

Action Needed Now: 21st Century Community Learning Center Programs at Risk



The Current Situation

The New York State Education Department, which administers the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) initiative recently decided that it would not issue a much anticipated request for proposals (RFP) to continue funding contracts that began in February of 2003. The contracts for these programs will end on June 30, 2007, eliminating their continued funding.

The New York State Education Department's decision to not release an RFP for these contracts jeopardizes the continued operations of 207 after-school programs throughout the state serving 34,063 young people. Approximately 3,400 jobs at these sites are in jeopardy.

Background:

21st CCLC is the only federal funding source dedicated exclusively to after-school programs. The federal No Child Left Behind Act reauthorized 21st CCLC in 2002, transferring the administration of the grants from the U.S. Department of Education to State Education agencies. Each state receives funds based on its share of Title I funding for low-income students.

Affected Programs:

- Number of 21st CCLC awards ending June 2007: **60 Total**
27 awards to school districts and 33 awards to Community-based organizations
- Number of programs covered by the 60 awards: **207**
NYC - 54 Manhattan; 18 Bronx; 15 Brooklyn; 19 Queens; 12 Staten Island; Rest of NY: 89
- Amount awarded: **\$31,774,207** (CBOs: **\$13,269,108** and school districts: **\$18,505,098**)

What We Request:

- The state must invest \$30 million to prevent the closing of these programs in the 2007-08 budget year.
- This allocation will help keep programs open for one year and will allow providers to identify other sources of funding to keep programs open in the future.
- The decision to not release an RFP for these contracts jeopardizes the continued operations of 207 after-school programs throughout the state serving 34,063 young people. Approximately 3,400 jobs at these sites may also be in jeopardy.

About CASF

The Coalition for After-School Funding (CASF) is a statewide coalition committed to increasing federal, state and local funding for after-school programs. We believe every child in New York State should have access to a quality after-school program! CASF members include 350 groups made up of parents, students, after-school providers, teachers, law enforcement officials, childcare advocates, faith-based organizations and community groups.

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