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Spotlight: Last Chance to Submit a Proposal to Present at School's Out, Make it Count! 2024

Empower Youth Success 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!

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

New Advocacy Campaign Website: #AfterschoolRisingNY

The Network for Youth Success is pleased to announce our new, afterschool campaign, #AfterschoolRisingNY.

The last few years have accentuated the critical role of afterschool in supporting youth and families. However, the need for afterschool continues to outpace availability. **For every child in afterschool in New York, 4 are waiting for an available program.**

Despite high demand, state investments towards direct afterschool funding has remained stagnant. Perhaps more critically, persistent structural, financial and administrative challenges make it difficult to gain timely access to current funds available to support afterschool providers.

New York must change this.

This year, the Network is pushing to increase funding for programs and technical assistance, address barriers to accessing funds and implementing programs, and prioritize sustainability to meet the increased demand for afterschool.

We need your support to create the robust, sustainable afterschool in New York that youth, families, and communities deserve. Here are ways you can help:

- Sign on to support the 2024-25 Afterschool Policy Priorities
- Complete the Afterschool Timeline and Contract Process Survey
- Register for 2024 Afterschool Advocacy Day

Visit the [#AfterschoolRisingNY webpage](#) for more ways to be involved!

Join the 2024 Million Girls Moonshot Flight Crew



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 are encouraged to apply. The application for the 2024 Million Girls Moonshot Flight Crew is open through December 1.

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.
- Receive leadership development opportunities, including public speaking, social media, and connections to mentors.

Flight Crew application

Computer Science Education Week

Computer Science Education (CSEdweek) was founded in 2009 to raise awareness about the need to increase computer science education and to highlight the critical role of computing in all careers. This year's theme highlights progress in computer science education over the last decade.

We'll celebrate CSEdWeek December 4-10. Be sure to register your events at csedweek.org and use #CSEdWeek #CelebratingProgress for awareness.

Other computer science resources:

- **Hour of Code**—During Computer Science Education Week, tens of thousands of Hours of Code events will happen around the world. Any afterschool program can register as an official Hour of Code event and add their location to the global map.
- **Code.org's Free CS curriculum**—Free, flexible, and fun curriculum for every grade level (elementary, middle, and high school), includes lesson plans, videos, slides, assessments, and programming tools.
- **Hour of Code Activities**—A collection of one-hour tutorials designed for all ages in over 45 languages. Join millions of students and teachers in over 180 countries starting with an Hour of Code!
- **What Are the Chances?**—This activity includes an introductory video to illustrate the activity. Youth experiment with probability to tell how likely it is that an event will occur. In this activity, youth will do these calculations and then test if your calculations hold true for reality.
- **Educator Guide: Make a Planetary Exploration Balloon**—This activity for grades 3-12 uses math and engineering to design a balloon and gondola system capable of supporting weight. In this design challenge, students will then determine the mass needed to cause the balloon to ascend at a given rate, descend at a given rate, and/or maintain a constant altitude over a set period of time.

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



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**.

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.

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**Date Available**

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

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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, 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 to 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

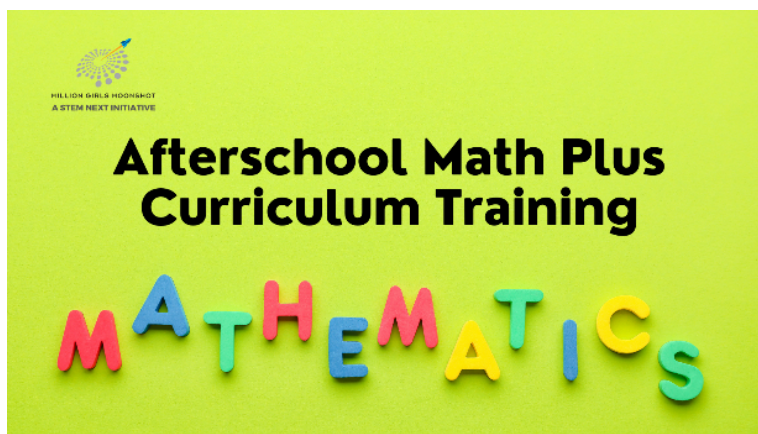
Non-profit: \$250

Purchase your sponsorship [HERE](#).

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

Other Events

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.

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. 16: Free Digital STEM Training



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.

Dec. 6: Surprisingly STEM: Marine Biologists (5pm)



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

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](#)

Dec. 12: Creative Writing for Mental Wellness 12:00 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.


[Click here](#) to register.



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