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After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter | May 2016



Dear Program Provider,

Welcome to the After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter! This monthly newsletter will help to share updates, resources and instructional strategies, as well as celebrate the successes of our teens and build community among our program providers. Enjoy!

Program Updates

Teen Application Tutorial Video

After School Matters is excited to unveil our new Teen Application Tutorial video! We encourage teens to watch this video for a step-by-step guide to completing the

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Program

Dates

Spring 2016

March 14 - May 28,
2016 (March-start
programs)

Click [here](#) to see the
FY17 Program
Calendar!

NEW!

After School Matters teen application. Please share this resource with teens, parents and community members. Click [here](#) to watch the video!

Recruitment Reminders

When selecting teens for the summer, please consider **the gender make-up of your programs**. Currently, After School Matters serves 60% females and 40% males, while CPS' gender make-up is approximately 50/50. We want to make sure that ALL teens can access our programs, so we are looking to address the underrepresentation of males.

Additionally, please remember that After School Matters aims to serve **Chicago Public Schools' most underserved and at-risk teens**. Program rosters should reflect a strong indication of teens from the Chicago Public Schools and specifically teens from non-selective high schools.

Opportunities & Resources for Teens

Please see below for great teen opportunities.

AdCamp 2016

AdCamp is a one week program that consists of industry professionals and a collegiate faculty member teaching various advertising and marketing topics to eager 10th - 12th grade students. During this week, students will develop an advertising campaign for an actual client and participate in a series of field trips and corporate shadowing activities to understand the advertising environment and industry culture.

Click [here](#) to learn more about AdCamp 2016. Multicultural scholarships are available for students who demonstrate financial need. Students can apply for a scholarship [here](#).

Big Shoulders Books: Call for Submissions

DePaul University's English Department is home to an innovative publishing project called Big Shoulders Books. Big Shoulders Books produces and distributes books featuring the voices of Chicagoans whose stories might not otherwise be told. Their current project, a

Teen Notification

Process

ALL Summer 2016 program providers must **finalize and enter rosters in Cityspan by 5pm on Wednesday, May 25.**

In order to better communicate with teens, After School Matters will directly email all teens who have applied to Summer 2016 programs on Friday, May 27 to notify them of their application status.

Read more about this process [here](#).

Summer Providers - be on the lookout for a specific update related to Summer programs coming later this month!

Instructional Strategy of the Month

Tiered Level Activities

Use this technique to plan activities with varying levels of difficulty but a common goal.

collection of teen reflections on relationships, is a chance for teens to get their work professionally published. For information on how to submit pieces for this project, click [here](#).

All submissions are due by Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

For additional opportunities and resources for teens, please visit the teen resources section of [our website](#).

Program Provider Highlight: Marnie Boyd

Pre-Freshman Program in Engineering & Science



Marnie Boyd is the instructor for the Pre-Freshman Program in Engineering and Science (PREP). PREP has been an After School Matters program for nearly 7 years. Each year, Marnie works tirelessly to get her teens the STEM equipment and airfare needed to contend at the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Annual Convention. As a team, they have been awarded the NSBE Pre-College Program of the Year and The Ten80 Education Student Race Competition Grand Nationals Awards. The program competed in the 42nd Annual NSBE Competition this year in Boston, and the program won first place in five categories: High School Finals, Points Race, High School Engineering Project, High School Graphic Design, and Technical Innovation.

Congrats and thank you, Marnie, for all you do for After School Matters and our teens!

1. Begin by planning the mid-level activity--what you might normally plan for your whole group.
2. Add a level of difficulty or complexity to make the same lesson more challenging for more advanced teens.
3. Simplify or add resources to the original activity to better meet the needs and fill learning gaps for less advanced teens.

Teens may work in small groups with others of the same skill level for a particular lesson. Tiered activities can lead to effective whole group discussions and comparisons of results.

Program Provider Opportunities

SAGA Innovations Fellowship

SAGA innovations has

If you would like to submit a highlight to this newsletter, [click here](#).

Program Highlights

Science and Nature at Work - Northside Learning Center



Teens in the Science and Nature at Work program have completed building a raised garden bed that is accessible for teens who use a wheelchair. This raised bed will be delivered to Northside Learning Center next week just in time for spring planting!

Rec Leaders @ Marquette Park learn hockey from the Blackhawks Youth Hockey 101 Clinic

The Chicago Blackhawks Hockey 101 program stopped at Marquette Park to give our Rec Leaders a lesson in hockey! Teens received one-on-one coaching to learn fundamentals and then split into teams to face off against each other. Read about the teens' experience in this [DNAinfo Chicago article](#).

Thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to teens!

Sincerely,

After School Matters

a unique, 10-month fellowship for Chicago youth educators beginning August 2016. Fellows will work full-time in a CPS high school, tutoring 14 students in a 1 tutor : 2 student ratio.

Learn more and apply [here](#).

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