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Spotlight on Last Chance to Register for Empower Youth Success Conference, Impact of Afterschool on Early Literacy Outcomes, Division of Child Care Services Quarterly Newsletter, and More!

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Spotlight: Conference Registration Closes TONIGHT!

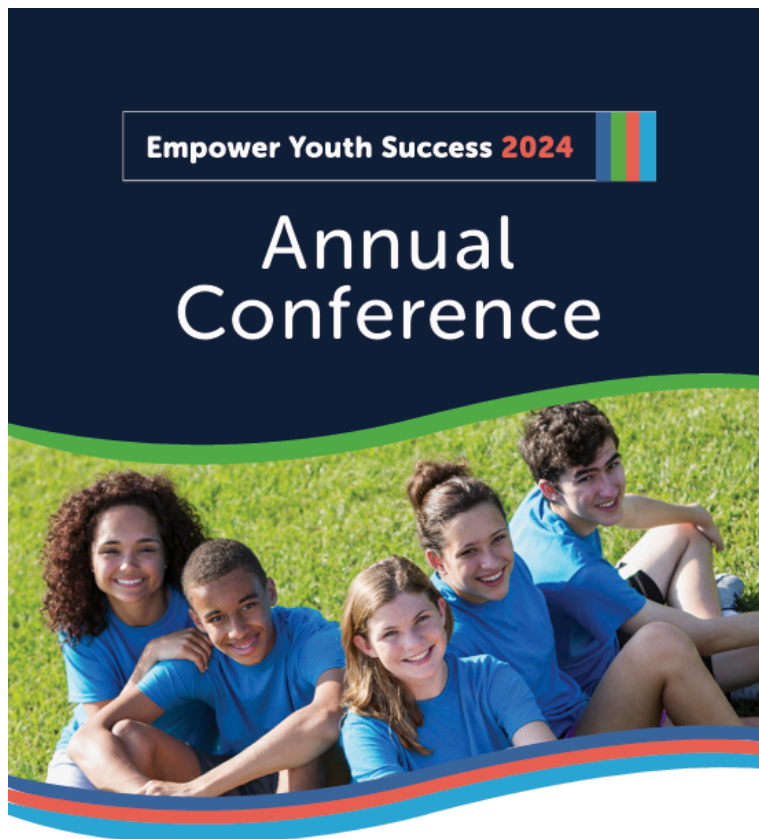
Empower Youth Success 2024

LAST CALL TO REGISTER!
Registration Closes TONIGHT at 11:59pm EST

Time has nearly run out to register for Empower Youth Success 2024. What are you waiting for?? Head to the registration page and get your ticket now.

REGISTER TODAY!

Conference Brochure



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School's Out, Make it Count!

Empower Youth Success is almost here! Bigger and better than ever before, our four-day conference is filled with national speakers, hands-on activities, amazing vendors tailored towards afterschool programs, interactive stations, and tracks and workshops for everyone from frontline staff to Executive Directors.

Check out the **event brochure** for a sneak peek at all the fantastic sessions and activities. If you haven't heard, we also covered you with training sessions towards OCFS credits.

Attending as a 21st Century Program participant? Keep an eye out for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers logo to see sessions designed just for you!

For more information...

Visit the conference page **[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.

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Impact of Afterschool on Early Literacy Outcomes

The NYS Network for Youth Success, as part of Education Trust– New York's **New York Campaign for Early Literacy**, hosted a webinar and released a new policy brief on how afterschool, summer, and expanded learning opportunities are an effective, often overlooked, resource to help address the literacy crisis.

The brief, "**The Role of Afterschool, Summer, and Other Expanded Learning Programs in Improving Early Literacy Outcomes**," explores the role of afterschool programs in supporting early literacy outcomes, highlights high-quality programs currently working to support literacy for the youth and families in their programs, and provides recommendations for how we can support their work. The afterschool bright spots highlighted in the brief are engaging in many beneficial activities: they provide additional supports through direct programming, build capacity of organizations to promote early literacy, and leverage school-community partnerships.

On March 14, the Network for Youth Success released the brief as part of an hour-long webinar, "**It Takes the Village!: Exploring the Role of Expanded Learning Opportunities in Improving Early Literacy Outcomes**." Following an overview of the brief, panelists from organizations spotlighted in the brief shared their perspectives.

Click here to see the recording of the webinar.

Click here to read the full policy brief.

Read the OCFS Division of Child Care Services Quarterly Newsletter for March



Office of Children
and Family Services

The first edition of 2024 of the quarterly newsletter from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Division of Child Care Services (DCCS) has been released. The newsletter is distributed to child care providers, local departments of social services, Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, afterschool providers, stakeholders, and parents, as well as posted online on the OCFS website. The newsletter includes information and updates from DCCS on the Governor's Executive Budget, child care workforce recruitment tool kit, no cost pack 'n play initiative, and information on upcoming trainings.

Read the quarterly newsletter **here**.

State of School Age Childcare

The National Center on Afterschool and Summer Enrichment (NCASE) resource library connects you with tools, profiles, and information on a range of key topics in afterschool. See the new NCASE offerings below.

