



Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence



Working together to increase the availability
and quality of afterschool opportunities statewide

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A Message from the Executive Director

New Marketing Tool Available for Arizona Afterschool Programs

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is proud to announce the creation of the **Arizona Afterschool Map**, a web based, afterschool map and directory designed to be an invaluable tool for all Arizona afterschool providers.

This, first of its kind, Arizona afterschool mapping project allows all afterschool programs, large AND small, non-profit AND for profit, licensed AND licensed exempt, to log on to <http://azafterschool.org> and click on **Afterschool Directory** to easily enter the data requested regarding their program. There is no charge for including your program or programs on the Arizona Afterschool Map. It takes only a few minutes to enter program details and programs with multiple sites have the capability to enter each site individually. The afterschool map also allows afterschool providers with summer programs to list the details of their summer programs separately. The site even includes a short video demonstrating the ease of using the program.

If you find your program is already listed in the directory, please confirm the accuracy of information listed because the data found was initially imported to the design test site months ago and may no longer be accurate.

Once the site is populated with programs from across the state the site will be launched and promoted to the public giving parents a valuable resource to find quality programs for their children. Parents looking for afterschool programs for their children will be able to log onto the site, enter their home address and search for all programs operating within three, five or fifteen miles from the address entered. All programs within the geographic radius selected will then pop up and parents can then click on individual program names to see the full details regarding the programs in their area.

If you have any questions or need additional information about this incredible, new afterschool tool, please call the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence at 602.279.7100.

News & Events

Don't Miss the September 14 Deadline to Nominate an Afterschool Professional, Afterschool Leader or Afterschool Program!

You know who is having a lasting impact on our children's lives. The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence wants to celebrate their success and recognize them at the October 14 Spotlight on Afterschool Awards of Excellence Luncheon at the Tempe Center for the Arts. Download the awards guidelines and nominations forms at www.azafterschool.org.

In addition to the Individual, Program and Leadership award winners, Eddie and Nadine Basha will be honored with the Afterschool Champion Award for their lifetimes of advocacy for Arizona's children and quality education programs at all levels.

Help us celebrate! [Click here](#) to purchase luncheon tickets.

September 11 is National Day of Service and Remembrance

Youth Service America is proud to be the official Youth Partner for the new September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance, a culminating event for the White House's United We Serve summer initiative as well as a launch for a new national day of service.

The September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance, or 9/11 Day, honors the memory of those who lost their lives during the attacks and the cultural impact these events had on us as a nation, while also looking forward to improve our communities through acts of kindness, volunteer opportunities, and service-learning.

On this eighth anniversary of the attacks, YSA created "Eight for 9/11," a resource that includes the lessons we learned as a nation post 9/11 connected to service project ideas for children and youth.

This is an opportunity to redefine what 9/11 means for a generation that has little or no memory of the attacks while still honoring those who sacrificed, and continue to sacrifice, their lives for our country. YSA encourages individuals, schools, and community and faith-based organizations to find ways to engage young people on September 11.

For more information about the September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance, visit: www.911DayofService.org (Source: Youth Service America).

Lights on Afterschool

The 10th annual [Lights On Afterschool](#), the nation's largest celebration of afterschool programs, is coming October 22, 2009. **Register now at www.afterschoolalliance.org/loaHostEvent.cfm.**



For ten years now, the afterschool field has been showing off its creativity at *Lights On Afterschool* events, from parades to open houses to a rally on the "Field of Dreams." Energize your community about afterschool and [register to participate](#).

FEIT ELECTRIC is ready to help you turn the lights on after school – all sites that register in the month of August will be entered in a drawing to win 100 energy-saving, long lasting, [ECObulb® PLUS](#) compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). Give the light bulbs to your event guests, use them at your program, or let kids take them home to remind parents how your program keeps the lights on after school. *(Here's another green idea: use FEIT ELECTRIC CFLs as fundraisers for your program! Contact FEIT ELECTRIC directly by emailing jay@feit.com)*

Plus, when you register your event you will receive [free posters](#), event tips and updates. Start planning your event today using our on-line [event planning kit](#). You will find sample media materials, graphics for invitations and e-vites, timelines, case studies and more. (Source: Afterschool Alliance)

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

"If you have a garden and a library you have everything you need." - Cicero (106 BC - 43BC) Roman author, orator and politician

As you're making plans for the start of a school year, make time to encourage parents to sign their children up for a card at your public library.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, established in 1987 to encourage all children to get a library card and use it.

Consider inviting a librarian to visit your program and talk with the children and youth about all that libraries offer. Have him or her bring library cards that the children can fill out if they don't have cards. If the public library is near your program site, consider scheduling a family field trip to the library. Invite families to go together to the library to finish the process of getting a library card, which usually requires a parent or guardian's signature and photo ID.

