The ACT Now Coalition works to ensure that young people in Illinois have access to quality, affordable afterschool and youth development programs.

The ACT Now Coalition brings together afterschool and youth development stakeholders from across the state to work towards ensuring that young people in Illinois have access to quality, affordable out-of-school time and youth development programs.

ACT Now is a diverse coalition supported by Illinois families, educators, business leaders, community advocates, youth organizations, and policymakers from across the state. We believe that an increased commitment to young people beyond the traditional school day is a crucial part of their growth into productive, healthy adults.

Afterschool opportunities must be strengthened and expanded
Too many youth are denied access to opportunities that both prepare them for success in school and careers and prevent risky behavior, such as drug use and criminal activity. We must make programs available to more children and teens.

By joining the ACT Now Coalition, you can have an impact on kids and families, and be a part of the solution as we work towards a comprehensive system of afterschool and youth development programs that will enhance every young person’s chance for success in life.

The Coalition is a resource for:
- Networking with other providers and youth advocates so you can find solutions to daily challenges
- Learning about new policy developments in afterschool issues
- Receiving message and advocacy training
- Drawing on policy and technical expertise to inform best practices
- Connecting with the experts on professional development, in partnership with the Illinois AfterSchool Network

Who should join?
- Afterschool and youth development providers of all types
- Advocates with an interest in youth and family well-being
- Policymakers
- Educators
- Parents
- Youth
- Business organizations
- Community leaders

Want to get even more involved? Join an ACT Now committee!
The Coalition has 3 committees working to strengthen out-of-school time for Illinois youth: Policy and advocacy; professional development; and quality assurance, outcomes and evaluation. For more information about the committees and how to join, reach out to us using the contact information below. Your participation is welcomed!

Interested in joining ACT Now or receiving our updates?
DON’T WAIT: Text “SUBSCRIBE” & your email address to 847.372.8582
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Support Services
Chicago Housing Authority
Chicago International Charter Schools-
Longwood
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Chicago Park District
Chicago Police Department
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Chicago Urban League
Chicago Training Centers
Chicago Youth Centers
Chinese American Service League
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Child Link
Children’s Home + Aid
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Family Network - After School Activity
Program
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Genesco Park District
Golden Apple Foundation
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Habilitation Systems, Inc.
Hickory Hills Park District
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ICARE Ministries
Illinois Action for Children
Illinois African American Coalition for
Prevention
Illinois AfterSchool Network
Illinois Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
Illinois Association of Park Districts
Illinois Center for Violence Prevention
Illinois Central College
Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Illinois Department of Human Services
Illinois Task Force on African American
Males, Illinois Department of Human
Services
Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs
Instituto del Progreso Latino
Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of
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Joliet Park District
Kidz Landing at Christ Community
Lutheran
Knowledge Universe – Champions Early
Learning Center
Kraft Great Kids
La Petite Academy – Bloomington
Latinos Policy Systems
Lawyers Lead-A-Hand to Youth
Laurance Armour Day School
Logan Square Neighborhood Association
Make It
Manhattan Park District
Marion Stamps Youth Center
Metropolitan Family Services
Mikva Challenge
Milestone Early Learning Center &
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Miracle Center
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Scribblies Center for Learning
South Suburban Special Recreation
Association
Southwest Organizing Project
Springfield Urban League
Stateline Boys and Girls Club
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Supplemental Educational Services of
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Sunlight African Community Center
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The Chicago Training Center
The Federation for Community Schools
The Intonation Music Workshop
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