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After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter | October 2016



Teens get ready to participate in the Halloween Gathering Parade in 2015.

Dear Program Provider,

Welcome to the After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter! This monthly newsletter will help to 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

[Targeted Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#)

After School Matters is seeking new independent instructors and community organizations interested in providing after-school and summer programs during the Summer 2017, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 program sessions. These program providers will mentor and share their expertise with Chicago high school teens by delivering a wide range of program opportunities across the city in the arts, communications, science, sports, and technology.

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a program provider, please share this information with them. Note that this year, After School Matters is targeting programs in specific content areas and specific

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Important Dates

Fall 2016

Friday, November 4 at 5:00pm

Targeted RFP closes

Non-Program Days

Fall 2016

Monday, October 31
Halloween

Friday, November 4
CPS School Improvement Day

Thursday, November 10

neighborhoods/community areas. Anyone interested in applying must complete the **Intent to Apply form** to determine if you meet After School Matters' target areas for the the full year.

For more information, including how to access the Intent to Apply form, click [here](#). **The Targeted RFP for New Program Providers is due on Friday, November 4, 2016 by 5:00pm.**

Opportunities & Resources for Teens

Please see below for great teen opportunities.

[Jack Kent Cook Foundation College Scholarship](#)

The Jack Kent Cook Foundation College Scholarship program is the largest undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best 4-year colleges and universities. College Scholars have access to generous financial support for up to 4 years, college planning support, ongoing advising, and the opportunity to network with the larger JKCF Scholar community.

For information on eligibility requirements, and to access the scholarship application, visit the [JKCF website](#) or click [here](#) for the program flyer. **Applications are due on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 by 12:00pm EST.**

[WorldChicago Youth Diplomats](#)

WorldChicago Youth Diplomats is an 8-month experiential learning program that will explore global issues, build leadership and cross-cultural communication skills, and introduce students to college and career options in international affairs, development and diplomacy. Participants will also serve as Peer Ambassadors to WorldChicago's international youth exchange students from Southern Asia, the Middle East, Cuba and the United Kingdom.

There is no fee to participate in Youth Diplomats; participants will be selected through a merit-based application and interview process. Click [here](#) for the Youth Diplomats program flyer and click [here](#) for the application. Visit worldchicago.org/youthdiplomats for more information. **Applications are due by Tuesday, November 1, 2016.**

[Walgreens Expressions Challenge](#)

The Walgreens Expressions Challenge (Expressions) is an incentive based contest for high school teens to showcase their creative perspective on healthy lifestyle choices. Entrants may submit their perspective in three categories:

HS Report Card Pick-Up Day

Friday, November 11
Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 23 - Saturday, November 26
Thanksgiving Break

Instructional Strategy of the Month

The Mine Field

Time: 15 - 30 minutes

Materials: 6 small objects, 25 cups per group, two phones, paper, pen

Objective: Use this activity to build community and to practice communication and effective listening.

Setup Instructions:

1. Find an open space.
2. Create a 5x5 grid with the cups.
3. Create a 5x5 dot grid on a piece of paper. This will serve as a map.
4. Place the small objects under the cups (one object per cup).
5. Place an 'x' on the dots that correspond to the cups that contain the objects.

Directions:

1. Break the group into teams of 3 - 4 teens.
2. Each group

creative writing, media arts or visual arts. Prizes are awarded to the student winners in each category. If any of your teens are interested in participating in this opportunity, please email Lauren Lewandowski, Manager of Special Projects, at lauren.lewandowski@afterschoolmatters.org.

For more information, visit www.expressionschallenge.com, review the [educator toolkit](#), or review the contest [brochure](#). **All entries to the contest must be submitted by Wednesday, November 30, 2016.**

[Paid NORC Research Study](#)

On behalf of the Center for Disease Control & Prevention, The National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago is seeking individuals to participate in a survey about sexual identity, behavior, and HIV prevention. Participants should be 13 - 18 years old and must be a male who is sexually attracted to men or a transgender youth 13 - 24 years old. Participating in this study involves answering a series of questions, and discussing answers with interviewers. For more details, click [here](#) or contact NORC at 877-346-7151 or teen-health@norc.org.

For additional opportunities and resources for teens, please visit the teen resources section of our website.

Program Provider Highlight: Harold Chapman

Growing Power @ Roosevelt Square
Community Youth Farm



Harold Chapman has been the instructor for Growing Power @ Roosevelt Square Community Youth Farm for the past three years. Prior to Growing Power, Harold was an

should choose one teen to be the guide. The guide will go to another location with the map and a phone. The remainder of the teens will stay in the space with the 5x5 grid.

3. Each group should choose one teen to be the receiver. The receiver will take direction from the guide using the other phone.
4. The other 1 - 2 teens must listen to the directions from the receiver and try to find the items on the grid.
5. Each team will try to find all 6 items within the 5x5 grid. The team that finds the items quickest wins.

Teen Stipends Reminders

Contact Us!

You can reach the Teen Stipend Call Center at

312-768-5199

Monday - Friday
9am - 5pm

Urban Partnership Bank

This fall, **teens are able to cash their stipend**

instructor for carpentry and set design programs. He has incorporated these skills into his Growing Power program through a project where teens build a shade structure which will collect water for irrigation, provide trellises for vertical crops, and give shelter to an outdoor meeting space. The teens in this program learn about urban agriculture, healthy eating, cooking, and dignity in working with their hands. Once a week, the teens hold a farmer's market, where they share the efforts of their hard work with the community.

Thank you, Harold, for all you do for After School Matters and our teens!

If you would like to submit a highlight to this newsletter, [click here](#).

Thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to teens!

Sincerely,

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checks for just \$1 at any Chicagoland Urban Partnership Bank!

School IDs, State IDs and Driver's Licenses will be accepted as forms of identification for cashing checks. Teens can find the nearest Urban Partnership bank location [here](#).

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