

2026-27 Afterschool Date List

Date	Activity	Grantees	All Programs	PLC Members	Optional	Communication	Professional Development	Technical Assistance	Data Collection and Evaluation	DESE Fiscal and Monitoring
8/1/2026	August									
8/4/2026	Primary Election Day									
8/12/2026	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
8/18/2026	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
8/19/2026	Ambassador monthly meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:30-7:30 PM (2026 cohort)			✓						
8/22/2026	Payment Request is due quarterly, but may be submitted monthly between the 22nd and 25th of each month.	✓								✓
8/27/2026	Public Awareness Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
8/31/2026	MOSAC Early Bird Registration Deadline	✓	✓				✓			✓
9/1/2026	September									
9/1/2026	Schedule first Program Visits and first Site Visits with ARE	✓						✓		
9/1/2026	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
9/2/2026	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
9/9/2026	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
9/10/2026	Quality/PD Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
9/14/2026	Pitch Challenge Celebration 5:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
9/15/2026	September MADS Attendance deadline	✓							✓	
9/16/2026	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
9/16/2026	Ambassador monthly meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:30-7:30 PM (2026 cohort)			✓						
9/17/2026	ARE Meeting - In-person - 10am-3pm									
9/19/2026	Southwest Afterschool Professionals Conference									
9/22/2026	Payment Request is due quarterly, but may be submitted monthly between the 22nd and 25th of each month.	✓								✓
9/22/2026	STEM PLC - Full Group #1 (10:00AM-12:00PM or 6:00-8:00 PM)			✓						
9/30/2026	Missouri Manufacturing Academy, Missouri S&T-Rolla		✓		✓					
9/24/2026	Policy Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
week of 9/28/2026	STEM PLC Coaching Circle (Time/date set by Coach)			✓						
9/30/2026	Use GATE Link to verify/update grantee and site contacts (then update as needed throughout the school year)	✓							✓	
9/30/2026	Check the DESE Afterschool Portal for the 2026-27 monitoring schedule.	✓				✓				✓
9/30/2026	MADS -Deadline for school year setup complete and attendance entered	✓							✓	
9/30/2026	MADS - Setup activity in MADS to capture family engagement events and record as needed through the SY.									
10/1/2026	October									
10/1/2026	DESSA Fall Window Opens - Only for afterschool staff (referred to as Time 1 DESSA)	✓							✓	
10/1/2026	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓

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10/1/2026	If you haven't already, meet with your certified External Evaluator (21st CCLC/MOCAL) - the certified External Evaluator should send a copy of the Guided Reflection prior to the meeting so that it can be discussed and finalized at the meeting (due by 10/15/26).	✓							✓	
10/7/2026	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
10/8/2026	STEM Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
10/8/2026	Virtual Professional Development (6:00-7:30 PM) Topic TBD		✓		✓		✓			
10/10/2026	Active Learning Institute (St. Louis)	✓	✓		✓		✓			
week of 10/12/2026	STEM PLC Coaching Circle (Time/date set by Coach)			✓						
10/14/2026	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
10/14/2026	Middle School & High School Student Leadership Summits, University of MO - Columbia		✓		✓					
10/14-15/2026	Youth Advocacy Summit (Columbia and Jefferson City)		✓		✓					
10/15/2026	October MADs Attendance deadline	✓							✓	
10/15/2026	ARE Monthly Call - 10am-noon									
10/15/2026	Evaluation - Guided Reflection due to DESE (21st CCLC/MOCAL)	✓							✓	
10/20/2026	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
10/21/2026	Ambassador monthly meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:30-7:30 PM (2026 cohort)			✓						
10/22/2026	Payment Request is due quarterly, but may be submitted monthly between the 22nd and 25th of each month.	✓								✓
10/22/2026	Lights on Afterschool	✓	✓			✓				
10/22/2026	Public Awareness Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
week of 10/26/2026	STEM PLC Coaching Circle (Time/date set by Coach)			✓						
10/31/2026	PQA scheduled - if your sites do not yet have a scheduled PQA observation date, contact your ARE	✓				✓			✓	
10/31/2026	MADs -DESE Demographics (Free/Reduced Lunch, Special Needs, LEP, Title I) -Feeder School Data (21st CCLC only)	✓							✓	
10/31/2026	MADs -Complete Staff Information Sheets (roll-over for existing staff; new sheets for new staff) -Partners (enter/roll-over from previous year)	✓							✓	
11/1/2026	November									
11/1/2026	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
11/3/2026	Election Day									
11/4/2026	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
11/5/2026	Youth Workforce Initiatives Regional meeting (5:30-7:30 p.m)		✓		✓					
11/7/2026	MOSAC Regular Registration Rate Deadline	✓	✓				✓			
11/11/2026	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
11/12/2026	Quality/PD Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
11/15/2026	DESSA Fall Window Closes (afterschool staff)	✓							✓	

