



**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

### Request for Proposals Process

After School Matters is currently seeking new Independent Instructors interested in providing after-school and summer programs during the Summer 2018, Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 program sessions. Independent Instructors can apply directly at [afterschoolmatters.applytojob.com](https://afterschoolmatters.applytojob.com). Individuals interested in leading STEM programs are needed!

For more information, visit the After School Matters website at [afterschoolmatters.org/program-providers](https://afterschoolmatters.org/program-providers).

## Important Dates & Deadlines

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

Non-program day

**Friday, November 20, 2017**

Spring 2018 and ASMU Application opens

**Wednesday, November 22 - 25, 2017**

Non-program days (Thanksgiving)

**Monday, November 27, 2017**

Teen and Instructor Fall 2017 Surveys open



Click [here](#) for the After School Matters 2017 - 2018 Program Calendar.

## Opportunities & Resources for Teens

### University of Chicago Collegiate Scholars Program

The University of Chicago Collegiate Scholars Program (CSP) is a three-year enrichment program that prepares talented Chicago Public School students in grades 10 - 12 for admission and success at highly selective colleges and universities. Current high school freshman can apply [here](#) by **February 11, 2018**. For more information, click [here](#).

### University of Chicago Summer Research Programs

The University of Chicago's Comprehensive Cancer Center is offering two summer research training programs for high school and college students interested in biomedicine! [Chicago EYES on Cancer](#) is a year-long research experience for high school and college students, beginning with an eight-week camp during summer 2018. [researchHStart](#) is an eight-week summer cancer research program for high school teens interested in an immersive media research experience. Both programs are led by lead medical researchers. Applications for both programs will open in January 2018.

### Chicago Girls Study

The University of Chicago is conducting a study to learn about the neighborhoods, schools, relationships, and experiences of girls growing up in Chicago. Adolescent girls ages 15 - 19 are eligible to participate. Participation includes completing an online survey that asks questions about experiences as a girl in Chicago. Any information provided will be kept completely confidential and names will not be asked or attached to the information shared. Participants will receive a \$10 gift card for completing the survey. Any adolescent girls that are interested should go to

[girlschicagostudy.com](http://girlschicagostudy.com). Please note this link will go live on Monday, November 27, 2017. For more information, please call 872-233-8387, email [girlschicagostudy@gmail.com](mailto:girlschicagostudy@gmail.com) or click [here](#).

## Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program

The Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (IYLEP) – A Department of State program that brings Iraqi students to the United States for the summer – is looking for US exchange participants to join the Iraqi exchange participants on their trip around the United States. Participants will have the opportunity to develop community action projects, build leadership and peacebuilding skills, and engage in experiential learning activities that promote mutual understanding between the people of Iraq and the United States. Teens [apply here](#) by **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**. [Learn more here](#) or review the [program FAQs](#).

## Chicago Symphony Orchestra Family Weekend

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra is featuring four Family Weekend concerts at discounted prices from November 30 - December 3, 2017. Use promo code FAMILY50 to enjoy a CSO concert featuring kid-friendly music for 50% off, including free postconcert cupcakes. Additionally, on December 2, the CSO will play a Family Matinee concert at 12:45pm, followed by a pizza party with the conductor. To purchase tickets, click [here](#). Click [here](#) for a digital flyer.

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

## Opportunities & Resources for Alumni

### After School Matters Alumni Council

Formed in 2017, the After School Matters Alumni Network has a mission to use the existing relationship with and connection to After School Matters Alumni to support their efforts to apply their talents to work and college. The After School Matters Alumni Council is the key decision-making group for the After School Matters Alumni Network. Alumni of all ages and career paths that live in Chicago are welcome to apply. For more information, click [here](#). The application can be found [here](#) and is due by **Thursday, November 30, 2017**.

## Opportunities & Resources for Providers

### Support Services Directory

As you build relationships with young people, 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. 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](#).

## Instructional Strategy of the Month

### Instructor Approved Icebreaker, Energizer, and Reflection Activities Booklet

This [booklet](#) lists a variety of icebreakers, energizers, and reflection activities that can be used during program time. These activities can give teens a chance to get to know one another, help the group re-focus, allow teens to process the experience they're having, and promote a culture of belonging. Have an amazing activity of your own to share with other After School Matters instructors? Email instructions to [Emily Nott](#) at any time.

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](mailto:emily.nott@afterschoolmatters.org) or 312-702-8591.

## Program Provider Highlight

### Johnny Dorsey

### Mentoring & Leadership Development @ Urban Prep



Johnny is the instructor for the all-male Mentoring and Leadership Development program at Urban Prep. In his program, Johnny empowers male teens to learn about African American history, mentorship, and techniques for self-improvement. Additionally, teens in the program regularly have group discussions around current events and learn about the seven principles of Kwanzaa. Each session, Johnny's teens decide on a unique final project to showcase at the end of the program session. This fall, Johnny's teens will perform a skit they created about historical figures in African American history at the [After School Matters Kwanzaa Celebration](#) on December 7.

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

## Safety First!

**Teen Discipline:** If teens are disruptive, disrespectful, or uncooperative during programs, you may give them a verbal or written warning, or coordinate with your Program Specialist to terminate them from the program. You should not, under any circumstances, engage in physical punishment or discipline.



## 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](mailto:espanol@afterschoolmatters.org).

Thank you for showing teens they matter.

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