If a field trip is not feasible, send the cards home with information from your library as to how the families can finish the library card process. (Source: School-Age NOTES)

Afterschool in the News

Plastic blocks teach skills; Kids Learn Legos are More Than Toys

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2009/08/23/20090823edlegos0823.html> (Source: The Arizona Republic)

ASU, UA join forces in charity game The first Alumni Classic charity basketball game unfolded in front of nearly 400 fans Sunday at US Airways Center. Former Arizona State forward Lester Neal and wife Apryl organized the contest primarily to help establish after-school programs in south Phoenix.

<http://www.azcentral.com/sports/asu/articles/2009/08/30/20090830spt-alumnigame.html> (Source: The Arizona Republic)

Council to discuss Boys & Girls Club rates

<http://www.eacourier.com/articles/2009/08/30/news/doc4a986703111b6063085857.txt> (Source: Eastern Arizona Courier)

Moms Scramble to Find After School Care

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=112432376> (Source: National Public Radio)

Professional Development Opportunities

Understanding Youth Development: Keys to Successful Programming

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to participate in a 36 hour, 9-month learning community presented by the Arizona Youth Collaborative. You will learn new concepts arising out of the most current research and information on youth development. The curriculum will cover [nine key areas](#) and sessions will begin throughout Arizona in October.

Continuing Education Units, or CEUs, have been approved for this course through the University of Arizona Outreach College. The number of units approved is 3.6 CEUs. To apply for the CEUs, please fill out the [participant form](#) and submit the \$25 participant form fee to the University of Arizona Outreach College. The cost of the application for CEUs is not included in the total cost of the program, and obtaining CEUs is at the option of the program participants. [Online registration](#) is available now. Visa, Mastercard, and Discover are accepted.

Effective Grantwriting 101

Now more than ever, it is critical that your organization or program find ways to strength relationships with existing funders, attract new support and diversify your funding base. Sign up for this interactive two-day workshop to learn practical skills you can use immediately to craft more effective grant proposals. Develop an actual proposal as you learn! Classes will be held in Phoenix September 29-30 and in Yuma October 12-13. [Read more.](#)

You Won't Want to Miss the 19th Annual Afterschool Conference! The Whole Child, The Whole World

November 14, 2009

Mesa Convention Center

The Afterschool Conference continues to grow annually and the quality workshop proposals exceed what we could offer in a single day. There will be no repeats--just 36 high quality workshops to choose from!

Would you like to be an effective workshop presenter but just don't know how to begin to prepare to teach the adult learner? Attend *To Teach, You Must First Learn* to get answers to your questions.

Do you want to focus on service learning to create opportunities for children and teens to help others and fill true community needs while they develop interpersonal, leadership, and civic skills? Attend *Teaching Leadership and Civic Involvement in Afterschool* at the conference on Saturday, and be ready to start a service project on Monday!

Attend *Nature-ally Fun Games* to learn to plan fun, creative and original games that kids will love! These games give children a better understanding of nature and the environment and encourage their interests in being environmentally friendly and smart.

Conference registration forms will arrive in your mailbox soon. New this year—ONLINE REGISTRATION! Register at www.azafterschool.org, then mail your check or purchase order, or simply pay online.

Funding Opportunities

Do Something After School Grants

Deadline: September 15

Back to school is just around the corner but sometimes it's what kids do after school that makes the biggest impact on their life. Do Something and JCPenney have teamed up to support youth-led after school programs and projects across the country. This fall, we're giving out 10 \$500 grants and 5 grand prize \$1,000 grants to young people who are providing after school activities that help youth in their community. Each winner will also receive a limited-edition Flirtitude Tote. Let us know what you're doing by September 15th and you just might win! <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/afterschool>

Pay It Forward Mini-Grants

Deadline: September 15

Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund one-time-only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Projects must contain a "pay it forward" focus - that is, they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially - to be considered in the grant making process. Mini-Grants of up to \$500 are available for projects on a one-time-only basis. Because funding is limited, projects requesting smaller amounts will be given priority. <http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org>

Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation Literacy and Education Grants

Deadline: September 30

Literacy and education grants to help children are awarded throughout the year for specific programs with measurable outcomes. We desire to provide support for children in literacy and education programs such as summer reading programs, early childhood education programs and literacy programs for children with special needs. The grant request deadlines are at the end of February, May, and September. <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/bearhugs.aspx>

Service-Learning Grants Now Available

Deadline: Friday, October 2, 2009

The State Farm Youth Advisory board is a group of 30 diverse youth who administer a unique grant program that empowers you to take an active role in their education through service-learning. By administering service-learning grants ranging from \$25,000-\$100,000, the board empowers you to create sustainable change in local communities across the United States and Canada. [Apply for a grant.](#)

