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21st Century Community Learning Centers (21ST CCLC) Afterschool Program





21st CCLC HISTORY

- 1994 - America's School Act
- 1998 - 21st CCLC program begins
- 2001 - No Child Left Behind Act
- Today - all 50 States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the District of Columbia and the Bureau of Indian Affairs operate 21st CCLC programs.



21st CCLC PROGRAM PURPOSE

- Target children who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools and their families
- Provide **high quality academic** enrichment opportunities **during non-school hours**
- Support the creation of community learning centers



21st CCLC PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- Help students meet state and local academic standards in core subjects such as reading and math
- Offer students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs
- Offer literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children



WHO?

The 21st CCLC program targets:

- Students from Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) to twelfth grade
- Students attending schools eligible for Title I School-Wide Program (SWP) services
- Adult family members of students served in the program



WHEN?

21st Century Community Learning Centers must offer services during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session. This includes:

- Before school, after school, evenings and weekends
- During fall, winter, spring and summer school breaks



WHERE?

Safe and easily accessible facilities in:

- Schools
- Churches
- Park and Recreation Centers
- Community Centers
- Child Care Facilities



HOW?

Project Based Learning (PBL)

Research shows that students most readily engage with academic subjects — and remember what they learn for a longer period of time — *when engaged in PBL.*

WHAT? Academic Enrichment

Elementary School

Literacy

Middle School

STEM (Science,
Technology, Engineering,
and Mathematics)

High School

College and Career
Readiness

WHAT?

Personal Enrichment

- Physical Education
- Character Education
- Service Learning
- Tutoring
- Mentoring services
- Arts and music educational activities
- Health and Nutrition
- Entrepreneurial educational programs
- Technology educational programs
- Expanded library service hours
- Drug and violence prevention



WHAT?

Family Services

- Ongoing services to the families of children who are served in the program.
- Opportunities for literacy and related educational development such as:
 - GED classes
 - Financial literacy
 - Family engagement
 - Parenting support



Program Characteristics

- During the 2012-2013 grant year 138 sub-grantees operated 384 sites throughout Florida.
- County school districts made up the majority of sub-grantees (45%), followed by community-based or nonprofits organizations (38%).
- Nearly 75% of programs served elementary school students, 61% served middle school students and 27% served high school students.



Student Characteristics

- Of the 138 programs, 89% of the subgrantees met data certification requirements.
- These certified subgrantees served nearly 60,000 students, with approximately 36,000 students participating at least 30 days or more (identified as regularly participating students).



Student Demographics

The demographics of 21st CCLC students indicate:

- Over 75% fall into a minority racial and ethnic sub-group
- 73% are eligible for free or reduced priced lunch
- 15% are categorized as Limited English Proficient
- 13% are identified as students with special needs



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