

Supplemental Guidance for Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Afterschool Programs During COVID-19: Volume 2

Purpose

This communication provides supplemental guidance for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21CCLC) funded programs as they consider any FY '21 program amendments. This 21CCLC-specific guidance should be reviewed in concert with [Leveraging Summer 2020 Learning Programs: Key considerations in Planning for Continuity of Learning](#) which also applies directly to 21st CCLC Learning Centers.

Additional Guidance for 21st CCLC Centers

- The overarching [purpose](#) of 21CCLC funded programs is to support learning, which includes continuity of learning for all students through 21CCLC allowable uses that compliment, but do not duplicate, the school day. The availability and access to 21CCLC funded programming shall be made equitably to all youth in the community, consistent with standard 21CCLC practice. In this manner, for any FY21 offerings, if any youth who are deemed children of “essential workers” are served from funded communities, their admission and participation to programs should be treated consistent with the purpose of 21CCLC programs and no differently from any other participant. This statement assumes there is a lack of any major reemergence of COVID-19 or “hot spot” that would require a statewide or localized emergency response to serve and protect the whole community.
- As before, if program income is collected, all programs are open to all youth and no one will be turned away for inability to pay. Careful ongoing review and attention to detail in communications, approach and procedures in this area is strongly recommended due to the conditions created by COVID-19.
- Average daily costs inclusive of all sources should remain within or near standard 21CCLC expected cost ranges in a reasonable, necessary and sustainable manner to implement on-going high-quality programming for the entire grant period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021.
- For planning purposes, consider staffing to lower program ratios for any future in-person services to maintain high-quality programs, address additional social emotional needs, implement new safety and health protocols, and support adaptability as part of any “reopening” of 21CCLC services or centers.

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