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**NDE – 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)
2017 External Organization Profile Submission**

Overview

In accordance with the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*, Title IV, Part B, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) is required to provide a list of prescreened external organizations. The term "external organization" is defined, by *ESSA*, as: "(A) a nonprofit organization with a record of success in running or working with before- and after- school (or summer recess) programs and activities; or (B) in the case of a community where there is no such organization, a nonprofit organization in the community that enters into a written agreement or partnership with an organization described in subparagraph (A) to receive mentoring and guidance in running or working with before- and after-school (or summer recess) programs and activities" (*ESSA*, section 4201). In response to *ESSA*, NDE is releasing the opportunity for nonprofit organizations to submit an external organization profile.

This request includes ELT: Extended Learning Time services or programs:

As defined for purposes of flexibility under the *ESEA*, ELT is the time that a local educational agency (LEA) or school "extends its **normal school day, week, or year** to provide additional instruction or educational programs for all students beyond the State-mandated requirements for the minimum number of hours in a school day, days in a school week, or days or weeks in a school year."

Under the ELT option, 21st Century Community Learning Centers program funds can be used for authorized activities during the school day, provided that the school (LEA) extends its regular school day, week, or year to provide additional instruction or educational programs for all students beyond the state-mandated requirements for the minimum number of hours in a school day, days in a school week, or days or weeks in a school year by, at the least, 300 additional hours per school year. The overall requirements of the 21st Century programs must still be met under the ELT option.

Below is a list of authorized 21st CCLC activities to assist you in determining if the services, programs or activities, provided by your non-profit organization, fit within this request for a profile submission.

21st CCLC Authorized Activities:

SEC. 4205. ø20 U.S.C. 7175ç LOCAL ACTIVITIES

- (1) academic enrichment learning programs, mentoring programs, remedial education activities, and tutoring services, that are aligned with— (A) the challenging State academic standards and any local academic standards; and (B) local curricula that are designed to improve student academic achievement;
- (2) well-rounded education activities, including such activities that enable students to be eligible for credit recovery or attainment;
- (3) literacy education programs, including financial literacy programs and environmental literacy programs;
- (4) programs that support a healthy and active lifestyle, including nutritional education and regular, structured physical activity programs;
- (5) services for individuals with disabilities;
- (6) programs that provide after-school activities for students who are English learners that emphasize language skills and academic achievement;
- (7) cultural programs;
- (8) telecommunications and technology education programs;
- (9) expanded library service hours;
- (10) parenting skills programs that promote parental involvement and family literacy;
- (11) programs that provide assistance to students who have been truant, suspended, or expelled to allow the students to improve their academic achievement;
- (12) drug and violence prevention programs and counseling programs;
- (13) programs that build skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (referred to in this paragraph as “STEM”), including computer science, and that foster innovation in learning by supporting nontraditional STEM education teaching methods; and
- (14) programs that partner with in-demand fields of the local workforce or build career competencies and career readiness and ensure that local workforce and career readiness skills are aligned with the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.) and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.).

Meeting ESSA Evidence Levels

In addition to being an authorized activity, all interventions, strategies, and activities for 21st Century programs must meet ESSA evidence-based requirements by demonstrating a statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes (i.e., Strong, Moderate, or Promising levels described below) or demonstrating a rationale based on high-quality research findings or positive evaluation. Evidence-based is defined in ESEA in Sec. 8101(21), as shown below:

(21) EVIDENCE-BASED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the term “evidence-based”, when used with respect to a State, local educational agency, or school activity, means an activity, strategy, or intervention that—

(i) demonstrates a statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes or other relevant outcomes based on—

(I) **strong** evidence from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented experimental study;

(II) **moderate** evidence from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental study; or

(III) **promising** evidence from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias; OR

(ii) (I) demonstrates a **rationale** based on high-quality research findings or positive evaluation that such activity, strategy, or intervention is likely to improve student outcomes or other relevant outcomes; and
(II) includes ongoing efforts to examine the effects of such activity, strategy, or intervention.

Organization Eligibility

- To meet the requirements for the minimum record of success, any organization submitting a profile must: Operate as a nonprofit in good standing; and
- Have a minimum of three years’ experience operating or delivering services to out-of-school-time programs, i.e. before and/ or after school, during the summer breaks, periods when school is not in session or during extended learning hours.
- Identify and select which ESSA evidence level your organization fits into:
 1. Strong
 2. Moderate
 3. Promising
 4. Rationale or positive evaluation.
- Provide the research findings and evidence to support the organization’s ESSA evidence level.
 - Summarize the research findings (e.g., statistical significant and effect size)in a word document or PDF (no larger than 10mb)
 - Cite in APA or MLA the research studies identifying the organization’s impact on student achievement.

If your organization meets the requirements above, you are eligible to complete and submit a profile to the department.

[External Organization Profile Submission](#)

In addition to submitting the profile, organizations must upload proof of their nonprofit status and ESSA Evidence-based criteria with the online profile submission. NDE will verify if the organization is in “good standing” status by reviewing the debarred vendor list upon submission of the profile and as necessary thereafter. All eligible organizations will remain on the list for

three (3) years from the date posted on the NDE website. NDE will post the final list at [Nevada Department of Education - 21st Century Community Learning Centers](#) upon completion of the reviews. The next opportunity to submit a profile will occur in the spring of 2018.