KaBOOM! Play Day Grants for Playground Projects

Deadline: October 23

You could be eligible to receive a KaBOOM! grant for a playspace enhancement just by hosting a Play Day! Complete the step-by-step Play Day Planner and then celebrate your Play Day by posting your stories, photos and videos. Sign up to host a KaBOOM! Play Day in your community from September 19-27, and you'll receive a free Play Day kit full of games, activities, and improvement projects. To support the cause, NFL PLAY 60 is offering Play Day communities \$25,000 in grants to come together to improve their local parks and playspaces with clean-ups and simple enhancement and construction projects. <http://kaboom.org/tabid/882/Default.aspx> (Source: Youth Service America)

Great American Bake Sale

Deadline: September 30

To support efforts to increase participation among low-income children in summer and after-school meal programs and is specifically interested in increasing participation in meal programs that utilize USDA reimbursement through the Summer Food Service Program, National School Lunch Program, or Child and Adult Care Food Program. Share Our Strength will award grants of \$1,000-\$10,000 to nonprofits, schools or local governments. [Click Here](#) for more information.

The Big Green Help Grants Program

April 1 – December 31, 2009

The Big Green Help is an initiative that connects kids to environmentally-friendly activities in their everyday lives. Nickelodeon is offering The Big Green Help Grants Program, which is a funding opportunity that gives \$2,500-\$5,000 grants to support environmentally friendly projects that inspire kids to take care of the environment, be active, live healthy and engage in community service.

Who is Eligible?

- Elementary and middle schools including grades K-9 (public and private not-for-profit) and after-school community based organizations with 501(c)(3) status serving kids age 5-15. Applicants must host an Earth Day event in April or a Worldwide Day of Play event in September. These events must be registered and include a project description, a recaps and photos from event
- Within the parameters of guidelines, projects of all non-profit organizations are considered for funding without regard to race, gender, disability, religion, ethnicity, age, or sexual orientation
- In addition to the criteria above, please note grant applications will not be considered unless the applicant hosts a Big Green Help environmental project or participates in Worldwide Day of Play in 2009 and provides tangible documentation of the activities. Documentation must come in the form of video, photographs or drawings. Supporting documentation, such as press clippings, letters/proclamation from mayors, administrators or other elected officials are welcome!

For more information about the Grants Program applications can be found at: <http://www.bghevent.com/>. For any questions you may have, please direct to tiffany.curtis@mtvnmix.com.

Job Openings

Child & Family Resources Program Coordinator – Afterschool Services

The Program Coordinator is responsible for planning, implementing, and managing the Cougar Pride Afterschool Program at Chaparral Middle School in the Sunnyside Unified School District. The position is

focused around community mobilization and linkage with existing resources in bringing dynamic after school programming to the school setting. Program Coordinator is also responsible for the supply procurement for Afterschool Services. [Read More](#).

Kyrene Kids Club Program Coordinator

Duties include: facilitating activity planning meetings, inventorying and ordering materials and supplies, developing and scheduling daily children's activities, communicating information to parents through memos and newsletters, mentoring and providing orientations to Club Leaders, and assigning and monitoring the work of Club Leaders. The Coordinator must have availability from 6:30am-6:30pm. Apply at www.Kyrene.org.

Afterschool Resources/Research/Reports

Our Courts

The first interactive computer game of "Our Courts," a new national civics education project backed by retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice [Sandra Day O'Connor](#), grabs young teenagers where they live – controversy about the right to wear a band T-shirt to school – in a format they love – computer games. The project (www.ourcourts.org) is a unique collaboration designed to teach middle school students about the judiciary and other parts of the government, using a Web-based learning environment. The "Our Courts" curriculum is mapped to state standards and is available to any classroom, home school, after-school club or parent. http://asunews.asu.edu/20090820_OurCourts

Fathering with Multiple Partners Associated with Poor Outcomes in Early Childhood

Young children whose fathers also have children with other women experience greater behavior problems and poorer physical health, according to a new Child Trends study published in the August issue of the *Journal of Marriage and Family*. The study, "**Fathering with Multiple Partners: Links to Children's Well-being in Early Childhood**," finds that paternal depression partially explains the association between fathers' multiple partner fertility and children's behavior problems. Fathers' multiple partner fertility also influences children's poorer physical health through lack of father involvement.

The study is based on the Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study, a longitudinal study of births occurring between 1998 and 2000 in U.S. cities with populations over 200,000. (Source: Child Trends)

Livin' The Dream Rock & Roll Camp Starts This Weekend (9/5)!!

Ear Candy's Rock and Roll Camps start September 5th (9/5) at [Scottsdale Studios](#)!! The [camps](#) will be **every** Saturday starting September 5th from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. followed by a concert on the big stage of what the participating kids learned. This is a great way to get kids you know involved with the art of modern music!! **A limited number of scholarships are available so don't delay!!!** Fill out the scholarship and participation applications on the [camp site](#) and give the gift of music now!!