



## Media Alert

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## Results from Statewide Teen Survey to be Released at *Lights On Afterschool* Event in Atlanta Thursday

*Interactive Event at VOX ATL Will Showcase Youth Leadership and Views  
on 2022 Election, Mental Health, Out-of-School-Time Activities*

Youth leadership and views will be the focus of a [Lights On Afterschool](#) event Thursday, organized by [VOX ATL](#). The event, beginning at 5:30 pm, will include the release of data from a survey of more than 500 teens across Georgia exploring their wants and needs, where they feel valued, how they communicate, and how they spend their out-of-school time.

The event also will feature digital media self-expression stations focused on the 2022 election and voting, as well as mental health. It is co-hosted by VOX ATL teens and adult staff.

The *Lights On Afterschool* event, which is open to media, will be:

**When:** Thursday, October 20, 5:30 – 7 pm (remarks begin at approximately 6:10 pm)

**Where:** International Tower, Peachtree Center, 229 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 725,  
Atlanta,

GA 30303 (directions online at [voxatl.org/contact](http://voxatl.org/contact))

**What:** Statewide teen survey results, digital teen self-expression stations, and more

**Why:** *Lights On Afterschool* includes thousands of events across this country this month to rally for the afterschool programs that keep kids safe; inspire them to learn, lead and succeed; and give working families peace of mind.

People also can follow the event on VOX ATL's Instagram story, with more information at [voxatl.org/vox-teen-survey](http://voxatl.org/vox-teen-survey).

Organized by the [Afterschool Alliance](#), *Lights On Afterschool* is the only national rally for afterschool. Thousands of events around the country this year will showcase the many ways afterschool programs support student well-being, build their life skills and workforce readiness, amplify their voices, provide them with opportunities for hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning, and help them forge successful futures. The Afterschool Alliance organizes *Lights On Afterschool* to underscore the need to invest in afterschool programs, which play an important role in the lives of children, families, and communities.

VOX ATL's mission is to lead a youth-voice movement where teens from diverse backgrounds create a stronger, more equitable community through leadership and uncensored self-expression. Their vision is a culture where teens are creating, leading, and thriving, and they have been Atlanta's home for uncensored teen publishing and self-expression since 1993.

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