

80+ voices

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21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

Youth SPEAK!



RESEARCH

What should sites do to make a difference in 21st CCLC impact areas?

- BETTER ACADEMICALLY
 - ACTIVE LEARNING: games, competitions
 - LINK TO SCHOOL DAY
 - INCENTIVES/REWARDS
 - MENTORS/TUTORS
 - PEER LED GROUPS
 - ACT/SAT TEST PREP
 - HOMEWORK HELP

- SCHOOL/COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
 - OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT-TEACHER CONNECTIONS
 - EXPLORE COMMUNITY
 - GET OUT & BRING IN
 - field trips
 - fundraisers
 - community service & volunteering
 - BRING IN
 - guest speakers
 - mentors

- SUCCESSFUL ADULTS
 - EMPLOYMENT SKILLS: resumes, interviewing, applications
 - REAL TIME AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: school board, site decisionmaking
 - MENTORS: successful adults in community & young adults
 - POST SECONDARY PREP: for career and/or college
 - LIFE SKILLS: financial literacy, technology, organization



IMPACT SKYROCKETS

If you were in charge of...

- ACTIVITIES ARE... hands-on, choice, relevant, broad range (academic, cultural, college/career, sports)
- STAFF IS... happy, young, trained, open-minded
- TRANSPORTATION
- YOUTH VOICE IN OFFERINGS & PROCESSES!

as sites taken over by youth! designing a site...

- PHYSICAL SPACE IS... dedicated, consistent, welcoming, safe
- FOCUS ON...
 - personal development
 - life skills
 - community engagement
 - connections with other sites
- INCENTIVES/REWARDS

SPOTLIGHT: on our site

- MULTI AGE
- HANG OUT & BE SOCIAL
- ACADEMIC HELP/TUTORS
- FUN LEARNING: "we have a place for learning as well as having fun"
- DISCOVERY: "try new things and expand horizons"
- CHOICE & VARIETY: "school would be boring without afterschool"
- BELONGING: "everyone feels accepted"
- LEADERSHIP

- FREE
- FUN
- FOOD
- FRIENDS
- FAMILY ACTIVITIES

FUNDERS WANT \$\$\$

In order to get funding...

- ✓ youth voice & leadership
- ✓ healthy snacks
- ✓ community involved
- ✓ physically/emotionally safe
- ✓ intentional design to meet needs of whole child
- ✓ academic enrichment
- ✓ trained, experienced, educated staff
- ✓ sustainable
- ✓ well attended

