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# 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

Council of Chief State School Officers

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## 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) 2008 Meeting Goals:

- Share information and latest developments related to the 21st CCLC program
- Consider emerging issues and best practices related to state implementation
- Give SEA staff the opportunity to network across states
- Consider the role of state leadership in shaping the future direction of the 21st CCLC program

## TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008

8:00 am	Registration and Networking Breakfast – Crystal Ballroom Salon B
8:45 am – 9:00 am  Crystal Ballroom Salon B	<b>Opening Plenary – Welcome and Introductions</b> Representatives from the Council of Chief State School Officers and the U.S. Department of Education will offer welcoming and context-setting remarks.  Speakers: Lois Adams-Rodgers, Deputy Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers Sylvia Lyles, Group Leader – Academic Improvement Programs, U.S. Department of Education
9:00 am – 10:30 am  Crystal Ballroom Salon B	<b>Plenary – Leading Comprehensive Data Collection Efforts</b> It takes careful planning, reflection and management to align local, state and federal 21st CCLC evaluation efforts. In this session, panelists will discuss a variety of approaches to managing these potentially competing evaluation efforts to ensure they complement one another. They will also discuss methods for using the information gained from this hierarchy of evaluation to advise grant management, professional development and policy decisions.  Facilitator: Shawn Stelow, Team Leader, 21st CCLC, U.S. Department of Education  Speakers: Neil Naftzger, Senior Research Associate, Learning Point Associates Nellie Reyes, Director, Texas Education Agency Candace Ferguson, Manager of 21st CCLC, Texas Education Agency John Taylor, Consultant, Michigan Department of Education <a href="#">Resource: Michigan Department of Education Evaluation of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers</a>

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10:30 am - 10:45 am	<b>Break</b>	
10:45 am - 11:45 am	<b>Small Group Discussions</b>	
	Crystal Ballroom Salon B	<p><b>Providing High-Quality Technical Assistance to 21st CCLC Grantees: State Approaches</b> (session repeats with a different facilitator) In this session, participants will discuss strategies to provide sustained grantee technical assistance utilizing contractual and other types of partnerships.</p> <p>Facilitator: Shawn Stelow, Team Leader, 21st CCLC, U.S. Department of Education</p> <p>Resource People: Nellie Reyes, Director, Texas Education Agency Ashaki Goodall, Program Management Officer, DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education</p>
	Wilson	<p><b>Funding and Budgeting for Sustainability</b> (session repeats with a different facilitator) In this session, participants will share successful state strategies for funding and sustaining local grantees. Participants will first hear from states that have implemented diverse approaches to promoting local program sustainability. Specific issues to be discussed include: state-level policies and practices related to program sustainability; the role of budgeting at the state and local levels; state successes; and remaining challenges.</p> <p>Facilitator: Sharon Deich, Vice President, Cross and Joftus, LLC</p> <p>Resource People: Joe Herrity, Consultant, Iowa Department of Education</p> <p><u>Resources:</u> 1) <a href="#">Funding and Budgeting for Sustainability</a> 2) <a href="#">Iowa 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Request for Applications</a></p> <p>Marguerite Peebles, Chief, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction</p> <p><u>Resources:</u> 1) <a href="#">Sustainability</a> 2) <a href="http://www.ncpublicschools.org/21cclc/rfp/">http://www.ncpublicschools.org/21cclc/rfp/</a></p> <p>Susan D'Annunzio, Student Services Supervisor, Pennsylvania Department of Education</p> <p><u>Resource:</u> <a href="#">Cohort II Continuation Grant Application, Invitation to Apply</a></p>

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<p>10:45 am - 11:45 am</p>	<p><b>Small Group Discussions</b> (continued)</p>	
	<p>Crystal Ballroom Salon C</p>	<p><b>Shining a Light on Program Quality: The Role of State Standards</b> (session repeats with a different facilitator) Increasingly states are developing and implementing clearly articulated standards to support local program improvement. In this session, participants will learn about these efforts in two states. Discussion topics include: an overview of how the standards were developed and the stakeholders involved in the process; a brief discussion of what the standards entail; and a discussion on how these and other states are working with grantees to foster continuous program improvement and overall quality.</p> <p>Facilitator: Morakot Masokas, Program Associate, Council of Chief State School Officers</p> <p>Resource People: Jackie Ascrizzi, 21st CCLC State Coordinator, Rhode Island Department of Education John Taylor, Consultant, Michigan Department of Education <i>Resource: <a href="#">Model Standards for Out-of-School Time/After-School Programs in Michigan</a></i></p>
	<p>Van Buren</p>	<p><b>Making Homework Time Work Well: Research and Practice</b> In this session, participants will explore what researchers have learned about homework help in afterschool programs; consider the role that state education agencies can play in strengthening this aspect of 21st CCLC programs and discuss how the interests of all stakeholders (students, parents, teachers, project directors and researchers) can be satisfied during homework time.</p> <p>Resource Person: Claudia Weisburd, Executive Director, Center for Afterschool Education, Foundations, Inc.</p> <p><i>Binder Resource: <a href="#">Engaging Students in Homework</a></i></p>
<p>11:45 am - 1:00 pm</p> <p>Potomac View Room</p>	<p><b>Networking Lunch - Hot Topic Discussions</b> Questions are listed in the meeting binder.</p>	