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11/15/2026	November MADS Attendance deadline	✓							✓	
11/17/2026	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
11/18/2026	Ambassador monthly meeting will be in person at MOSAC			✓						
11/20/2026	DESE Pre-Conference at MOSAC (Friday morning - required of all 21st CCLC, MOCAL, and SAC grantees)	✓								
11/20-11/22/2026	Missouri School Age Conference (MOSAC) - November 20-22, 2026	✓	✓		✓		✓			
11/22/2026	Payment Request is due quarterly, but may be submitted monthly between the 22nd and 25th of each month.	✓								✓
11/30/2026	Schedule Planning with Data if PQA observations are complete	✓						✓		
12/1/2026	December									
12/1/2026	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
12/1/2026	Additional Rubric Documentation - Winter Window open through the end of January (optional early submission window)	✓			✓				✓	
12/2/2026	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
TBD	Manufacturing Academy, Ozarks Tech - Springfield		✓		✓					
12/8/2026	STEM PLC - Full Group #2 (10:00AM-12:00 PM or 6:00-8:00 PM)			✓						
12/9/2026	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
12/10/2026	Policy Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
12/10/2026	Virtual Professional Development (6:00-7:30 PM) Topic TBD		✓		✓		✓			
12/15/2026	December MADS Attendance deadline	✓							✓	
12/15/2026	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
12/16/2026	Ambassador monthly meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:30-7:30 PM (2026 cohort)			✓						
12/17/2026	ARE Meeting - In-person - 10am-3pm									
12/22/2026	Payment Request is due quarterly, but may be submitted monthly between the 22nd and 25th of each month.	✓								✓
1/1/2027	January									
1/4/2027	Schedule second Program Visit and second Site Visits with ARE	✓						✓		
1/4/2027	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
1/6/2027	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
1/6/2027	Missouri legislative session begins									
1/7/2027	STEM Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
week of 1/11/2027	STEM PLC Coaching Circle (Time/date set by Coach)			✓						
1/13/2027	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
1/13/2027	Ambassador monthly meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:30-7:30 PM (2026 cohort)									
1/15/2027	January MADS Attendance deadline	✓							✓	

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1/15/2027	Afterschool Quality Survey "AQS" available. Complete this survey to received electronic survey links and request any needed paper surveys. Paper survey requests must be made by February 5th in order to receive copies by the opening of the paper survey window on 2/15/25.	✓							✓	
1/18/2027	Schedule your program's Planning with Data session and Youth Work Methods Training with your ARE if you haven't already	✓					✓			
1/19/2027	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
1/19/2027	Ambassador prep for Show Me Afterschool Day			✓						
1/20/2027	Show Me Afterschool Day at the Capitol	✓	✓		✓	✓				
1/21/2027	ARE Monthly Call - 10am-noon									
1/22/2027	Payment Request is due quarterly, but may be submitted monthly between the 22nd and 25th of each month.	✓								✓
week of 1/25/2027	STEM PLC Coaching Circle (Time/date set by Coach)			✓						
1/26/2027	Beyond the Bell Toolkit Training		✓		✓		✓			
1/28/2027	Public Awareness Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
1/29/2027	Final date for first Program Visit meeting with ARE	✓						✓		
1/31/2027	MADS -1st Quarter/Trimester Grades "Pre-Grades" Due (all students currently enrolled in 6th-12th Grade, 21 CCLC/MOCAL ONLY)	✓							✓	
1/31/2027	Additional Rubric Documentation - Winter Window closes (optional early submission window)	✓			✓				✓	
2/1/2027	February									
2/1/2027	Schedule your Planning with Data session and Youth Work Methods Training session with your ARE if you haven't already	✓					✓	✓		
2/1/2027	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
2/3/2027	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
week of 2/8/2027	STEM PLC Coaching Circle (Time/date set by Coach)			✓						
2/10/2027	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
2/10/2027	Ambassador monthly meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:30-7:30 PM (2026 cohort)			✓						
2/11/2027	Quality/PD Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
2/11/2027	Virtual Professional Development (6:00-7:30 PM) Topic TBD		✓		✓		✓			
2/15/2027	Annual Survey Window for Paper Younger Youth Surveys open if Younger Youth surveys were requested	✓							✓	
2/15/2027	February MADS Attendance deadline	✓							✓	
2/16/2027	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
2/16/2027	Afterschool Leadership Team Retreat (Jefferson City)									
2/17/2027	Show Me Afterschool Day at the Capitol (backup date)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
2/17/2027	Mental Health Day at the Capitol (Mental Health Week is 2/15-2/19)		✓		✓	✓				
2/18/2027	ARE Monthly Call - 10am-noon									

