Overview

Welcome!

I'm very happy to share this online community with you – our talented and hard-working 21st Century afterschool professionals. We've developed this entire website based on what you're telling us you need to create engaging afterschool programs. You for Youth (Y4Y) will help you connect and share resources with your colleagues, provide professional development and technical assistance opportunities, and offer tools for improving your program practices.

Thank you for joining us!

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Online Professional Learning and Technical Assistance for 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Summer Learning
Plan for an impactful experience using key strategies to help you effectively design your summer learning program to fit your students' needs.

Citizen Science
Explore how citizen science fits into out-of-school time learning, how to select citizen science activities, and how to implement a citizen science project.

STEM
Incorporate science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) into your 21st CCLC environment, build a STEM team and see examples of STEM projects in action.

College and Career Readiness
Use existing activities to build and reinforce skills, work with stakeholders to strengthen your program, tap into various funding sources, and help families become more informed.

Literacy
Building critical literacy skills is important in college, career and life. Explore a wide range of strategies for developing and reinforcing literacy skills in your 21st CCLC program.

Family Engagement
Generate better results for students by forging strong links and constructive relationships with students' families.

Strengthening Partnerships
Add depth to your program by identifying your needs, selecting partners, establishing a common vision, and using data to improve your program and partnerships.

Aligning With the School Day
Learn about key concepts such as building a shared vision for learning, coordinating curriculum and supporting partnerships with school-day staff in 21st CCLC.

Project-Based Learning
Learn how to facilitate projects, get students collaborating to take charge of learning, and help young people make a difference by implementing a student-directed learning strategy.

Where Do I Start?

Online Professional Learning

Courses: Each course has three subsections: Introduction (basic information on the topic), Implementation Strategies (practical guidance) and Coaching My Staff (techniques to help staff implement promising practices).

Train Your Staff: The Train Your Staff section provides training materials including Trainings to Go (with customizable PowerPoint presentations and handouts); Training Starters (outlines and tips for designing your own trainings); and other tools for planning, implementing and assessing program activities.

Y4Y Click & Go: Get quick answers, plus targeted tools and strategies, to help your program aim high, align with program goals, and administer for success. These compact sets of professional learning resources include mini-lessons, podcasts and practical tools on high-interest topics.

Y4Y Webinars: Build on what you've learned on the Y4Y web portal by participating in live webinars and online discussions with experts on issues that matter to you and your staff.

Virtual and In-Person Technical Assistance

These 1- to 1.5-hour sessions are tailored to meet the needs of the requesting state. If you are a 21st CCLC program and are interested in free Y4Y technical assistance, please talk to your State Coordinator.

Training Topics:

- Aligning With the School Day
- Project-Based Learning
- STEM
- Citizen Science
- College and Career Readiness
- Family Engagement
- Strengthening Partnerships
- Literacy
- Drug and Alcohol Prevention
- Civic Learning and Engagement

Program Resources

Here, you'll find downloadable, customizable tools organized by course, hundreds of external links, and more.

Tools: Find ready-to-use and customizable tools for each course that can assist you in learning, planning and implementing, assessing and reflecting, and training.

Learn More Library: Visit the Learn More Library within each topic area to find links to numerous external resources, including videos, lesson plans, publications and more.

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