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Spotlight on Brochure Cover Art Contest, JEDI Training: Two New Sessions, Share What Afterschool Means to You, and More!

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Spotlight: Brochure Cover Art Contest



Do you have aspiring artists in your program?

The Network is seeking submissions from afterschool participants to design the art for our Empower Youth Success 2024 conference brochure.

We invite all individuals participating in New York State afterschool programs to submit artwork depicting **What Afterschool Means to Me**.

All artworks must be submitted by **February 14, 2024**.

- 8.5 x 11 (w/ 0.5" white margin on all sides)
- **Portrait style**
- PDF files
- Up to 10 MB

We can't wait to see what afterschool means to you!

Submit Your Artwork Here

The program that submits the selected cover art will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card. All artwork submitted may be used in other Network for Youth Success marketing. *Children will only be identified by first name and last initial, grade, the program they attend, and city.* The winner will be notified by February 28, 2024.

Want to Attend the Conference?

Registration for the Empower Youth Success Conference is now open, and we can't wait to see you. Click on the icon below to register for the events you would like to attend.



Community School's Conference

Wednesday, April 17 & Thursday, April 18

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21st Century Conference

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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

JEDI Training: Introducing Two New Sessions



The Network for Youth Success is bringing back our **free** JEDI training sessions on key topics to help afterschool leaders navigate current, complex issues. Join us for these critical sessions on **combating antisemitism** and **xenophobia**.

Understanding the history of Antisemitism to be an ally in the present

January 25, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | [Register Now](#)

Jews comprise only 2% of the U.S. population and 0.2% of the global population. Nevertheless, this small ethnoreligious community is the victim of the most hate crimes of any religious group.

Since the October 7 terrorist attack in Israel, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has tracked 3,283 antisemitic incidents in the U.S. This is a 360% increase over the same period the previous year.

New York is home to more Jews than any other city in the country. That makes our youth especially vulnerable to hate, as both victim and perpetrator.

On Thursday, January 25 at 12 p.m. EST, please join the Network for a JEDI fireside chat with Scott Richman, ADL New York/New Jersey Regional Director and host of ADL's "From the Frontlines" podcast.

Beyond Borders: Confronting Xenophobia Together

February 9, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm | [Register Now](#)

Embark on a transformative journey with us in "Beyond Borders," a workshop designed to dismantle stereotypes and build bridges of understanding. Engage in meaningful conversations and actionable strategies to tackle xenophobia head-on.

Led by Tibisay Hernandez, this empowering experience fosters inclusivity, empathy, and open dialogue. Through interactive activities, insightful discussions, and shared stories, participants will gain valuable insights into the roots of xenophobia and explore practical ways to promote unity in our diverse world.

Let's come together, challenge biases, and embrace the strength that lies in our differences. It's time to build a world where compassion triumphs over fear.

Visit the Network's [JEDI webpage](#) for more information on our JEDI training series. For a list of all upcoming JEDI training sessions, [click here](#).

State Update: Executive Budget Released

Governor Hochul includes new investments in afterschool programs in her Executive Budget Proposal

Last week, Governor Hochul released her 2024-25 Executive Budget Proposal. The proposal included changes to state-funded afterschool programs that move New York closer to streamlining the afterschool system. The Executive Budget Proposal combines Advantage After School and Empire State After-School program funding into a single program and one line item. The proposal also makes additional funding available to extend or expand current contracts, to award new contracts, and for technical assistance to afterschool grant recipients.

The Executive Budget Proposal:

- Funds both state afterschool programs, Advantage After School and Empire State After-School, at \$100.7M. This is an increase of \$12.76M from last year's Enacted Budget and includes funding to

expand current contracts, award new contracts, and to fund technical assistance for afterschool grant recipients.

- Increases funding to the Summer Youth Employment program by \$2.9M over last year's Enacted Budget for a total of \$50M.
- Level funds the Extended Learning Time (\$21.6M) and Extended School Day / School Violence Prevention (\$24.3M) programs from last year's Enacted Budget.
- Decreases funding to the Youth Development Program to \$14.1M, which is \$1.5M less than last year's Enacted Budget.

These changes mark a movement toward building a more sustainable afterschool system and the Network thanks Governor Hochul and her administration for prioritizing afterschool in their budget proposal. As budget negotiations begin between the Governor and Legislature, it is important to ensure these investments are maintained and increased in the Final Budget.

[Click here](#) to see the Network's budget asks to see how we can build on these important investments.

Light Up Winter with Mizzen

Boost Learning, Connection, and Impact with Mizzen's Winter Collection

When winter leaves them cold, go bold! These high-impact learning experiences will recharge your youths' curiosity and fuel their drive to make a difference in their communities. Each lesson immerses students in new concepts, ideas, and experiences, or culminates in a youth-led project or event.



