21st Century Community Learning Centers

Implementation Planning

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Mississippi Department of Education

VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community



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STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

1

All
Students
Proficient
and Showing
Growth in All
Assessed
Areas



2

Every
Student
Graduates
from High
School and
is Ready for
College and
Career



3

Every
Child Has
Access
to a HighQuality Early
Childhood
Program



4

Every
School Has
Effective
Teachers and
Leaders



5

Every
Community
Effectively
Uses a
World-Class
Data System
to Improve
Student
Outcomes



6

Every
School and
District is
Rated "C" or
Higher



AGENDA

- Program Updates
- Program Overview
- Program Monitoring
- 21APR
- Request for Funds
- Evaluations



Program Updates

- Cayen Systems
- Renewability
- Proposed 21st CCLC Methodology
- FY 20 STEAM RFP



Program Plan

- Use needs assessment data to drive program design and implementation
- Adhere to the minimum 9 hours, 3 days per week
- Recruit and retain students



Staffing and Professional Development

- Implement the program's organizational, managerial, and staffing structure
- Adhere to district/organizational hiring procedures
- Acquire annual criminal background checks
- Develop a professional development plan
- Maintain time and effort records
- Maintain job descriptions for key personnel and certifications



Advisory Council and Operating Partnerships

- Include students, teachers, parents, community agencies, and private sector businesses
- Record meeting minutes and attendance lists
- Maintain copies of participation letters and partners table



Collaboration and Communication

- Disseminate program specific information to schools, LEAs, students, parents and the community in various languages (if applicable)
- Communicate process between staff of the schools and 21st CCLC program
- Create 21st CCLC student/parent/staff handbook



Sustainability Plan

- Establish and maintain a written sustainability plan
- Begin planning now
- Describe partner investments and associated timeframes
- Assign roles and responsibilities



Program Amendments

Obtain prior approval from MDE in the case of:

- Revisions to the scope or objectives of the project
- Any budget revision over 10%
- Third party services to perform activities

Record Keeping

- Maintain records for five years after grant award period ends
- Program and site documentation will be reviewed and monitored yearly



Parent and Family Engagement

- Schedule parent and family engagement activities
- Document activities
- Specify activities that encourage or enhance literacy



Monitoring

Common Findings

- Communication with School Day Staff/Stakeholders
- Advisory Committees
- Sustainability Plans
- Volunteer Recruitment, Screening, and Training Procedures



21st CCLC Annual Performance Reports

- Summer 2018 Closed
- Fall 2018 Closed
- Spring 2019 Submission window open until December 12, 2019



 All Request for Funds are due by the 5th of each month.

Submit all forms to <u>21century@mdek12.org</u>



- Request for Funds form and Monthly Report of Expenditures are both REQUIRED
- Signatures are required on both forms
- Amount requested (Request for Funds form) and the Expenditures This Month (Report of Expenditures) should match.



21st Century Community Learning Centers Program CBO- Basic Monthly Report of Expenditures This s a PDF fillable form. Some columns/rows will automatically add. Ensuring a bright future for every child						
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SEND SIGNED ORIGINAL TO: Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Federal Programs 359 North West Street, Post Office Box 771, Jackson, MS 39205 Office Phone: 601-359-3499						



- If more than 10% of the allocation is moved, an amendment is required.
- Reimbursements will not be processed until the amendment has been approved.
- If less than 10% is moved, please send revised amount for file.



Evaluation Guidance

Guidance from the Mississippi Department of Education

September 18th, 2019



Dana Seymour

Program Evaluator
Office of Educational Accountability

Topics

- What is program evaluation, and why do we need one?
- What's my role as state-level evaluator?
- What's your role for program-level evaluation?
- Finding and working with an evaluator
- Evaluation Reports
- Data collection and quality



What is program evaluation?

- Answers specific questions about how well (or whether) a program is working
- Articulate the goals of the program being evaluated and specify how program effectiveness and progress towards program goals are measured (What does success look like?)
- Useful for explaining to stakeholders (funders, partners, etc.) how the program works, whether it has reached its goals, and what that success looks like in terms of student achievement or behavior changes
- Relies on a well-structured methodology and the accurate collection of data



What is program evaluation?

- 1. **Goals:** What are you trying to do specifically with your program? Are you focusing on a specific service, such as community service? What activities would you offer to get you to that goal?
- **Measures:** What measurements can you collect over time to track your progress for each of those goals?

Example: If your goal of providing community service opportunities is met, what differences would you expect to see in your participants? Improved leadership? Improved interest in social activities? Decline in negative attitudes or behavior?