This solicitation for information will not result in a contract with the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) nor does this listing represent an endorsement by NDE. The list will be posted (for informational purposes only) for any 21st Century grant applicant to view and utilize at their own discretion.

Please share this announcement with other nonprofit organizations that operate or work with, afterschool or extended learning time programs throughout the state of Nevada, and other external non-profit organizations interested in partnering with 21st CCLC programs in the state of Nevada.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring Nevada's children have access to high quality afterschool (out-of-school time) and extended learning programs.

Questions or comments regarding the external organization profile submission should be directed to TeQuia Barrett at 702-486-7953 or by email tbarrett@doe.nv.gov.



External Organization Online Submission Overview

In response to ESSA, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) has released the opportunity for nonprofit organizations to submit an external organization profile. This solicitation for information will not result in a contract with the NDE nor does this listing represent an endorsement by NDE. The list will be posted (for informational purposes only) for any 21st Century grant applicant to view and utilize at their own discretion.

Profile Eligibility

- Operate as a nonprofit in good standing; and
- Have a minimum of three years' experience operating or delivering services to afterschool, out-of-school-time (OST) or Extended Learning Time (ELT) programs
- Identify and select which ESSA evidence level your organization fits into:
 1. Strong
 2. Moderate
 3. Promising
 4. Rationale or positive evaluation
- Provide the research findings and evidence to support the organization's ESSA evidence level.
 - Summarize the research findings (e.g., statistical significant and effect size) in a word document or PDF (no larger than 10mb)
 - Cite in APA or MLA the research studies identifying the organization's impact on student achievement.

In addition to submitting the profile, organizations must upload proof of their nonprofit status and ESSA Evidence-based criteria with the online profile submission. NDE will verify if the organization is in "good standing" status by reviewing the debarred vendor list upon submission of the profile and as necessary thereafter. All eligible organizations will remain on the list for three (3) years from the date posted on the NDE website. NDE will post the final list at [Nevada Department of Education - 21st Century Community Learning Centers](#) upon completion of the reviews. The next opportunity to submit a profile will occur in the Fall of 2018.

All interventions, strategies, and activities must meet ESSA evidence-based requirements by demonstrating a statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes. Evidence-based is defined in ESEA in Sec. 8101(21), as shown below:

(21) EVIDENCE-BASED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the term "evidence-based", when used with respect to a State, local educational agency, or school activity, means an activity, strategy, or intervention that—

- (i) demonstrates a statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes or other relevant outcomes based on—
 - (I) strong evidence from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented experimental study;
 - (II) moderate evidence from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental study; or
 - (III) promising evidence from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias; **OR**
- (ii) (I) demonstrates a rationale based on high-quality research findings or positive evaluation that such activity, strategy, or intervention is likely to improve student outcomes or other relevant outcomes; and
 - (II) includes ongoing efforts to examine the effects of such activity, strategy, or intervention.

If your organization meets all of the criteria listed above, you are eligible to submit an External Organization Profile to the Nevada Department of Education.

The deadline to submit this profile is Friday, September 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Proof of Non-profit Status

Applicants are required to upload one of the following documents as verification of the agency's nonprofit status and that the organization is in in good standing.

- 1) Proof that the Internal Revenue Service currently recognizes the agency as an organization to which contributions are tax deductible under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- 2) A statement from a State taxing body or the State Attorney General certifying that:
 - The organization is a nonprofit organization within the State; and
 - No part of its net earnings may lawfully benefit any private shareholder or individual;
- 3) A certified copy of the agency's certificate of incorporation or a similar document if it clearly establishes the nonprofit status of the agency; or
- 4) Any item described above in numbers (1) through (3) if that item applies to a State or a national parent organization, together with a statement by the State or parent organization that the applicant is a local nonprofit affiliate.

Note: Your profile will be considered incomplete without uploading proof of your nonprofit status.

If your organization meets the criteria above, you are eligible to complete and submit a profile to the department at: [External Organization Profile Submission](#).

Disclaimers

- A nonprofit organization that meets the criteria outlined above, completes all sections in the Profile and submits by the deadline date will be included on the external organization pre-screen list. The list will be maintained and updated by the Nevada Department of Education annually.
- No funding is directly associated with this external provider application and inclusion on the eligible provider list. The completion of this application **WILL NOT RESULT IN A CONTRACT WITH NDE**. Neither will NDE provide funding to external organizations based on this list.
- NDE reserves the right to omit any organization from the list for failure to complete the profile application process in its entirety.
- NDE reserves the right to remove an organization from the list when it fails to meet the minimum record of success or due to the organization's violation of federal, state, or local laws and/or its disbarment.
- NDE does not guarantee the amount of work given, if any, to organizations on the eligible provider list. And, by including an organization on the eligible provider list, the department is simply verifying that the organization successfully completed the external organization prescreening process.
- The inclusion of an organization on the eligible provider list is not an endorsement of the organization by the Nevada Department of Education, nor is it a certification of the quality of activities provided by the organization.
- Subsequent to Profile submission, all information submitted by an external organization in response to the Profile solicitation is considered public information, except as may be exempted from public disclosure by the Open Public Records Act, N.R.S. 239 et. seq., and the common law.
- NDE is not responsible for any technical issues the organization may experience during the time of submission.