



Our preliminary feedback related to the School Age Symposium with the authors of the Afterschool Program Assessment System (APAS), from Wellesley College, Massachusetts, has been excellent, but it has been stated very clearly that the symposium

needs to not be in September! Programs have shared personalized stories about the challenges of the first few weeks holds for staff, children and families. We thank everyone for their feedback and suggestions related to what works best for School Age programs. In an attempt to better accommodate the needs of your programs ARCQE has moved the date of the Symposium to October 17 in Calgary and October 19 in Edmonton. [Click here for individual schedules](#)

The APAS was designed specifically for afterschool programs that serve youth in Grades K-8 and programs that have regular/consistent programming. For more information on the APAS go to [www.niost.org](http://www.niost.org). This full day symposium is designed to not only share information but gather knowledge and expertise from the attendees. Please come ready to share your ideas and passions that will assist the out of school care community in identifying strategies and information related to quality care and learning. Please contact your ARCQE Coach ([click here for list of coaches](#)) for more information or contact the ARCQE office at (780) 421-4930.