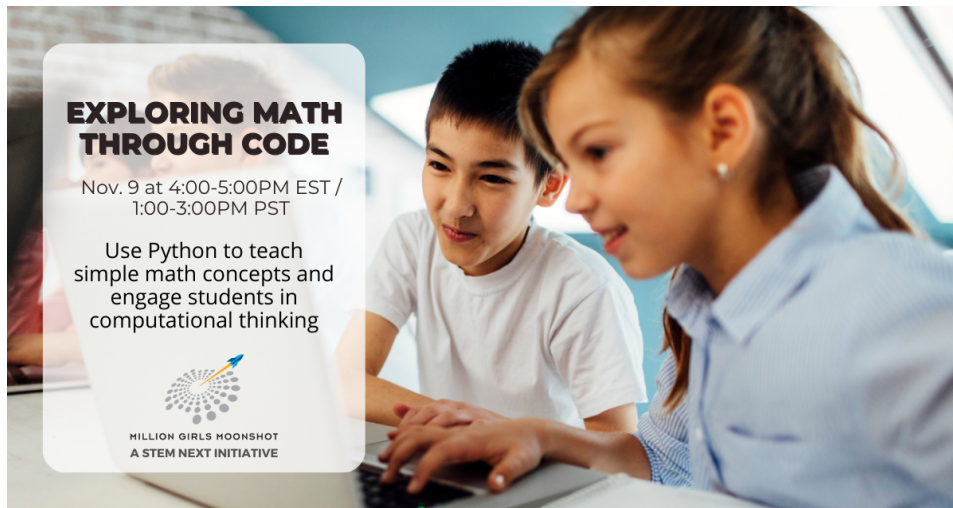
Non-profit: \$250

Purchase your Sponsorship [HERE](#).

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

Other Events

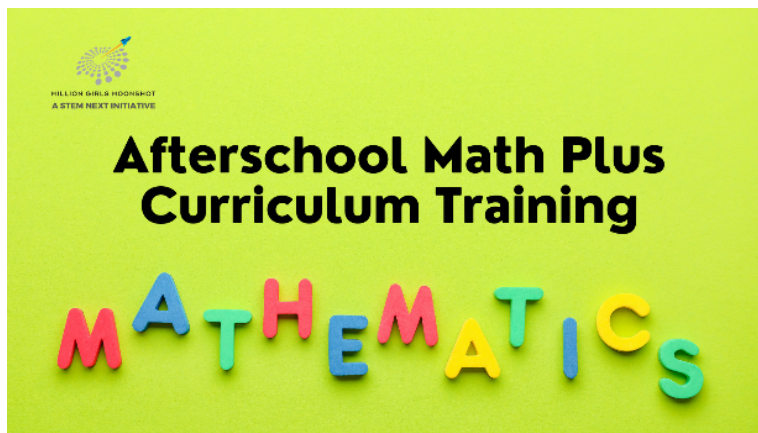
Nov. 9: Exploring Math Through Code



In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the Python programming language and explore how to use Python to teach simple math concepts and engage students in computational thinking.

Click here to register.

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**.

View Previous Recordings

April

May

June

July

August

Nov. 9 and 16: Free Digital STEM Trainings



Digital Harbor Foundation is offering free digital online trainings focusing on STEM. The foundation, unlocks opportunities and access by grounding their work in community and heart. Check out the free online sessions offered this fall.

Live Online with the Center of Excellence and Lemelson MIT

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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