Addressing the need of afterschool leaders

This revised IACET accredited professional development module addresses several aspects of afterschool: history of the field, children and families' needs, workforce needs, and qualities and responsibilities of an effective afterschool professional.

Click here for more information.

Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences in Afterschool Environments

This updated professional development module covers the prevalence of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and the utility of trauma-informed and healing-centered engagement as strategies to positively impact the development of school-age children in afterschool environments. The learning module provides context

around ACEs and toxic stress, exploring types of ACEs as well as the crucial research study on ACEs and its implications.

[Click here](#) for more information.

From the Office of Child Care:

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Care (OCC) recently announced a new rule that will lower costs for families that receive child care subsidies, improve payment practices to child care providers, and increase families' child care options. The changes make much needed updates to the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which is the nation's largest funding stream to help families afford child care and improve quality in child care settings. The full text of the final rule is available **[here](#)**.

Find more in the NCASE Resource library **[here](#)**.

2024 Solar Eclipse

Are you ready for the 2024 Solar Eclipse that will be visible across the U.S. on April 8, 2024? Connect with NASA to engage students and families:

- Find local viewing events using [this listing](#) or creating your own opportunity.
- Use [NASA Resources, Videos, Lessons and Materials](#) with students.
- Ensure Safe viewing

Everyone MUST wear solar eclipse glasses or use an alternate viewing method to look at any eclipse. Read more about eye safety during an annular eclipse **[on NASA's web page](#)** and on this **[safety flyer](#)**.

Earthrise: NASA's Monthly Collection of Earth and Climate Science Resources



Earthrise with leverage NASA's digital community of practice for educators, and a broad network of learners associated with NASA's federal partners, to provide K-12 educators and learners with a focused, monthly collection of Earth and climate science resources from across the federal enterprise.

This initiative began with intent to move the needle on educating our nation's children and increasing their understanding of Earth and climate science, and the importance of protecting our home planet.

[Register now](#) to receive Earthrise monthly collections of resources.

Interested in advancing in the school-age field?
Need the qualifications to become a Site Director?

EARN YOUR SCHOOL-AGE CREDENTIAL TODAY



Empower Youth Success Conference

Apr. 17-20: LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER Empower Youth Success Conference 2024

Register right now or risk missing the Network's Empower Youth Success 2024 conference, which will tackle the issues that matter most to you and your organization.



Community School's Conference
 Wednesday, April 17 & Thursday, April 18
Add Ons
 Community Schools 101 Training (April 17)
 Site Visits (April 17)
[Register Here](#)



21st Century Conference
 Friday, April 19
Add Ons
 School's Out, Make it Count! 2024
[Register Here](#)

School's Out, Make it Count! **School's Out, Make it Count!**
 Friday, April 19 & Saturday, April 20
[Register Here](#)

We look forward to joining forces with our 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!

Network For Youth Success Events

Register for SAC Credential Courses

Looking for a way to meet the educational requirements to be a site director at a school-age program? Looking for a way to "build your bench?" Our SAC Credential Courses may be for you!

Upcoming Virtual (Live Instructor) SAC Credential Classes

Dates

Spring/Summer 24 (Part 2) 4/26/24-7/19/24

*Classes (Parts 1 and 2) can be taken in either order, and in a variety of formats.

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

Instructor: Sara Rickan

Cost: \$1,250 per semester. Individuals must take both semesters (Part 1 and Part 2) Scholarship funding to participate in these trainings may be available through the Educational Incentive Program (EIP). For more information or to apply for a scholarship, please visit www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu. You may also contact EIP at eip@albany.edu or 800-295-9616. If you have received an EIP scholarship, please digitally sign it and email erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org.

Method of Instruction

Virtual learning with a live instructor. Class sessions will include lectures, cooperative learning opportunities, whole group discussions, group activities, observations, and use of audio-visual materials.

Course Policies, Syllabus, and Full Calendar

Register Today for the Virtual Live Course!

Upcoming ASYNCHRONOUS Distance Learning Classes

Dates

Fall 2024 (Part 1) 8/26/24-12/20/24

*Classes (Parts 1 and 2) can be taken in either order, and in a variety of formats.

Instructor: Alysha Branch

Cost

\$1,125.00 per semester. Individuals must take both semesters (Part 1 and Part 2) Scholarship funding to participate in these trainings may be available through the Educational Incentive Program (EIP). For more information or to apply for a scholarship, please visit www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu. You may also contact EIP at eip@albany.edu or 800-295-9616. If you have received an EIP scholarship, please digitally sign it and email erin@networkforyouthsuccess.org.

Method of Instruction

Self-paced on-line course with activities and assignments due within two week time frames. This course takes place on the Google Classroom platform.

Course Policies, Syllabus, and Full Calendar

Register Today for the Asynchronous Distance Learning Course

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

Other Events

Apr. 24: Click2Engineering's Including All Learners in Engineering 12-1:00 pm

In a highly competitive world, how do we create program spaces that help young people feel like engineering is a discipline in which they can succeed and thrive? Join this virtual workshop to develop strategies for creating engineering experiences that are engaging for all youth. Dive into what makes an engineering activity open and inclusive. Experience hands-on engineering and come away with ideas you can put into practice.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Apr. 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!

- [Apr 25](#)
- [May 23](#)

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