Garden Lesson plan: Food and Carbon

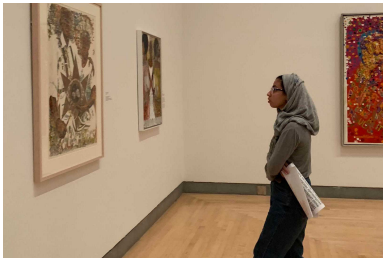
Empower youth to explore the fascinating world of food, sustainability, and environmental impact. Through hands-on activities, creative expression, and insightful discussions, youth identify their favorite seasonal fruits and vegetables, delve into the carbon cycle and its significance, design a didactic art piece, and master the art of garden planning, all while gaining a deeper understanding of how our choices shape the world around us.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Acoustic Experiment

Students learn the basic components of acoustics. They use this knowledge to build a model performance space.

[Click here](#) to learn more.



Teens Curate Teens: Curate an Art Exhibition

Learn how a curator or curatorial team creates an art exhibit that gives voice to their peers' concerns and interests to possibly initiate change. Students develop their collaborative skills to identify a common theme to create a dynamic art event for their community. Together the team chooses a location for the event, guidelines for the artists' application, outreach, criteria for selection, marketing and PR, placement of the artwork in the space, and the opening & programing of the exhibit.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Urban Runoff: Solving the Issue of Impact

Youth evaluate the design of outside spaces to determine whether the space is set to contribute or minimize runoff – a climate issue, especially in urban areas. They design a solution to uncover design flaws with green infrastructure.

[Click here](#) to learn more.



Find even more content for your winter activities on the Mizzen **[website](#)**.

Can't make Advocacy Day? Share What Afterschool Means to You



The Network is collecting artifacts and highlights from afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs from around the state to reinforce the importance of these programs to students and families.

If you would like to support Afterschool Advocacy Day, but are unable to attend, please send us photos, videos, testimonials, quotes, etc. to share with decisionmakers. These examples will allow us to show decisionmakers the invaluable work your programs do for students, families, and communities.

We also encourage you to **[share what afterschool means to you](#)**. Take five minutes to record a short video of yourself sharing why afterschool is

important to you or your community. We invite you to share this link with your networks and programs. [**Click here**](#) to join other afterschool advocates.

Please send all artifacts to Gabby at [**Gabby@NetworkForYouthSuccess.org**](mailto:Gabby@NetworkForYouthSuccess.org)

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

Training Opportunities Available for the 2023-2024 school year!

Encouraging Positive Behavior

Part of working with children is managing behaviors. This training will help participants identify common misbehaviors in afterschool 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.

Apr. 17-20: Empower Youth Success Conference 2024 (REGISTRATION IS OPEN!)

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.



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

REGISTER TODAY!

Book your Room



Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

Book your room [here](#) or by calling the hotel at 518-272-1700 and reference **group code: NYNYS**. The room block will be open until March 17, 2024, or until it fills up.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/albtygi-nynys-f382c846-2b52-421e-aa68-f5f39ab367ac/>

Click: Book Room

Click: Edit Stay (Adjust dates and guests to meet your needs)

Update & Book

Additional Accommodations in Troy, NY

Best Western Plus Franklin Square

Courtyard by Marriott – Troy/Waterfront

Find other area accommodations [HERE](#).

**All participants are responsible for booking their own hotel lodging and any associated costs.*

Sponsor our annual conference

We're seeking sponsorships to make our annual conference possible and to support our work year-round. As a 501©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 events.

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](#).

Jan. 31: Click2Science Workshops

The Network for Youth Success is hosting a series of Click2Science Workshops this winter and spring. This month's offering:

Facilitating an Inclusive Learning Environment for STEAM

Involving all youth in STEAM activity, and overcoming any potential barriers to participation, is a critical component of youth development work. In this workshop learn practices and approaches to creating inclusion in a typical STEAM activity. This session will allow participants to experience the practice and identify how to bring it back to their programs. This workshop is for participants who work with school-age children in a group setting. Join Timothy Fowler for this highly interactive session, which will count for OCFS training hours (OCFS 3, CBK 4).

Date and Time: January 31st 6:30- 8:00 PM

Click here to register.

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

Other Events

Jan. 25: DiscoverE Chats with Change Makers (Thursdays 1pm)



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 LIVE monthly chats!

- [Jan 25](#)
- [Feb 22](#)
- [Mar 21](#)
- [Apr 25](#)
- [May 23](#)

Feb. 6: The Power of Collaboration: Strategies and Lessons learned from the NGCP Network (4PM)



Join the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) to apply research-based collaboration strategies to enhance your STEM activities and programs. Collaboration enables professionals across programs and communities to generate and carry out creative solutions and strategies that maximize benefits beyond what one could accomplish alone, and research suggests that by creating collaborations among organizations committed to engaging youth in STEM, we can improve youth STEM experiences. Presenters will share the NGCP collaboration model, exemplary practices in collaboration, and examples of successful collaborations in the NGCP network.

[Click here](#) to register.



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