3. Collect Data: Is the data for those indicators easily available and can it be consistently collected and analyzed?

Example: How would you find out whether students improved in leadership? What will you collect?



Why perform an evaluation?

- It is a requirement of your agreement to receive funds for your program
- To show your community and those you collaborate with that your efforts are having a tangible impact
- It demonstrates that you are worth investing in for the future (sustainability)
- It will inform program improvement by identifying service delivery challenges or professional development needs for the upcoming year



My Role: State-Level Evaluation

- Design evaluation
- Surveys, evaluation analysis
- Data analysis
- Focus centers
- Summary of findings, recommendations
- Report to state agency/board



Your Role: Program-Level Evaluations

- Contract an evaluator to report on your program's operations, successes, challenges
- Evaluation reports due annually to my office, and required for continuation of funding
- Report organized according to Office of Program Evaluation template (provided in spring)



Your Role: Program-Level Evaluations

- Most evaluation work will be done by the vendor you select
- Foundational elements of the evaluation require <u>your</u> input (you know your program best)
- You have done much of the work already! Your proposal included specific program goals, objectives, and performance measures



Your Role: Program-Level Evaluation

- Your agreement with the evaluator should guarantee that items required under section 3.4 of the RFP are addressed in the report, and that evaluators specifically address how each activity satisfies the measures of effectiveness established under ESSA, Section 4205(B)(1).
- If you are an FBO or a CBO (or any non-district sub-grantee), you should determine the best way to gather student data and report it back to MDE, and if that means executing an MOU or data-sharing agreement, that process should start early so that it doesn't hinder you when it's time to start collecting and reporting data.



Where do I start?

Finding an evaluator

University Departments of Education

Office of Program Evaluation

American Evaluation Association

Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory "Out of School Time Program Evaluation"



Working with an Evaluator

The evaluation report should answer specific questions you as the coordinator have about your program's success. Are we meeting our program objectives?

- Have we reached the long-term goals of our program (for sub-grantees in the final year of their grants)?
- Are our staff receiving all professional development they require? Are they retaining and using the knowledge?
- What changes in student knowledge and behaviors are a result of the program?
- What impact has our program made with leadership building, homework completion, etc.?



Working with a Local Evaluator (cont'd)

- Consider whether an MOU will be necessary with your vendor and school district partner to facilitate timely data sharing
- Report must clearly show progress in achieving program goals through the objectives, strategies, and activities established by the sub-grantee in the *Goals, Objectives,* Activities, and Timeframe sections of the grant proposal
- Programs must define at least one goal that addresses each of the following categories – Student Academic Achievement, Youth Development and Family Engagement. All goals must have at least two measurable objectives



Evaluation Report Elements

The evaluator should structure the report based on the framework established by the American Institutes of Research for evaluation of after-school programs. I will send out a more detailed and complete list in spring, but to give you an idea, the following will be required at a minimum.

Title Page	Evaluation Methodology and Limitations	
Table of Contents	Findings	
List of Acronyms	Conclusions and Recommendations	
Executive Summary	Appendices	
Evaluation Purpose and Questions	References	
Program Background	Evaluator Information	



Accuracy of Data is CRITICAL

- Accuracy is important. You will have to submit data to MDE, so you will be provided reporting templates to track your data. These can later be helpful in your 21APR data submissions as well
- You must track students by name and MSIS number (where available) for state comprehensive evaluation purposes.
- For attendance data, consider strategies to avoid data entry burnout or having to recreate attendance from memory, such as:
 - Example: Combine snack and attendance (students need to sign in to receive a snack)
 - Example: Start with 50 stickers with each student's name on them. Give the student a sticker each day he or she attends. Count how many stickers you have left at the end of the fall and spring.



Student Data Reporting Template

Each center is required to submit data to MDE for fall, spring, and summer. These spreadsheets will cover the following PER STUDENT:

Days attended	Operation Times	
MSIS ID (if applicable), Local ID (required if no MSIS ID)	Days/Weeks Open	
Fall and Spring Grades in Math/ELA	Activities Provided by Type and Frequency	
Grade Level, Center Name, Sub- Grantee Name	Staffing Breakdown (Volunteer vs Paid)	



Evaluation Data

What other types of data can be used in evaluating your program?

Quantitative	Qualitative	
Surveys	Success Stories	
Grades / Test Scores / Assessment Scores	Focus Groups	
Disciplinary Reports	Interviews	
Attendance	Observations	
Demographics	Staff Development Notes	
Parent Involvement	Newsletters	
Programming Offered		





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