



# Minneapolis Afterschool Network

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

*An Initiative of the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board*

Newsletter

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### M3 supports program improvement across city

The Minneapolis Afterschool Network held its “M3: Making Meaning with Multiple Data Sets” training Friday January 20th at the Davis Center to a group of youth work professionals. M3 was provided with the support of the Minneapolis Health Department, Minneapolis Community Ed and Ignite Afterschool.



The session was held in an effort to strategically accomplish YCB's Call to Action Goal 3: All Minneapolis young people have access to safe, quality opportunities to learn outside of the classroom. Based on immediate feedback, participating youth serving organizations plan to make significant strides in recognizing gaps and opportunities in their recruitment, program quality, and engagement of youth and parents.

Many of the attendees said that gained a lot of telling and accurate information that will help them to create impactful action

### 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.

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### SAVE THE DATE

February 9, 2017  
Getting Intentional about Social and Emotional Learning: Promise, Progress and

and improvement plans.

Some learned to compare afterschool data and numbers as well as ideas on how to get youth involved in providing feedback.

M3: Making Meaning with Multiple Data was developed as part of a Continuous Program Improvement process as developed through a partnership between the Minnesota Department of Education, Beacons Minneapolis, and Sprockets Saint Paul. The YCB now serves as a regional partner to Ignite Afterschool to deliver the M3 module.

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## MLK events around the city



In celebration of the life and work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Twin Cities held true to its traditions honoring his message and vision for social and racial justice with gatherings, services and marches. A few stand out events included the annual MLK Breakfast and Ordway March.

On the morning Jan. 16, General Mills and the United Negro College Fund's MLK Breakfast at the Minneapolis Convention Center. For the first time in 27 years of the event, benefits from the MLK Breakfast went UNCF (United Negro College Fund).

Keynote speaker Mrylie Evers, widow of slain Civil Rights leader Medgar Evers inspired a room full of civic and business leaders to show youth the way. She urged the crowd to listen to the younger generation because now more than ever they are crying out for justice and equality.

On the other side of the river thousands gathered at the state capitol in St. Paul to peacefully march to the Ordway Center for

### Priorities

Join the University of Minnesota for Dr. Dale Blyth's social and emotional learning symposium series that offers reflections on the opportunities and challenges of intentionally improving social and emotional learning both within and beyond the classroom. Session will be held from 9am-Noon.

#### March 10, 2017 Citywide Youth-worker Convening

Join the YCB from 10am-noon at UROC for its youth convening.

#### March 21, 2017 Youth Day at the Capitol

This annual event allows youth, program workers and parents the opportunity to participate in a variety of sessions that allow them to meet and engage with legislators.

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### Highlight Your Afterschool Program in What's Up 612!

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Performing Arts. Speakers included Gov. Mark Dayton, Lt. Gov. Tina Smith and Caroline Wanga, chief diversity officer at Target Corp.

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## The YCB Outreach Team's work gain the attention of local media



In 2016 the YCB Outreach Team's hard work and dedication to engaging and serving the youth of Minneapolis caught the attention of [City Pages](#) and [Humans of Minneapolis](#).

The work of the outreach team is the first of its kind. The Downtown Outreach team is a successor of the Youth Are Here bus, established in the early 2000s. Building upon the success of the Downtown team, YCB entered Minneapolis Public Schools in 2013, using the skills of its youth workers to reach teens. They can currently be found at Northeast Middle, Henry and Edison H.S.

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## How are you partnering with your libraries?

There is still time to [take the Afterschool Alliance survey](#) about if and how afterschool programs partner with public libraries.

The Afterschool Alliance is working with the [STAR Library Education Network](#) (STAR\_Net), an initiative from the National

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 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](#).

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Thank you all for your work to benefit Minneapolis children

Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute and the American Library Association, to build bridges between the afterschool and library fields, so that both can share a knowledge and resources to better serve our youth. **Even if you've never worked with a public library before, [take this survey](#)- your thoughts and experiences will help inform future work.**

The survey should take **20 minutes or less** to complete, and everyone who completes it will be entered to win one of these amazing prizes:

- **Grand Prize:** WRiTE BRAiN BOOKS' 20-week afterschool creative writing and literacy curriculum (\$1,200 value!)
- **First Prize:** \$50 Amazon gift card
- **Second Prize:** STEM to Story: Enthralling and Effective Lesson Plans (\$25 value)

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 Consultant for Afterschool, [Phil Rooney](#) via email or at 612-673-2131.

