



Interviewing Lead Agencies for 21st Century Community Learning Center sites

Agency Background & Experience

1. Describe your agency's history, mission and vision.
2. Describe the afterschool programs you currently provide, including location, number of students served, and length of service.
3. Describe any agency experience in reimbursement-based contracts, particularly government sources such as the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants.

School-Community Partnership

1. Provide examples of how your agency adapted programs to reflect school/community culture.
2. Describe your current knowledge of the school, families and communities to be served.
3. Share examples of current community partnership relationships for your agency's programs.

Student Recruitment & Retention

1. With this grant, you must agree to provide daily programming for 125 students. How long of a start-up period would you need before attaining this benchmark?
2. Describe your experience in recruiting, engaging and retaining youth in afterschool programs

Staffing and Volunteers

1. Describe how you currently staff your afterschool programs.
2. Share how you train, coach and supervise program staff to assure quality programs.
3. Give examples of current volunteer involvement with your agency.
4. Describe your applicant screening processes for staff and volunteers.

Program Content and Curriculum

21st Century Community Learning Center programs must include the following:

- Tutoring and Mentoring (Tutoring, homework help, Winners Walk Tall, Character Champions, Whiz Kids, etc.)
- Service Learning (Beautification, Peer Mentoring, Food Drives, Public Artwork Projects, Youth Program Docents)
- College and Career Exploration (Career days, career exploration, college tours, job/college application process)
- Arts Education (Ballet, studio arts, step and drill team, dance, photography)
- Global Learning (Cultural celebrations -food, music, etc.; foreign language, international correspondence)
- Health and Wellness (Nutrition education, sports, intramural competition, health /fitness education, yoga)
- Leadership Development (Leadership training, resistance skills, challenge course, youth in government)
- Parent/Family Engagement (Parent Advisory Councils, outreach, home visits, family events, workshops)
- 21st Century Skills (Project-based learning, collaborative problem-solving, media literacy)

1. Please describe activities that you have offered in your afterschool programs.
2. Choose one activity from above (that your agency has offered in the past) and describe the learning goals that you had for the youth involved in these activities.
3. Describe steps taken to link school day curriculum with your afterschool programming.
4. Describe how your agency involves program participants' families.
5. Describe how your agency assures a "youth voice" in activity selection.