# 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

1:00 pm –  
2:00 pm

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## **Plenary – Creating Engaging and High Impact Programming**

In this session, participants will discuss how, at the state education agency level, program coordinators can develop the capacity of grantees to provide academic enrichment activities that support state literacy, math and science standards; have maximum impact on student achievement; and engage and excite students.

### Speakers:

Claudia Weisburd, Executive Director, Center for Afterschool Education, Foundations, Inc.

### Resources:

1) [Engaging Academics Afterschool Style – Helping it Happen](#)

2) [Academics After-school Style – Informal, experiential approaches to learning, with flexibility built in, are ideal](#)

3) [Afterschool Advantage – Powerful New Learning Opportunities](#)

Catherine Jordan, Program Manager, Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (SEDL)

### Resources:

1) [Afterschool Training Toolkit – Building Quality Enrichment Activities](#)

2) [Tools and Resources – Curriculum Databases](#)

3) [Tools and Resources – Additional Resources](#)

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2:00 pm –  
3:00 pm

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**Plenary – Attracting High School Students to Afterschool Programs: Research and State Practice**

21st CCLC federal legislation makes funding available to support programming for elementary, middle and high school students. Yet, a majority of the funding in states is used to support program for students in K-8. Increasingly, state education agencies are interested in funding engaging programs that support high school students positive development. What barriers remain in attracting high school youth to afterschool and summer programs? What state-level efforts are presently underway to increase programming for high schoolers? What types of programs have shown success in attracting and sustaining high school student participation? What additional efforts are needed? These questions and more will be addressed in this session that examines recent research and practice.

Facilitator: Janelle Cousino, Vice President, FowlerHoffman LLC, Consultant to the Afterschool Alliance

Speakers:

Nicole Yolahem, Program Director, The Forum for Youth Investment

Resource: [Older Youth and Out of School Time](#)

Suzanne Birdsall, 21st CCLC Coordinator, New Hampshire Department of Education

Paul Leather, Division Director, New Hampshire Department of Education

Resource: [Student Success Through Extended Learning Opportunities: NH High School Pilot](#)

Natasha Smith, Senior Director of Programs, After School Matters

3:00 pm –  
3:10 pm

**Break**

3:10 pm –  
4:10 pm

**Small Group Discussions**

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Facilitator: Victoria Wegener, Senior Consultant, The Finance Project

#### Resource People:

Joe Herrity, Consultant, Iowa Department of Education

Marguerite Peebles, Chief, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Susan D'Annunzio, Student Services Supervisor, Pennsylvania Department of Education

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John Taylor, Consultant, Michigan Department of Education

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## Small Group Discussions (continued)

4:10 pm -  
4:15 pm

Van Buren

### **21st CCLC & Reading First: A Partnership**

Jack Edmo and Casey Sovo of the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) will discuss the close partnership and shared goals of 21st CCLC and Reading First. Both programs focus on student achievement in reading; present at 21st CCLC grant sites that are now realizing the double impact on student achievement; and share the same performance measures to validate that impact.

Facilitator: Stephen Balkcom, 21st CCLC Program Officer, U.S. Department of Education

Resource People:

Jack Edmo, Education Specialist, Bureau of Indian Education  
Casey Sovo, Education Specialist, Bureau of Indian Education

[Binder Resource: \*Gaining a Voice After School – Why After-School Programs Are a Powerful Resource for English –Language Learners\*](#)

## Transition Break

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5:00 pm

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## **Closing Plenary - Federal Policy Update: NCLB and Community Schools Grants**

In this closing session, participants will have the opportunity to hear updates from national organizations working to advance afterschool, summer learning and community schools through the federal legislative process and get their perspectives on how these programs can best work together to serve students. Discussion topics will include an overview and status update on newly proposed legislation; an overview of the Full Service Community Schools Grants program; and an update on NCLB including proposed changes to the 21st CCLC and SES programs. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Facilitator: Ayeola Fortune, Project Director, Council of Chief State School Officers

### Speakers:

Martin Blank, Staff Director, Coalition for Community Schools

### Resources:

- 1) [The Full-Service Community Schools Act of 2007](#)
- 2) [Publications by the Coalition for Community Schools](#)
- 3) [Community Schools Framework for Student Success](#); 4) [Indicators for Capacity](#)

Jen Rinehart, Vice President, Afterschool Alliance

Resource: [Afterschool Policy Update](#)

Ron Fairchild, Executive Director, Center for Summer Learning

5:00 pm

**Adjourn**