



Minneapolis Afterschool Network

Citywide Out-of-School Time System for Minneapolis

An Initiative of the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board

Newsletter

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Spring Update: Propel SEL

This spring six youth-serving organizations in Minneapolis have joined with YCB and other regional partners on Propel SEL to strengthen intentionality in social emotional learning in afterschool and mentoring programs. Over the course of the spring, youth workers and program managers have explored their own conceptions of SEL, deconstructed the SEL of our young people in their political and social contexts, and examined multiple frameworks for SEL.

Over the summer Propel SEL participating organizations will undergo a summer project to better understand the viewpoints on SEL among the young people and families they serve. Participating organizations in Minneapolis are Hennepin County Libraries, Simpson Housing Services, Youth Farm, MIGIZI Communications, WE WIN Institute, and Plymouth Christian Youth Center.

Propel SEL is supported by the Greater Twin Cities United Way and the Carlson Foundation. Implementation partners are the Youth Work Learning Lab at the University of Minnesota, Beacons Minneapolis, Ignite Afterschool, Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth, Sprockets St. Paul, and the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board.

Sign Up To Be Apart Of The Blueprint Approved Institute

The [Blueprint Approved Institute \(BPAI\) summer cohort Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) is now open. The BPAI provides agencies selected to participate with intensive training, technical assistance, support, and skill-building opportunities. Agencies participating in the BPAI summer cohort will receive up to \$2,000 to support their organizational capacity building and a \$4,000 micro-grant

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.

SAVE THE DATE

2018 Youth Policy Forum
June 6, 2018

Join Ignite Afterschool Wednesday, June 6, for their Youth Policy Forum. This event is for anyone interested in public policies designed to close the afterschool access and opportunity gap. To view last year's agenda, click [here](#).

[Register](#)

Location: Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Pkwy N, St Paul, MN 55104

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



to implement a youth violence prevention project. Selected agencies will be eligible to send up to three individuals to participate in the summer cohort activities. [Learn more about the opportunity and apply.](#)

Helping Our Communities Through Youth Work

Youth Work Groups such as the Cedar-Riverside Youth Worker Collaborative and the Native Youth Workers Circle have been hard at work making sure to provide the youth in their communities with the resources they need.

The **Cedar-Riverside Youth Worker Collaborative** was created to provide youth workers with a place to support each other to better serve youth in the neighborhood and create positive momentum to move forward.

This group does this through their four **guiding principles**:

- Build trust, relationships, partnerships and collaboration
- Understand the big picture locally and regionally
- Identify practical solutions to common issues
- Community informed and designed

The Cedar-Riverside Youth Worker Collaborative next meeting will be in June. Meetings are usually from **11am-1pm** at the **Brian Coyle Community Center - 420 15th Avenue South**. For more information contact Muna Mohamed at moham703@umn.edu.

The **Native Youth Workers Circle (NYWC)** is a gathering of those involved in children's futures, families and community. The members represent the various Native community organizations and youth-serving agencies in the Twin Cities. It is viewed as a great opportunity to further the collaborative work with more youth workers and to be a part of the community that supports the ideas and passion both culturally and professionally. The focus of the NYWC is to create a supportive space to engage in dialogue among the Native youth workers in the community and strengthen the field of youth work. The NYWC is a culturally specific youth group in the youth worker community.

Their mission is to grow the movement of youth workers, who lead and implement breakthroughs that strengthen native youth and families by advancing knowledge, opportunities, participation, and advocacy. We envision a supportive community that prioritizes native youth and creates opportunities for them to discover their identity, demonstrate pride, and lead the next seven generations.

NYWC's next meeting is **May 18, 2018** from 10:30am-Noon at the Division of Indian Work - 1001 East Lake

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.
- Targeted grade level(s)
- 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.



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