



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

Spring Program Updates

For important details and updates about teen breaks, Visual Artists Rights Act (VARA) waivers, the new teen PACR form, and more, please click one of the links below!

- School Year or Full Year Providers [click here](#).
- Spring-Only Providers (no Fall 2017 program) [click here](#).

Editing Social Security Numbers in the Teen Application

Teens can now enter and/or edit their social security number in their teen application after their application has been submitted. To do this, a teen must log back into the [teen application](#) and enter their Application ID number, which can be found in the confirmation email that teens receive after applying. After logging into the teen

application using their Application ID number, a teen can edit their social security number on Page 1 - Basic Info. If you have any questions, please email applications@afterschoolmatters.org.

Corporate Partner Workshops

After School Matters has several corporate partners who host workshops for programs. These workshops can be scheduled during your usual program time. Examples of previous engagements include:

- **Mock-Interview & Resume-Writing Workshop:** Teens work directly with corporate volunteers to create or edit resumes and practice interview questions and answers.
- **Financial Literacy Workshop:** Teens learn about the financial resources available to them to plan for their financial future.
- **Office Tours, Q&A discussion:** Teens tour an office and network with industry professionals and learn about the various educational and career paths.
- **Other Content Specific Workshops:** Teens learn best practices on specific content areas, i.e. the arts, communications and leadership, sports, and STEM.

If you would like to learn more about the available workshops, or would like for your program to participate this spring, please contact Emily Walters, Volunteer Coordinator at emily.walters@afterschoolmatters.org, or (312) 768-5200.

Important Dates & Deadlines

Monday, March 12, 2018

Program start date (March-start programs)

March 26 - 31, 2018

Non-program dates (CPS Spring Break)

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Non-program day (SAT testing)

Friday, April 13, 2018

Non-program day (CPS School Improvement Day)

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Non-program day (HS Report Card Pick Up)

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Program end date (February-start programs)

Saturday, May 26, 2018

Program end date (March-start programs)



View the full [After School Matters 2017 - 2018 Program Calendar](#).

Opportunities & Resources for Teens

Bottom Line Access Program

The Bottom Line Access Program is now accepting applications for high school juniors (class of 2019) who are interested in applying to Bachelor degree programs at four year schools. [Learn more](#) or [apply now](#). The priority deadline for applications is Friday, June 15, 2018.

Siamsa na nGael 2018: A Celtic Celebration

Join Old St. Patrick's Church and After School Matters for Siamsa na nGael 2018 on Tuesday, March 6! Through song, dance, and story, this exceptional program will tell the story of two liberators of enslaved people, Daniel O'Connell and Frederick Douglas, extraordinary heroes whose paths crossed as they became motivating "drum majors for justice." Performances include the Metropolis Symphony Orchestra, Old St. Patrick's Concert Choir, After School Matters HHW Vocal Ensemble, dancers, and more! To learn more about the event, view this [flyer](#) or visit www.cso.org.

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

Opportunities & Resources for Providers

Support Services Directory

As you build relationships with young people, it's important to remember when and how you can provide additional support if it's needed! Use the [Support Services Directory](#) After School Matters has created to help connect teens with resources in their community. If you need to provide a young person with additional support, remember to **always** loop in your Program Specialist. Please also note your status as a [mandated reporter](#).

Program Provider Highlight

Gregory Porter
Digital Imagination



In the Digital Imagination program in the Roseland community, Gregory Porter helps teens build advanced technology skills by introducing them to various aspects of digital media, including digital music recording; photo, video, and audio editing; and more.

Recently, Mr. Porter received a note from a former teen, currently in their senior year of high school, that details the skills he learned in the program in 2014:

"In the fall I will major in business management. I wrote this email to say thank you for helping me learn what leadership is as well as develop knowledge in technology. Now I am a leader of an organization at my school."

Thank you, Gregory, for all you do for After School Matters!

Safety First!

Background Checks Instructors, liaisons, and site supervisors undergo a comprehensive background check before working with teens. You may not begin recruiting or instructing until you receive written notice of clearance/approval from After School Matters' Contracting Department.

Teen Stipend Reminders

Wintrust Bank

Teens are able to cash their stipend checks for free at any Chicagoland Wintrust Bank!

Teens can find the nearest Wintrust Bank location [here](#).

Urban Partnership Bank

Teens are able to cash their stipend checks for just \$1 at any Chicagoland Urban Partnership Bank! Teens can find the nearest Urban Partnership Bank location [here](#).

School IDs, State IDs and Driver's Licenses will be accepted as forms of identification for cashing checks at both banks.

Contact Us!

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

Comuníquese Con Nosotros

Para mas información en español, llámenos al **312-846-7106** o mándenos un correo

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