



# Minneapolis Afterschool Network

## Citywide Out-of-School Time System for Minneapolis

An Initiative of the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board

Newsletter  
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### Evaluation Capacity Building Series with MPS REAA



Join Minneapolis Public Schools and the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board for a series of workshops to build your evaluation capacity.

The [Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board](#) is teaming up with [Minneapolis Public Schools'](#) Research Evaluation Assessment and Accountability to provide partners with continued evaluation capacity building opportunities. This series is designed using [Ignite Afterschool's Continuous Program Improvement \(CPI\) framework](#) in an effort to align our work.

The series began with a workshop on September 19th on logic models and data collection plans. The series continues this month with workshops on the Believe It Build Guide to effective practice.

[Tuesday, September 26th 10am-12pm - Use This Book: Believe It. Build It. Guide to Effective Afterschool Practices.](#)

Believe It. Build It's purpose is to provide an easily accessible resource that clearly articulates a shared language, set of beliefs, and building blocks for high-quality afterschool programs in Minnesota. Believe It. Build It. is meant to be a user-friendly guide that supports programs in continuous process of reflection and program improvement. During the Believe It. Build It. (BiBi) Use

### 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

[Capturing Imaginations: Building Skills](#) – 2nd Biennial Joint Conference hosted by Ignite Afterschool and SciMathMN.

Wednesday Nov. 29th - Thursday Nov. 30th, 2017

Conference Mission: To strengthen youth learning by investigating, connecting, and advancing formal and informal STEM education and workforce pathways

**SEL Training Suite at the U of M**

U of M Extension Center for Youth Development offering SEL Training Suite this fall.

[Mapping SEL in Youth Programs](#) - Sept. 22  
[Responsive Practices to Support](#)

This Book! Session, participants will:

- Become familiar with Believe It. Build It. content and resources.
- Experience a continuous program improvement reflection process.
- Identify actions to integrate (or accelerate) Continuous Program Improvement processes with staff, utilizing BiBi as a tool.

## Minneapolis PARTNERS Conference 2017



Join the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, the Minneapolis Health Department, the City of Minneapolis' Community Planning & Economic Development, Hennepin County Libraries, Youthprise and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board for the annual Minneapolis PARTNERS with Youth Conference. The event will be held Oct. 19, 2017 from 10am-3pm at Whittier Park located on 425 West 26th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55405.

The goal of this conference is to provide training opportunities for Youth Work Professionals in Minneapolis. Through the conference, Minneapolis Youth Work Professionals share strategies to create and increase positive youth development and engagement, co-create professional development to youth and youth-serving professionals, and build a foundation for ongoing networking, learning and community-wide resource sharing. This year's conference is focused on Pathways to **Healing, Action, Sustaining, and Opportunity**.

This year's keynote speaker will be Minneapolis NAACP Chapter President Jason Sole. For the past eight years Sole has served a criminal justice educator, recently joining Hamline University as a visiting professor. In addition, Sole also was a 2013 Bush Fellow. During his fellowship he focused on reducing the recidivism rate among juveniles throughout the state of Minnesota. Sole is currently traveling the country discussing his memoir, *From Prison to Ph.D.: A Memoir of Hope, Resilience, and Second Chances*.

Click [here](#) to register. Registration closes Oct. 13, 2017.

[SEL](#) - Oct. 4

## 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.
- 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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## Light Up the Night with Ignite's Light's on Afterschool



October 26th is the 18th annual Lights On Afterschool (LoA), a day for afterschool programs across the country and Minnesota to celebrate the role afterschool programs play in the lives' of youth, families, and communities.

Ignite Afterschool invites you to celebrate Lights On Afterschool and get involved in the movement for #AfterschoolSuccess at the Weisman Art Museum (WAM) on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus. [Register here](#)

Ignite is inviting the Minneapolis community of programs, youth workers, and young people to participate the special event at the Weisman, including an Afterschool Program Showcase. Experience the hands-on learning that happens outside the school day in programs throughout the Twin Cities. Participate in fun activities led by program staff and youth, and learn about opportunities to volunteer in the program.

Launched in October 2000, Lights On Afterschool is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities. The effort has become a hallmark of the afterschool movement and generates media coverage across the country each year.

Lights on Afterschool also includes community events hosted by programs across MN. [Register your event today to receive 10 free posters.](#)

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## Contact Your Leaders to Support the Minneapolis Youth Fund

Support the Minneapolis Youth Fund!

Right now Minneapolis's afterschool program providers can't fill the need. Of 56,000 youth ages 5-18 in Minneapolis only 13% attend federally funded programs and only 10% are in MPRB youth development programs.

YCB staff recommends the creation of a Minneapolis Youth Fund to support youth development programming that would include:

- Competitive grant process guided by youth-decision making
- Focus on high quality programming

- Focus on increasing access with equity lens
- Support for program quality improvement, equitable access, professional development, and data collection

Help us build the case for a Minneapolis Youth Fund. Learn more about the power of youth development and get resources to advocate to leaders and mobilize your community at [Minneapolis Youth Fund](#).