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2/22/2027	Payment Request is due quarterly, but may be submitted monthly between the 22nd and 25th of each month.	✓								✓
2/25-26/2027	Afterschool Leadership Conference (Directors Only) - MASN/KEN (Kansas City) (Tentative Date)	✓	✓		✓		✓			
3/1/2027	March									
3/1/2027	Schedule your Planning with Data session and Youth Work Methods Training with your ARE if you haven't already	✓					✓	✓		
3/1/2027	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
3/3/2027	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
TBD	STEM Day at the Capitol		✓		✓	✓				
3/10/2027	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
3/11/2027	Policy Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
3/14-17/2027	NAA Convention Denver, Colorado		✓		✓		✓			
3/15/2027	March MADS Attendance deadline	✓							✓	
3/16/2027	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
3/17/2027	Ambassador monthly meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:30-7:30 PM (2026 cohort)			✓						
3/18/2027	ARE Meeting - In-person - 10am-3pm									
3/22/2027	Payment Request is due quarterly, but may be submitted monthly between the 22nd and 25th of each month.	✓								✓
3/23/2027	STEM PLC - Full Group #3 (10:00AM-12:00PM or 6:00-8:00 PM)			✓						
3/25/2027	Budget modification deadline for supplies and equipment only	✓								✓
3/31/2027	Annual Survey Window closes - youth, family, staff, and school administrator surveys	✓							✓	
3/31/2027	Schedule your Youth Work Methods training with your ARE if you haven't already	✓					✓			
3/31/2027	Ambassador applications due for the 2027-28 cohort									
3/31/2027	Child Advocacy Day at the Capitol		✓		✓	✓				
4/1/2027	April									
4/1/2027	Additional Rubric Documentation - Spring Window open through the end of May (June if operating summer program)	✓							✓	
4/1/2027	DESSA Spring Window Opens - Afterschool staff (Time 2) and school day teacher surveys	✓							✓	
4/1/2027	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
4/1/2027	Check the DESE Afterschool Portal for the due date for Continuation Reports	✓				✓				✓
4/6/2027	Workforce Development Day at the Capitol (Workforce Dev. Week is 4/5-4/10 Afterschool Week)									
4/6/2027	Municipal election day		✓							
4/7/2027	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
4/8/2027	STEM Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
4/8/2027	Virtual Professional Development (6:00-7:30 PM) Topic TBD		✓		✓		✓			
4/14/2027	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		

