



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](#).
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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, 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)

Monday, March 19, 2018

Summer 2018 Teen Application opens

March 26 - 29, 2018

After School Matters University (ASMU)

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)



Opportunities & Resources for Teens

SAIC Early College Program

Registration for the School of the Art Institute's Early College Program is now open for summer 2018! Course topics include Digital Photography, Fashion Illustration, Architecture, Water-Based Painting, and more. Financial Aid is available as well. Students who have completed their sophomore year of high school have the option of enrolling for one college credit per course. For more information, click [here](#).

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

Opportunities & Resources for Providers

Instructional Strategy of the Month

Instructor Forum Recap

If you missed Instructor Forum 2018, please review the resources below. Please be sure to save the date for Instructor Forum 2019!

Conference Booklet

Review breakout session materials and more information from Instructor Forum. [View/download here](#).

Instructor Activity Booklet

Submit an activity you want to share with other instructors by contacting [Emily Nott](#). [View/download here](#).

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

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! If a young person needs additional resources, you can use the **Support Services Directory** After School Matters has created to help connect them 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

Jim Pizzillo

Visual Arts Apprenticeship @ Vaughn



Jim Pizzillo has been an instructor with After School Matters for 18 years. His program, Visual Arts Apprenticeship @ Vaughn, is a painting program for diverse learners at Vaughn Occupational High School in the Portage Park community. In addition to learning painting and drawing techniques, teens in Jim's program also learn about building a portfolio, critiquing artwork, and other leadership skills, such as teamwork and respect. Each session, the program selects a theme to inspire their work, such as underwater life and their work is showcased throughout the school. Jim also schedules exciting field trips for his program every session, such as the Ed Paschke Art Center (pictured above).

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

Safety First!

Urgent Crises: If a crisis occurs during programs, such as serious injury, death, significant altercation, or suicide plans or attempts, call 911 and notify your Program Specialist immediately. (See *After School Matters' Crisis Management Plan in Cityspan*)

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 electrónico a espanol@afterschoolmatters.org.

Thank you for showing teens they matter.

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