

ACT Now: After-School for Children and Teens

The ACT Now (After-school for Children and Teens Now) Coalition works to ensure that all young people in Illinois have access to quality, affordable after-school programs.

The ACT Now Coalition brings together after-school and youth development stakeholders from across the state to join forces and more effectively work towards ensuring that all young people in Illinois have access to quality, affordable out-of-school time programs.

ACT Now is a diverse coalition supported by Illinois families, educators, business leaders, community advocates, youth organizations, and policymakers from across the state. We believe that an increased commitment to young people beyond the traditional school day is a crucial part of their growth into productive, healthy adults.

After-school opportunities must be strengthened and expanded

Statewide demand for quality, affordable after-school opportunities far outpaces the current supply.

Joining the ACT Now Coalition is an opportunity to have an impact on kids and families by working towards a system of after-school and youth development programs that will enhance every young person's chance for success in life.

The Coalition is a resource for:

- Learning about new policy developments in after-school issues
- Receiving message and advocacy training
- Drawing on policy and technical expertise to inform best practices
- Connecting with the experts on professional development, in partnership with the Illinois AfterSchool Network
- Networking with other providers and youth advocates

Who should join?

After-school and youth development providers of all types

Advocates with an interest in youth and family well-being

Educators

Parents

Youth

Advocates with an interest in youth and family well-being

Concerned business organizations

***Interested in joining ACT Now or receiving our updates?
Contact Samantha Hedges at SHedges@voices4kids.org or 312.516.5574***

ACT NOW SUPPORTERS

Ada S. McKinley Community Services
Advance Illinois
After School Matters
Alternative Schools Network
America SCORES Chicago
Applied Scholastics International
Association House of Chicago
Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service
Better Boys Foundation
Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal
Boys and Girls Club of Chicago
Boys and Girls Club of Danville
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Peoria
Boys and Girls Club of Lake County
Boys and Girls Club of Livingston County
Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley
Boys and Girls Club of Pekin
Boys and Girls Club of Prairie Central
Boys and Girls Club of Roseland
Boys and Girls Club of West Cook County
Brain Hurricane
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council
BUILD
Building Better Youth through Sports (BBY Sports)
CAPS
Carole Robertson Center for Learning
Casa Central
Centro Romero
Center of Halsted
Center for New Horizons
Charles Hayes Center
Chess Academy LLC
Chicago Area Project
Chicago Commons
Chicago Department of Family and Support Services
Chicago Housing Authority
Chicago Metropolis 2020
Chicago Out-of-School Time Project
Chicago Police Department
Chicago Public Schools
Chicago Urban League
Chicago Training Centers
Chicago Youth Centers
Chinese American Service League
Child Care Resource and Referral
Child Link
Children's Home + Aid
Christopher House
Community Assistance Programs
Comer Science and Education Foundation
Crawford County Teen REACH/A.C.E. Afterschool
Program & Summer Success/ Southeastern Illinois
Counseling Centers, Inc.
Decatur Area Education Coalition
Department of Human Services McLean
Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club
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Elijah's House
Erie Neighborhood House and the
Erie Elementary Charter School
Family Focus
Family Network - After School Activity Program
Farther Foundation
Fight Crime Invest in Kids Illinois
Fleetwood - Jourdain Community Center
FOUS Youth Development Services
Gary Comer Youth Center
George Werden Buck Boys and Girls Club
Golden Apple Foundation
Good Hope Baptist Church
Holy Cross Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
Hyde Park Neighborhood Club
ICARE Ministries
Illinois Action for Children
Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention
Illinois After-school Alliance
Illinois AfterSchool Network
Illinois Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
Illinois Association of Park Districts
Illinois Center for Violence Prevention
Illinois Central College
Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Illinois Task Force on African American Males,
Illinois Department of Human Services
Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs
Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of Education
Latino Policy Forum
Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth
Logan Square Neighborhood Association
Marion Stamps Youth Center
Metropolitan Family Services
Mikva Challenge
Mujeres Latinas En Acción
Murphysboro Youth & Recreation Center
MWAH! Performing Arts Troupe
Nicasa
Onward House
Outreach Community Ministries
Patriots Gateway Center
Paul Revere Elementary School
Phalanx Family Services
RBC Community Service Center
Robert Emmet School
Sankofa Safe Child Initiative
Stateline Boys and Girls Club
Supplemental Educational Services of Illinois
Sunlight African Community Center
The Chicago Training Center
The Federation for Community Schools
The Intonation Music Workshop
The Miracle Center
UCAN
Union League Boys & Girls Club
Universidad Popular
University of Illinois Extension
Urban Initiatives
Victory Christian International Ministry
Voices for Illinois Children
West Chicago Police Department
Westside Health Authority
West Town Academy
YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, Street Intervention
Program
YWCA Elgin
Youth Guidance
Youth Organizations Umbrella (Y.O.U.)
Youth Outreach Services
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