

Dear Program Provider,

Welcome to the After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter!



Program Updates & Reminders

Summer 2018 Ventra Update

This summer, After School Matters will help pay for participating teens' transportation on CTA buses and trains for the first two weeks of summer programs (June 25 – July 6). After School Matters will directly load money onto a teen's Ventra card to pay for the difference between CTA's full fare and what the student fare amount would be. **To be eligible for this transit support, teens must provide their Ventra card number and expiration date in the summer 2018 program application by Thursday, June 7, 2018.** Please encourage teens to complete this step early so they qualify for this transit support! Questions? Visit our [summer transit support webpage](#).

Action Required: New PACR for Summer 2018

After School Matters is rolling out a revised Program Acknowledgment, Consent, and Release (PACR) Form for Summer 2018. **ALL TEENS (including those 18 and older) in an After School Matters program—whether returning to After School Matters or new to programs—must submit a signed form in order to participate and be eligible to receive a stipend. This is true for returning teens who already have a PACR on file.**

Summer Program Eligibility: Rising 9th Grade Teens

Teens that recently graduated from 8th grade are eligible to participate in After School Matters programs this summer if they will be 14 years of age by September 1, 2018.

Teen Pay and Stipends Page

The Teen Pay and Stipend page is a new way for your teen to see if they're on track to get paid for the current program session. For more information about this resource, click [here](#).

Rollover Teens

If a teen in your program is interested in participating in your program this summer, they must undergo the full application process, and submit a new teen application. Teens can apply to summer programs by visiting www.afterschoolmatters.org/apply.

Instructional Strategy of the Month

Restorative Conversations

Restorative Conversation Self Checklist

Developed by Umoja

This checklist can be helpful when you need to have a personal or challenging conversation with a young person after an issue in program. It helps you think about your non-verbal communication, existing relationships and identities approaching a challenging conversation, and your tone as a facilitator. For additional resources about restorative justice practices, check out this [reading list](#).

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.

Safety Tip of the Month

Program Visitors or Guest Speakers

If you wish to bring a guest instructor, speaker, or visitor to your program, your Program Specialist must approve the visitor in advance. (See Visiting Professional Request Form in Cityspan).

Important Dates & Deadlines

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Program end date (February-start programs)

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Expense report, certification letter & teen documents due (February-start programs)

Saturday, May 26, 2018

Program end date (March-start programs)

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Summer 2018 enrollment deadline

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



Opportunities & Resources for Providers



2018 Arts Educator Reception

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) have designated 2018 as the Year of Creative Youth - a celebration of Chicago's young artists and the teachers who inspire them!

On June 7, 2018, please join DCASE and After School Matters for Chicago's first reception to honor YOU—and all of Chicago's art teachers inspiring the next generation of creative youth citywide. For more information, click [here](#).

Check out more [instructor resources](#) at afterschoolmatters.org.

Program Provider Highlight

Jeremy Dionisio

Advanced Video Production



Jeremy Dionisio has been an instructor with After School Matters since 2006, and he currently leads the Advanced Video Production program in the Downtown branch. Jeremy's dedication to building a strong program is evident in his high rate of returning teens and excellent daily attendance. Teens emerge from Jeremy's program with heightened skills in collaborative project management and are given the creative license to the artistic expression afforded to them. At the same time, Jeremy facilitates teen exploration of all aspects of film making, including screenwriting, acting, shooting, direction, editing and producing. The high level of professionalism teens acquire in his program is apparent in the polished works presented in their film festivals, but most importantly, in their excitement when they talk about their interest in the film industry for the future.

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

Opportunities & Resources for Teens & Alumni



Learn more about the [Bottom Line College](#)

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

Access Program [here](#).

Click here for information on the **Teen Arts Pass**, a new initiative that gives teens access to \$5 professional performance shows.

The Junior Academy is a network of STEM experts, students and companies that work to design innovative solutions to global challenges. Click [here](#) to learn more.

The Anti-Defamation League is accepting submissions for the **2018 Our First Amendment Freedoms Art & Essay Contest**. Click [here](#) for more details.

After School Matters Alumni looking for summer or part time work are encouraged to [contact Samantha Deane](#), Teen Career Services and Alumni Relations Specialist.

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

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.

Support Services Directory

If a young person needs additional resources, you can use the [Support Services Directory](#)

Thank you for showing teens they matter.

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