



Minneapolis Afterschool Network

Citywide Out-of-School Time System for Minneapolis

An Initiative of the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board

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Youth professionals gain tools to work together at Youth Worker Open Summit



The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board and the Minneapolis Health Department held its first joint Youth Worker Open Summit on March 10, 2017. At UROC youth work professionals from around the city gathered in an effort to re-establish and regroup the city's neighborhood youth work circles.

At the summit youth work professionals broke into groups to discuss various topics that today's youth face including: self-confidence, retention, safety, employment, community, hate & bias, trauma and dandelion cultivation. These groups broke down the issues, thought of solutions and identified ways they as a whole could best work together to provide youth the resources and tools they need in order to succeed.

Upcoming Events

Visit our Professional Development Calendar

Find out about events, seminars and classes for youth work professionals on YCB's Professional Development Calendar.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

IN THE NEWS

The future of afterschool programming is currently in question due to President Trump's recent proposals to eliminate funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grant program. This news sent shock waves across the youth work professional community; specifically shaking things up at Ignite Afterschool.

The information would inspire the organization's Executive Director Kari Denissen Cunnien to write an article for the Star Tribune's business forum, which eventually landed in the paper and online.

Click [here](#) to read Cunnien's article about the importance of afterschool

Click [here](#) to see more photos from the event.

The YCB & MYC write a poignant statement welcoming immigrants and refugees



The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board and the Minneapolis Youth Congress joined forces on March 9, 2017 in an effort to share their perspectives on making Minneapolis a welcoming city for refugees and immigrants in the wake of White House executive orders. With the help and support of city and county elected officials Mayor Betsy Hodges, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, City Council member and YCB Chair Cam Gordon, Hennepin County Commissioners Marion Greene and Peter McLaughlin as well as Hennepin County Library Director Lois Langer Thompson, the YCB and MYC opened up about the importance of having Minneapolis be an inclusive and welcoming city.

Youth Congress members Jada Richard of De La Salle High School and Melissa Flores of Southwest High School read aloud the Statement of Welcoming while fellow members Mateo Pignatello of South and Heidi Sanchez of Hiawatha Collegiate Academy High School shared personal statements on the issue.

For more information of the Statement of Welcoming, click [here](#).

Minneapolis Teen Job Fair in April

programming.

SAVE THE DATE

April 21, 2017
Youth Development
Conference

Come out from 8:30am - 3:30pm to explore the impact of physical fitness and sports in healthy out-of-school-time programs.

April 22, 2017
Minneapolis Teen Job Fair

Youth, parents and youth caring adults will have to opportunity to converse with employers and explore possible job opportunities in Minneapolis and the surrounding area.

April 24 - 28, 2017
Afterschool Professionals
Appreciation Week

During this week the National Alliance for Afterschool recognizes and [celebrates](#) the work youth work professionals who make a difference in the lives of young people.

Highlight Your Afterschool Program in What's Up 612!

Help families and youth find things to do in the 612! With [What's Up 612!](#) now it's even easier to let others know about opportunities and resources available outside of the classroom. To have your program, resources, and/or events featured in What's Up 612! simply submit the following:



- Brief description of program
- Activity Type; Health & Fitness, Academics, Arts etc.
- Time & days offered
- Targeted grade level(s)
- Program cost and



Join Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, the Minneapolis Youth Congress, the department of Community Planning and Economic Development, Hennepin County Library, AchieveMpls, Minneapolis WorkForce Centers, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Lunds and Byerly's for the annual Teen Job Fair.

Come out to Hennepin County Library - Central on Saturday April 22nd for a day full of fun dedicated to not only helping young people find jobs but gain the necessary skills and training to land a great job.

This year's Teen Job Fair will include:

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Teen Prep Rally on-site!
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Interactive Workshop: Top Tips for Teens
- 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. JOB FAIR

Sign-up for the 2017 Youth Development Conference

Join the Alliance of Athletics and Academic Access for the 2017 Youth Development Conference Friday, April 21 from 8:30am - 3:30pm. Explore the impact of physical fitness and sports in healthy out-of-school-time programs at the University of Minnesota Recreation and Wellness Center (123 SE Harvard St, Minneapolis, MN 55405).

scholarship information, if applicable

- Location address
- Contact information and website address
- Photo and/or video (recommended but not required)

What's Up 612! is an online resource for children and youth ages 5-21 where citywide afterschool programs, summer activities and resources can be found. To have your program listed, click [here](#).

Thank you all for your work to benefit Minneapolis children and young people. Please share this e-newsletter with colleagues, especially with those who work with children, young people, families and the broader Minneapolis community.

For more information on the Minneapolis Afterschool Network and its initiatives as well as ways to engage, please contact our Director of Projects [Phil Rooney](#) via email or at 612-673-2131.



- **Highlight and discuss current research and trends**
- **Build relationships among local programs**
- **Convene professionals across various sectors**

The keynote speaker will be bestselling author and Harvard Medical School Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, John J. Ratey. He will be joined by breakout session leaders Dr. Jermaine Davis and Anthony Taylor, Adventure Director for the Loppet Foundation.

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