



Dear Program Provider,

Welcome to the After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter! This monthly newsletter will 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 & Reminders

Field Trip Forms

After School Matters program participants—including those 18 and older—must get their parent's or guardian's written permission to be eligible to attend a field trip. There is one exception to this: unaccompanied youth (youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) who are 18 or older may provide written consent on their own behalf.

Program Acknowledgement, Consent, and Release (PACR) Forms

Starting in Summer 2017, teens who are new to After School Matters—including those 18 and older—must obtain their parent's or guardian's signature on their Program Acknowledgment, Consent, and Release Form. There is one exception to this: unaccompanied youth (youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) who are 18 or older may provide written consent on their own behalf. **Please**

note that we will not ask any teen who already has a PACR on file to update it or get a version with a parent's signature.

Important Dates & Deadlines

Summer 2017

Summer 2017 Program Dates

Monday, June 26 - Saturday, August 12, 2017 -
Advanced Apprenticeships

Wednesday, July 5 - Saturday, August 12, 2017
- Apprenticeships, Internships, Assistantships

Non-Program Dates

July 3 - July 4, 2017 - Independence Day

Important Deadlines

July 14, 2017 - Summer 2017 Teen Interview Outcomes due



Opportunities & Resources for Teens

Elevate Your Voice

The Chicago Public Library invites teens to participate in [Elevate Your Voice](#), from June 1 to September 1, 2017. This project motivates teens to create a positive change in their lives or in their community, and to recognize someone in their lives who has been an inspiration to them. Elevate Your Voice will explore the themes of education, environment, and health and social change through teen-led projects and group sharing. For more information about the more than 350 workshops and drop-in programs taking place throughout the summer, please encourage teens, parents and educators to visit chipublib.org/ElevateYourVoice. If your program or any of your teens attend any Elevate Your Voice events, please inform Tyler Stratton, *Coordinator of Program Supports*, at tyler.stratton@afterschoolmatters.org.

(PRO)ject US

(PRO)ject US is an initiative for young adults between the ages of 13 – 23 designed to build fashion design, music production, and new media journalism skills. Participants will also curate a comprehensive portfolio that showcases artifacts created and knowledge gained during the program. Additionally, participants will be able to make their portfolio actionable by connecting with industry-centered special opportunities and internships. Click [here](#) to apply.

Free Admission to the Art Institute for Teens

The Art Institute of Chicago (111 S. Michigan Ave.) now offers free admission for Chicago teens under 18, thanks to the extraordinary sponsorship of Glenn and Claire Swogger and the Redbud Foundation. Click [here](#) to learn more about the museum's free admission opportunities.

Free Admission to the Museum of Contemporary Art for Teens

Beginning June 1, 2017 the Museum of Contemporary Art (220 E. Chicago Ave.) will offer free admission for all youth ages 18 and under.

Free admission gives teens access to the MCA's programs, including:

- Free artist-led tours and workshops for all students,
- Free bus transportation for Chicago Public Schools,
- The Teen Creative Agency, MCA's in-depth creative youth development program

Learn more about current and upcoming exhibits and special programming at mcachicago.org.

YoungArts Fellows

The 2017 YoungArts application is now open!

Do you have teens who are visual, literary, design, or performing artists between the ages of 15-18? Encourage them to apply to the YoungArts national arts competition!

Through YoungArts, teens can:

- Receive up to \$10,000 in cash awards
- Take master classes with accomplished artists in their field
- Become eligible for nomination as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
- Receive a lifetime of mentoring and professional support
- Achieve national recognition

[Learn more & apply!](#)

Applications are open until Friday, October 13, 2017.

Check out more [teen opportunities](#) at afterschoolmatters.org.

Program Provider Highlight

Deanna Myron

Sports 37 @ Curie



Deanna Myron (pictured above, left) has been an instructor with After SchoolMatters for the Sports 37 @ Curie High School program since 2003. As a formergraduate of Curie and current Curie staff member, Deanna has made a lastingimpact on the students in her program and throughout the Curie community. Inher program, teens learn the basics of sports such as basketball, football,baseball, soccer, and volleyball. After the first few weeks of the program,teens participate in weekly practicums delivering sports instruction to youth ages 6 – 12 atthe local park district. Additionally, many of Deanna’s teens have been hiredby the Chicago Park District or have returned to After School Matters asinstructors.

Thank you, Deanna, for all that you do for After School Matters and our teens!

Instructional Strategy of the Month

Post-Showcase Reflection

This method is used by Youth Guidance as well as BuildInc. (among others) and is in practice in several After School Matters programs.

This pro-tip comes from one of our veteran instructors in the Belmont Cragin community, Marcela Munoz. She recommends instructors **hold the last program day after their final showcase**, instead of holding their showcase as their final meeting together. This allows teens a session to reflect on the showcase and the program cycle as a whole, express their gratitude to one another, and take meaning from the session's experiences. Click [here](#) for sample post-showcase reflection questions.

“If you leave right after the performance or showcase, it can feel unfinished. We try to do it the day following the closing ceremony, which helps bring the experience's meaning into focus. We talk about what went well, what didn't go as planned, and what we learned. We also talk about the program in general.”

–Marcela Munoz, Aguijon Theater

If you want to discuss this activity or additional facilitation and instruction strategies, contact Emily Nott, Manager of Professional Development at emily.nott@afterschoolmatters.org or 312-702-8591.

Safety First!

Evacuation Planning: Familiarize yourself and your teens with the evacuation routes for your program space. Ensure all teens are familiar with the exit routes in case of emergency.



Teen Stipend Reminders

Urban Partnership Bank

This summer, in partnership with Urban Partnership Bank, **teens are able to cash their stipend checks for just \$1 at any Chicagoland Urban Partnership Bank!**

School IDs, State IDs and Driver's Licenses will be accepted as forms of identification for cashing checks. Teens can find the nearest Urban Partnership Bank location [here](#).

Contact Us!

You can reach the **Teen Stipend Hotline** at 312-768-5199 or [email us](#).

Thank you for showing teens they matter.

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