

WEST CONTRA COSTA OUT OF SCHOOL TIME (OST) COLLABORATIVE MEETING



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Meeting Agenda



1. Greetings & Introductions
2. Icebreaker
3. Updates and Announcements
4. Looking Back on 2013-14:
 Celebrating our Accomplishments
5. Priorities for 2014-15
6. Reflecting and Planning
7. Partner Successes and Summer Plans

Updates and Announcements



1) Get Your Summer On!

- Update
- Debrief

2) Summer Data Collection

Looking Back on 2013-14



Priorities 2013-14



To achieve high quality Out of School Time programs for West County children and youth, the West Contra Costa Out of School Time (WCCOST) Collaborative will build a system of support based upon three essential strategies:



QUALITY



- Development of a **QUALITY FRAMEWORK AND COACHING** model across programs,
- **What we need to build quality:** Common quality expectations, related tools, and commitment to on-going assessment and improvement
- **Long Term Vision:** We will adopt and champion a common definition and standards of quality and provide tools, resources, and coaching to support program improvement.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE: QUALITY

After several months of collective input, our WCCOST Collaborative adopted written community-wide **Quality Standards** in February 2014.

West Contra Costa Out-of-School Time (OST) Quality Standards: Commitment to Providing High Quality Experiences for West County Students

The OST Collaborative mission is to increase access to high quality Out-of-School Time programs that inspire, empower and educate West Contra Costa children and youth.

1. Active and Engaged Learning

Programming and activities are developmentally appropriate and promote the physical, academic, social, and emotional development of all participants. Programs provide a positive environment that integrates best practices of youth development and support student creativity. Opportunities for play and fun are promoted.

2. Skill Building

The program intentionally provides opportunities for students to build skills that support their success in academic, health, social-emotional, and other key areas of their lives. Academic programming enhances student's school day learning.

3. Safe Environment

Physical and emotional safety is a key foundational element of programs. The program provides a safe and supportive environment that addresses the developmental, physical and emotional needs of diverse participants.

4. Community Responsiveness

The program culture reflects respect and celebrates diversity. The program is accessible and responsive to the needs of the community it serves.

5. Staffing and Professional Development

The program employs and supports the professional growth of highly effective staff and volunteers who are dedicated to creating a positive, developmentally appropriate and supportive learning environment.

6. Leadership and Management

The program displays effective leadership, sound fiscal management, and coherent policies and procedures.

7. Continuous Improvement

The program adopts a systematic approach of assessment, reflection, and action planning to continuously improve the quality of the program.

8. Meaningful Partnerships

The program values collaboration and purposefully builds strong partnerships in order to achieve program goals.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE: ACCESS



- **Get Your Summer On! Outreach Campaign**

The Collaborative, in partnership with Public Allies, launched a community-wide campaign to generate awareness of summer programs. Get Your Summer On! Partners staffed booths at 3 West County events: Back to Nature, City of Richmond Easter Egg Hunt, and Cinco de Mayo in San Pablo.

- The Ed Fund compiled and published the bilingual **2014 “Get Your Summer On!” Summer Activity Guide**. OST Collaborative member programs were highlighted. 20,000 guides have been distributed to families.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

West County is involved in the broader OST Scene...



- The Collaborative continues to elevate the visibility of our work through:
 - 1) Participation in National Summer Learning Quality Pilot
 - 2) Attendance at Regional Summer Matters Conferences
 - 3) Planning for upcoming National Summer Learning Day (6/20)

Planning for 2014-15



Quality Roadmap



COMMITMENT TO QUALITY because quality programs are likeliest to benefit children and therefore scarce OST funding should be directed to delivering high-quality programming.

WCCOST Collaborative and its Partner Organizations adopt COMMUNITY-WIDE QUALITY STANDARDS

Programs embrace a CONTINUOUS CYCLE OF IMPROVEMENT and utilize tools to reflect on practice

"COMMITMENT TO QUALITY" SEALS & "Prime Time" MODEL OF SUPPORT

2014-15 Plans: Continuing our work from 2013-14



PLANNED STRATEGIES: QUALITY

- Initial phases of Quality Improvement System Rollout
- Collaborative work group expands local definition of standards
- Adoption of PQA Tool
- Professional Development Training
- Assessments
- Improvement Plans

Quality Roadmap: Status Update



Capacity Building to Support Rollout:

- Endorsed by the Weikart Center for Youth as certified PQA Assessors:

Tanya Avila, Nicole Arenal, Mara L.

2014-15 Plans: Continuing our work from 2013-14



PLANNED STRATEGIES

- Get Your Summer On! Campaign
- Backward planning
- Awareness, Outreach, Access

Wallace Foundation 6 action elements



COMMITTED LEADERSHIP – including top political, school, community and OST leaders, to secure funding and other resources and shape policies;

A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE COORDINATING ENTITY – to manage the development of plans, link disparate OST players, build citywide attention and support for OST, and ensure that plans and performance stay on track;

MULTI-YEAR PLANNING – to set goals and priorities, develop ways to hold key players accountable for results and identify necessary resources;

RELIABLE INFORMATION – to document the needs and wishes of parents and children, track participation and identify underserved neighborhoods and families;

EXPANDING PARTICIPATION – to reach more children and ensure that they attend often enough to benefit; and

A COMMITMENT TO QUALITY – because quality programs are likeliest to benefit children and therefore scarce OST funding should be directed to delivering high-quality programming.

Potential Opportunities



Long Term Strategic Planning

- Ed Fund
- OST Collaborative

Funding & Advocacy

- 21st Century Grant funding
- City of Richmond update
- LCAP
- Upcoming Elections 2014

Reflection



Questions to inform our planning



Reflecting on our mission statement...

- Where are we? What have we accomplished? Where do we need to go?
- What else is needed? What do you see as important next steps to position us for success?
- How can we be creative and strategic? How can we best leverage the expertise and resources of our collaborative ?

Partner Successes and Plans



Calendar Dates for May & June 2014



- **OST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
5/29 CANCELLED- NEW DATE TBD**
- **NATIONAL SUMMER LEARNING DAY 6/20
(MORE DETAILS WILL BE SHARED)**
- **COLLABORATIVE MEETING 6/19 –CANCELLED**
- **NEXT COLLABORATIVE MEETING – AUGUST**