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New York Edge Expands Social and Emotional Learning Programs for New York City Students & Educators

NYC's largest provider of school-based afterschool and summer programming expands social and emotional resources through ACT's curriculum, assessments, and data

NEW YORK, NY – January 24, 2023 – [New York Edge](#) – the largest provider of school-based afterschool and summer programs in New York City – today announced its collaboration with ACT to provide [Mosaic by ACT SEL](#) for high-quality social and emotional learning (SEL) assessments, curriculum, and professional development that will support New York Edge's students and educators in social and emotional skill-building.

Mosaic by ACT SEL helps educators, students, and their families discover and foster the social and emotional skills that help learners manage daily challenges. It also helps to prepare them for future education and workplace success. The tool will help New York Edge's students develop and strengthen key skills, including initiative, communication, and stress management.

"Programs that build social and emotional skills are critical in the personal and academic development of youth, helping them to improve their health and wellness, gain self-confidence, and ultimately lead successful futures," said **Rachael Gazdick, CEO of New York Edge**. "New York Edge's mission is rooted in providing enriching initiatives and experiences that will build these invaluable skillsets. We are proud to partner with ACT to strengthen our breadth of programming while ensuring our educators continue to be equipped with the tools and resources to meet the ever-changing needs of the youth we serve, and ultimately advance educational equity across New York City."

The tool will also offer a series of professional development workshops for New York Edge's educators, which will include an overview of the Mosaic by ACT SEL curriculum, the delivery of SEL assessments, and the interpretation of SEL assessment data. The tailored workshops will help the organization's educators gain insight on social and emotional skills, study practices to improve growth mindset, plan parental and collegial communications, examine the classroom environment, improve school and classroom climate, explore the importance of relationships and skills, and prepare and deliver practice lessons.

“Afterschool and summer programs like the ones provided by New York Edge are an important pathway to education success,” **ACT CEO Janet Godwin** said. “Providing proven social and emotional learning tools for these students and educators will help more students – particularly those from communities that are traditionally underserved – fulfill their potential and find their paths toward college and career readiness.”

Professional development workshops for New York Edge’s staff and assessments for students begin in January, with curriculum running through June 2023.

About New York Edge

New York Edge is a non-profit organization and the largest provider of afterschool and summer camp programs in all five boroughs of New York City and Long Island. With thousands of students in 116 schools in grades K-12, New York Edge bridges the opportunity gap faced by students in underinvested communities by strengthening academic performance, health and wellness, self-confidence, and leadership skills for success in life. www.newyorkedge.org

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