Making the Most of Summer Learning

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Session Goals

1. Understand the importance of summer learning.

2. Learn the key components of planning a high-quality summer learning program.
Agenda

1. Overview of steps for planning a summer learning program
2. Explore resources
3. Panel discussion
Planning for Summer Learning
What is your experience in planning a summer learning program?

1. I have planned and led one before and am looking to improve.

2. First time leading a summer program, but I have some plans in place.

3. Just getting started.

4. I am thinking about implementing a summer learning program and want to learn more.
Why Summer Learning Matters

- Summer learning loss is real.
- It’s not just academic.
- High-quality summer programs can make a difference.

Afterschool Alliance, 2014; You for Youth, 2018.
Planning
You don’t have to start from scratch!

https://y4y.ed.gov/summerlearning
Steps for Planning Your Program

- Identify stakeholders
- Identify assets and needs
- Set SMART goals
- Figure out logistics
- Plan your activities
- Recruit students
- Focus on continuous improvement
Identify Stakeholders
Identify Assets and Needs

**Assets**

- Existing strengths and resources

**Needs**

- Student data (attendance, behavior, academic achievement)
- Student voice (interests)
- Input from school staff
- Input from afterschool and summer learning staff
Set SMART Goals
Figure Out Logistics

- Schedule
- Staffing
- Budget
- Facilities
- Resources
Plan Your Activities
Recruit Students
Focus on Continuous Improvement
Resources

You for Youth

STEPS OF THE PATH:

There are many moving parts when planning any program including a summer learning program. Use these seven sequential steps to successfully navigate your way to a summer learning program that has the potential for making positive academic, social, emotional and behavioral impacts on your students.

Click on the steps in the order shown to take the most efficient path for summer program planning. You’ll also get tools to help you along the way. Get ready for your journey.

Before you take the first step, visit the Implementation Planner page to download the Program Implementation Planner, a user guide and a sample planner.

Start by clicking the sun icon on the path.

BEGIN
Intentional Activity Design

Design targeted, real-life, relevant activities that meet student needs. To meet program SMART goals, plan activities that meet identified student needs and incorporate student voice. Write your activity SMART goal, and select an engaging learning method and strategies to keep students coming. This intentional design process taps into student-specific needs and student voice to provide targeted academic interventions (which help students improve skills they need) and academic enrichment activities (which help students practice knowledge and skills in real-life, relevant ways). Intentional design also ensures that activities support positive youth development and incorporate 21st century skills.

RESOURCES

- Activity Intentional Design Overview
Panel Discussion
Program Overviews

Youth and Opportunity United 21st CCLC

DREAM Afterschool Program, District 33 West Chicago 21st CCLC

- Structure
- Focus
- Partner organizations
Summer Learning Program Goals

• Are your summer goals different from school year programming? How?

• What are your summer program student outcomes? How do you measure them?
Planning

• Timeline
• Debriefing after summer programming ends
• Planning logistics
• Working with district
• Recruitment (students and staff)
Student Recruitment

• Existing 21st CCLC students
• Students who need support
• Getting the word out
• Recruitment challenges
Staff Recruitment

• What staff do you recruit for your program?
• How do you recruit staff?
• How do you prepare and support them?
How do you adapt from afterschool to summer programming?

- Adjustments in programming
- Changes for students
- Changes for staff
Lessons learned

• Successes
• Final advice
Questions?
References


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