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
The 21\textsuperscript{st} 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
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
Research shows that students most readily engage with academic subjects — and remember what they learn for a longer period of time — when engaged in Project Based Learning (PBL).
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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).
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