

Dear Program Provider,

Welcome to the After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter!



Program Updates & Reminders

Senior Sendoff Events

Exciting news! For the first time ever, After School Matters is hosting two senior sendoff events for After School Matters teens who are seniors and have participated in at least one program. One event is for Downtown/South/Southwest teens and the other for North/ Northwest teens. Our goal is to prepare teens for life after After School Matters by connecting them to our alumni network, facilitating workshops on money and social media, and raffling off laptops, Chromebooks, and Kindles. All teens will leave with a *stocked* goodie bag. **Please share this information with your teens and have them RSVP using the links below!!**

Details for Downtown/South/Southwest Teens & Programs:

Location: Morningstar, 22 W. Washington St. Chicago, IL 60602 (floor 7)

Date: July 18, 2018

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

Teens can RSVP [here!](#)

Details for North/Northwest Teens & Programs:

Location: Lutz Family Center, 3435 N. Cicero Ave Chicago, IL 60641

Date: July 20, 2018

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

Teens can RSVP [here!](#)

**If a teen is in a program that meets in the afternoon and on the day of the event, their attendance at the Sendoff will count toward their program attendance.*

Teen Interview Outcomes

An interview outcome (Recommend Enroll, Do Not Enroll, Not Interviewed, Recommend Audit) must be entered for all teens you interviewed by Friday, July 13.

Instructors or liaisons were required to interview all teens who applied and are not on the waitlist (teens who appear in black in Cityspan). You were not required to interview teens on the waitlist (teens who appear in blue in Cityspan). However, if you do interview a teen from the waitlist, you must enter an interview outcome for this teen into Cityspan.

Click [here](#) for a step-by-step guide for entering interview outcomes in Cityspan. This guide can also be found in the Documents section of Cityspan.

Background Checks

As a reminder, Instructors, liaisons, site supervisors, program staff, and volunteers must undergo a comprehensive background check before working with teens in an After School Matters program. Any staff not approved to work, may not recruit or instruct until a written notice is received from After School Matter's Contracting Department. As always, if a program meets at a school facility, all of the above staff will need to get fingerprinted and be approved by Chicago Public Schools. If you have questions or concerns about After School Matters or Chicago Public Schools clearance, please email Chandler Meyer-Brown at Chandler.Meyer@afterschoolmatters.org.

Summer Program Tour Reminders

Summer is officially here, which means that there will be a lot of tours and groups coming through your programs. We thank you in advance for helping to host our guests, and want to provide a few reminders for how to prepare for these tours. Please review [this document](#) for reminders about program visits and tours. Please contact your program specialist with any questions.

Compliance Visits

This Summer, the After School Matters Program Quality and Compliance Team will continue conducting compliance site visits and assessments. Our goal is to support program quality improvement and to keep a pulse on our programs. We look forward to seeing your teens in action!

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](#).

Instructional Strategy of the Month

Gratitude Web

MHA Skill: Collaboration

At the end of the program, teens welcome a chance to shout one another out, celebrate successes, and appreciate one another. A great way to do this is a **gratitude web**. To lead a gratitude web: circle up. Hold one end of a long ball of yarn. Share something you're grateful for with someone in the circle. While holding the end, pass the yarn to the person you offered gratitude to. Teens loop the yarn around their finger and share something with someone else, passing the yarn to that person. No person should get a second gratitude until everyone has been recognized. At the end, you should have a spider-web like structure with everyone holding the yarn. Teens can choose to cut a piece of yarn for a keepsake. This activity works best at the very end of program, after your final showcase. For more activities, click [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.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Summer 2018 enrollment deadline

Monday, June 25, 2018

Summer 2018 programs begin

Friday, July 13, 2018

Teen Interview Outcomes due in Cityspan

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Fall 2018 Application opens

Saturday, August 4, 2018

Summer 2018 programs end
(Apprenticeships)

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Summer 2018 programs end (Adv.
Apprenticeships)



Opportunities & Resources for Providers



Voting for Peace

After School Matters is partnering with Rock The Vote to help eligible teens register to vote in 2018 because we believe youth voices MATTER. We encourage you to use the following resources in your program to educate all teens about voting and to empower eligible teens to register. Click [here](#) for the Voting for Peace slide deck. Click [here](#) for the teaching guide to accompany the slide deck. This guide offers slide-by-slide talking points, activity suggestions, as well as additional resources. We invite instructors to facilitate a session on “Voting for Peace,” to encourage eligible teens to [register to vote](#) and to share photos from your Voting for Peace session on social media. Questions? Contact Samantha Deane, Teen Career Services and Alumni Relations Specialist, at samantha.deane@afterschoolmatters.org.

After School Tech Toolkit

The After School Tech Toolkit aims to empower after school professionals and educators with strategies and training so they can provide students with powerful access to technology outside of classroom hours. This toolkit is for those who lead or oversee out-of-school time programming in various settings including schools, community-based organizations, private organizations, churches, libraries and homeless shelters. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

Program Provider Highlight

Pearl Dick, Risa Recia & Charles

Manion Glassworks



Pearl Dick, Risa Recio and Charles Manion are the instructors for the Glassworks program, which recently moved program sites to ArtReach Chicago in the East Garfield Park community. These three instructors have worked hard to recruit teens from all across the city for their unique apprenticeship this summer, and are doing an amazing job at fully utilizing the new space. In this program, teens learn a variety of glassmaking techniques, including glassblowing, frameworking, fusing, enameling, screenprinting, and mosaic. The Glassworks program recently took a field trip to the Garfield Park Conservatory to pull inspiration for their summer projects, which will be based on beauty in nature. Over the next few weeks, teens will be working on final products to be featured in this year's After School Matters Annual Gala.

Thank you Pearl, Risa & Charles for all you do for After School Matters!

Tech Tip of the Month

We're excited to share the After School Matters Money Management app created in partnership with Fifth Third Bank and After School Matters alum, Keith Gordon. Encourage teens to download the app this summer to track, manage and budget their stipend or payments. Just ask your teens to follow these simple steps:

1. **Go to your app store, search After School Matters Money Management app**
2. **Download the app**
3. **Open and start saving, budgeting and tracking. It's that simple!**



After School Matters Money Management App

Opportunities & Resources for Teens & Alumni



Learn more about the **Bottom Line College 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 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.

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.

Support Services Directory

If a young person needs additional resources, you can use the **Support Services Directory**

Thank you for showing teens they matter.

Connect with us on social media for more program highlights.



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