



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

Wintrust Bank Check Cashing for Teens

We are happy to announce a new partnership with Wintrust Bank.

Wintrust Bank is offering **free** check cashing for all After School Matters Teens!

Teens are not required to have a bank account with Wintrust to take advantage of this resource. To cash their checks, teens must simply provide a photo ID at one of the 21 Wintrust Bank locations throughout Chicago. [View the branch location list.](#)

Questions? Please call the Teen Stipend Hotline at 312-768-5199.

Teen Interview Outcomes

An interview outcome (Recommend Enroll, Do Not Enroll, Not Interviewed,

Recommend Audit) must be entered for all teens you interviewed.

Instructors or liaisons must interview all teens who applied and who are not on the waitlist (teens who appear in black in Cityspan). You are 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.

If you have not yet submitted interview programs for your program, please do so as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting interview outcomes was July 14.

Field Trip Forms

After School Matters program participants—including those 18 and older—must get their parent's or guardian's written permission to be eligible to attend a field trip. There is one exception to this: unaccompanied youth (youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) who are 18 or older may provide written consent on their own behalf.

Program Acknowledgement, Consent, and Release (PACR) Forms

Beginning Summer 2017, teens who are new to After School Matters—including those 18 and older—must obtain their parent's or guardian's signature on their Program Acknowledgment, Consent, and Release Form. There is one exception to this: unaccompanied youth (youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) who are 18 or older may provide written consent on their own behalf. **Please note** that we will not ask any teen who already has a PACR on file to update it or get a version with a parent's signature.

Important Dates & Deadlines

Summer 2017

Summer 2017 Program Dates

Monday, June 26 - Saturday, August 12, 2017

- Advanced Apprenticeships

Wednesday, July 5 - Saturday, August 12,

2017 - Apprenticeships, Internships, Assistantships

Non-Program Dates

July 3 - July 4, 2017 - Independence Day

Important Deadlines

Friday, July 21, 2017 - Contracts, Budgets and Background Checks due for School-Year Programs

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Opportunities & Resources for Teens

Elevate Your Voice

The Chicago Public Library invites teens to participate in [Elevate Your Voice](#), from June 1 to September 1, 2017. This project motivates teens to create a positive change in their lives or in their community, and to recognize someone in their lives who has been an inspiration to them. Elevate Your Voice will explore the themes of education, environment, and health and social change through teen-led projects and group sharing. For more information about the more than 350 workshops and drop-in programs taking place throughout the summer, please encourage teens, parents and educators to visit chipublib.org/ElevateYourVoice.

Free Admission to the Art Institute for Teens

The Art Institute of Chicago (111 S. Michigan Ave.) now offers free admission for Chicago teens under 18, thanks to the extraordinary sponsorship of Glenn and Claire Swogger and the Redbud Foundation. Click [here](#) to learn more about the museum's free admission opportunities.

Free Admission to the Museum of Contemporary Art for Teens

Beginning June 1, 2017 the Museum of Contemporary Art (220 E. Chicago Ave.) will offer free admission for all youth ages 18 and under.

Free admission gives teens access to the MCA's programs, including:

- Free artist-led tours and workshops for all students,
- Free bus transportation for Chicago Public Schools,
- The Teen Creative Agency, MCA's in-depth creative youth development program

Learn more about current and upcoming exhibits and special programming at mcachicago.org.

YoungArts Fellows

The 2017 YoungArts application is now open!

Do you have teens who are visual, literary, design, or performing artists between the ages of 15-18? Encourage them to apply to the YoungArts national arts competition!

Through YoungArts, teens can:

- Receive up to \$10,000 in cash awards
- Take master classes with accomplished artists in their field
- Become eligible for nomination as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
- Receive a lifetime of mentoring and professional support

- Achieve national recognition

[Learn more & apply!](#)

Applications are open until Friday, October 13, 2017.

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

Opportunities & Resources for Providers

Support Services Directory

As you build relationships with young people this summer, 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. We have provided a directory for Counseling and Case Management Services, Homelessness Services, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, and Immigrant and Refugee Services by community area and branch, with contact information. 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](#) as well.

Program Provider Highlight

Duke Shin

Style Matters DJ Apprenticeship @ The Firehouse



Duke Shin (pictured above, right) has been an instructor with After School Matters for the Style Matters DJ Apprenticeship @ The Firehouse Community Arts Center for five years. With over 15 years of professional DJ experience, Duke has had an

immediate impact developing the deejay skills of his teens. Working with fellow StyleMatters instructors Max Davis and John Simmons, the program has performed at the After School Matters Annual Gala, Chicago Fashion Week at the Chicago Cultural Center and Block 37, Rock Your Drop On The Block, Speak Life, and countless other open mics and program collaborations. This year, prior to the start of summer programming, Duke found time to bring a group of his teens to perform at After School Matters' Volunteer Celebration on June 15th, as well as Summer Teen Cuisine on July 7th—just one week into summer programs. Additionally, many of the program's current apprentices and alumni are already deejaying professionally.

Thank you, Duke, for developing Chicago's next group of talented DJs!

Instructional Strategy of the Month

MHA Reflection

At the end of each program day, it's vital to take time to reflect on the day and allow young people to debrief. Here is one strategy you can use to structure your Daily Reflection!

For this activity, you will need 3-color sticky notes, tape, and MHA posters, available from your program specialist and printable at <http://mhalabs.org/tools/>.

1. Hang the 6 skills posters on one wall of the room.
2. At the end of the program session, ask teens to write on a sticky note one "Highlight," something they were successful at today. On another color sticky note, they will write one "Shout-out," something a peer excelled at today. On a third color sticky-note, they will write one "Challenge," something they struggled with or found difficult.
3. Teens share out their reflections and place them on the most fitting 21st century skill. If more than one applies, ask the class to help decide where it should go.
4. Leave sticky notes up so they accumulate all program session. Along with helping young people identify which skills they are using, you can notice if they struggled with or succeeded at any elements of the program day across the board, and adjust your instruction. Additionally, you can notice which skills have "highlights" and "challenges" building up, and work to address those skills in programming.

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

Safety First!

Keep Exits Clear: Make sure all program space exits - both doors and windows - remain clear from obstructions and clutter.

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](#).



Thank you for showing teens they matter.

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