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4/15/2027	April MADS Attendance Deadline	✓							✓	
4/15/2027	ARE Monthly Call - 10am-noon									
4/15/2027	2025-26 List of Certified Evaluators posted to DESE portal	✓							✓	
4/19-23/2027	Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week		✓		✓	✓				
4/20/2027	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
4/21/2027	Ambassador monthly meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:30-7:30 PM (2026 cohort)			✓						
4/22/2027	Payment Request is due quarterly, but may be submitted monthly between the 22nd and 25th of each month.	✓								✓
4/22/2027	Public Awareness Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
4/24/2027	Active Learning Institute (St. Louis)	✓	✓		✓		✓			
4/30/2027	DESSA Spring Window Closes - Afterschool staff (Time 2) and school day teacher surveys	✓							✓	
5/1/2027	May									
5/1/2027	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
5/5/2027	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
5/12/2027	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
5/13/2027	Quality/PD Committee Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual)		✓		✓					
5/15/2027	May MADS Attendance Deadline	✓							✓	
5/18/2027	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
5/19/2027	Ambassador monthly meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:30-7:30 PM (2026 cohort)			✓						
5/20/2027	ARE Monthly Call - 10am-noon									
5/22/2027	Payment Request is due quarterly, but may be submitted monthly between the 22nd and 25th of each month.	✓								✓
5/28/2027	Final date for second program level meeting with ARE.	✓						✓		
5/31/2027	Additional Rubric Documentation - Spring Window closes (unless program operates in June)	✓							✓	
6/1/2027	June									
6/1/2027	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
6/1/2027	Payment Request-The last submission for MOCAL is no later than June 1, 2027 (No Exceptions)	✓								✓
6/2/2027	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
6/4/2027	Policy Committee Retreat			✓						
6/9/2027	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
6/15/2027	MADS -2nd Semester/ 3rd Trimester Post Grades all enrolled 6th-12th Grades students 21 CCLC/MOCAL ONLY	✓							✓	
6/15/2027	Certify APR Data in MADS (Electronic Signature) - 21CCLC and MOCAL grantees	✓							✓	✓
6/15/2027	Payment Request - The last submission for 21st CCLC and SAC is no later than June 15, 2027.	✓								✓
6/15/2027	MOCAL Final expenditure report due to DESE.									

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6/15/2027	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
6/16/2027	Ambassador monthly meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:30-7:30 PM (2026 cohort)			✓						
6/22/2027	Payment Request is due quarterly, but may be submitted monthly between the 22nd and 25th of each month.	✓								✓
7/1/2027	July									
7/1/2027	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
7/1/2027	Monitoring Self-Assessment due	✓								✓
TBD	National Summer Learning Week		✓							
7/15/2027	SAC Final Program Report	✓								✓
7/28/2027-7/29/2027	Midwest STEM Conference (Missouri S&T)		✓		✓		✓			
TBD	ARE Summer Camp									
7/21/2027	Ambassador monthly meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:30-7:30 PM (2026 cohort)			✓						
7/25/2027	21st CCLC Final expenditure report due to DESE	✓								✓
7/25/2027	Payment Request - The last submission for 21st CCLC/SAC is no later than July 25, 2027.	✓								✓
7/31/2027	Youth Entrepreneurship Pitch Challenge closes		✓		✓					
8/1/2027	August									
8/1/2027	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
8/11/2027	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
8/17/2027	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
9/1/2027	September									
9/1/2027	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
9/1/2027	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
9/8/2027	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
9/15/2027	September MADS Attendance deadline	✓							✓	
9/21/2027	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
9/30/2027	Check the DESE Afterschool Portal for the 2027-28 monitoring schedule.	✓				✓				✓
9/30/2027	MADS: -Program Set-up, Create Activities, Enroll Students - Enter attendance at least once for all students currently attending	✓							✓	
10/1/2027	October									
10/1/2027	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
10/6/2027	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
10/13/2027	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
10/15/2027	October MADS Attendance deadline	✓							✓	
10/19/2027	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
10/21/2027	Lights On Afterschool	✓	✓			✓				

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11/1/2027	Check the portal for updates (due dates are subject to change)	✓				✓				✓
11/3/2027	Director Networking Call (1st Wednesday at 1:00 PM)		✓		✓	✓		✓		
11/10/2027	Youth Workforce Initiatives PLC (2nd Wednesday, 10:00AM)		✓	✓			✓	✓		
11/15/2027	November MADS Attendance deadline	✓							✓	
11/16/2027	Pipeline LIVE! Monthly Director Update (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.)	✓	✓		✓	✓				
11/19-21/2027	Missouri School Age Conference (MOSAC)	✓	✓				✓			