How Iowa 21st Century Community Learning Centers Can

SERVE THE WHOLE CHILD

Whole Child Development

The demands of the 21st century require an approach to education and enrichment that considers the needs of the whole child. All children in afterschool and summer programs deserve to be healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and inspired to do their best.

ONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

Positive human relationships to model and create a sense of safety, belonging, and identity

The Impact

Improved self-control, self-confidence, impulse control and empathy; Able to practice mutual respect; Enhanced motivation to learn; Strengthen family engagement

Program Ideas

Culturally-specific arts (dance, music, spoken word, etc.); Gender-responsive relationships; Promote family nights; Peer mediation

Possible Community Partners

Blank Park Zoo; local artists; Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts

What a Child Needs

Exercise and nutrition to support healthy growth and development and overall well-being

The Impact

Improved health outcomes; Practice a healthy lifestyle

Program Ideas

Community garden; Yoga; Tai kwon do; Cooking class;

Local food pantry; Teachers Going Green; Local churches; local community groups;

What a Child Needs

Opportunities to process new information, concepts, skills and language to enhance and create value in learning

The Impact

Enhanced learning outcomes: Improved problem-solving competencies; College and career readiness; Participation in a global environment

Program Ideas

Chess club; STEM; Book buddies; Music instruction; Computer science

Possible Community Partners

Iowa Public Television: Science Center of Iowa;



