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February 2019 Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM COSA

Thank you for taking the time to read the latest COSA newsletter. We are happy to provide you with the most up-to-date information regarding COSA and 21st CCLC. We would like to take this opportunity to remind grantees of the COSA Regional Training requirements:

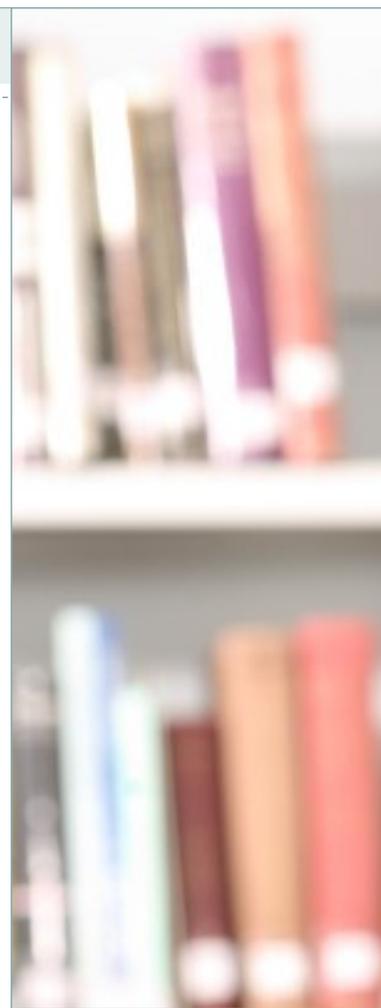
- 1) Any 21st CCLC grant recipient that currently holds a 1st year (FY19) grant is required to attend the COSA quarterly trainings. The person attending should be the Program Manager, Site Coordinator, program staff, etc.
- 2) We encourage grantees to bring multiple attendees to the training, including direct program staff.
- 3) Grantees are welcome to attend the quarterly training in the region that is most convenient for them.
- 4) While evaluators are certainly welcome to attend the quarterly regional trainings, **evaluators may not sign-in on behalf of the grantee.**

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR PROGRAM TO BE FEATURED IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS?

Reminder that if you would like your program to be featured in future newsletters, please send an email to COSA Director Mark Noftz at mnoftz@cosaohio.org

Be sure to include:

- 1) Your program's name (include the town/city, school district, etc.)
- 2) 1-3 pictures of an activity or event taking place in your program. Be sure to include captions for your pictures.
- 3) A brief description of your program (grades served, number of students served, activities offered, etc.)
- 4) A brief narrative explaining what makes your program outstanding



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COSA Regional Trainings

COSA began its 2nd round of quarterly regional trainings in February with trainings in Dayton, Cleveland, and Tiffin. The training topic was Harnessing Youth Voice in Out-of-School Time Programs. Participants learned about youth voice strategies, participated in a friendly game of Family Feud, and received some resources and strategies to implement in their programs.

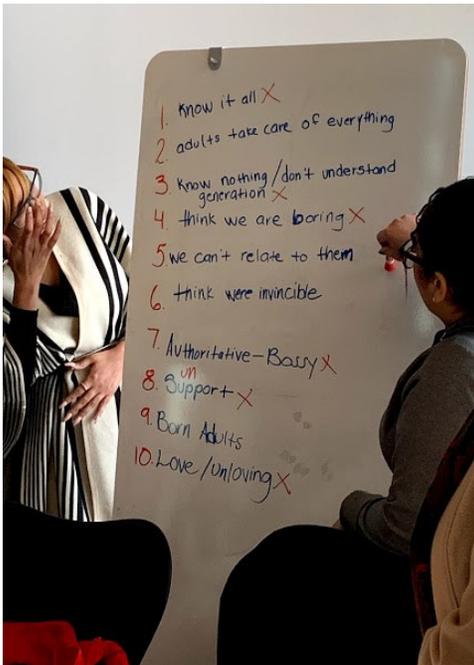
Cariss Turner Smith from the Federal Reserve attended the trainings in Cleveland and Tiffin to share the abundance of free educational resources that are available to 21st CCLC grantees to help support their math, literacy, and college and career readiness curriculums.



Northeast Regional Mentor Stacy Ward-Braxton leads a group discussion during the COSA Regional Training in Cleveland



Southwest Regional Mentor Jamond Foree leads a spirited game of Family Feud at the Southwest COSA Regional Training in Dayton



A team writes down their top answers for the Family Feud game. Teams had to identify the top 8 assumptions that adults make about youth as well as the top 8 assumptions youth make about adults



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A team of training participants works together to come up with the top answers to the Family Feud questions



Northwest Regional Mentor Theresa Barnett leads an activity at the COSA Northwest Regional Training in Tiffin

COSA UPDATES

COSA Conferences

We are excited to announce that COSA will be piloting regional conferences later this summer. These 2 day conferences will take place in the Northeast and Southeast regions. However, registration will be open to anyone in Ohio who is interested in attending. The purpose of these conferences will be to offer professional development to direct program staff and site coordinators, as the majority of the content will focus on direct programming, curriculum, and best practices in delivering a quality 21st CCLC program. General conference details can be found below. More information to come soon:

Southeast COSA Conference	Northeast COSA Conference
August 20th & 21st	September 10th & 11th
Ohio University Inn	Corporate College
Athens, OH	Warrensville Heights, OH

We are currently seeking presenters for these conferences. Please click on the following link if you are interested in submitting a presentation proposal. All proposals are due by April 26th.

Presentation Proposal Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PR75KPP>

Upcoming COSA Trainings

The next round of COSA Regional Trainings will take place during the month of May. We are currently in the process of finalizing dates and locations. We will be sending out that information (in addition to registration links) as soon as that information is available. Please keep an eye on your inbox for that information.



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Program Spotlight

Windham 21st Century Community Learning Centers Completes Annual Computer Build Course

Ten junior high and high school students involved in the Community Action Council of Portage County's 21st Century Community Learning Centers After-School Program at Windham Exempted Village School District, participated in the Windham 3rd Annual Computer Build Course. The free course is offered through a partnership between Community Action Council of Portage County, Windham Exempted Village Schools and The Community Technology Learning Center in Ravenna, Ohio. Ten students in grades seven through twelve participated in the 4 week program designed to provide students with youth development experiences in technology training, college and career readiness, and STEM learning.

The student group worked with an IT specialist, building desk top computers component by component; as well as loading system software, Microsoft Software, learning trouble shooting skills, and computer safety from both a physical standpoint and online. Students worked on their computers during the afterschool program hours and completed two assessments designed to measure increasing knowledge. They worked individually to build their computer and worked collaboratively to help one another as well. Students who completed all aspects of the course were able to take the computers home free of charge. This will allow them to utilize the computer for completing high school assignments and for post-secondary purposes. Each computer is valued at approximately \$750.00 and the materials were provided through grant funds.



To date, Community Action Council of Portage County has provided over 60 students in Windham Exempted Village Schools and Ravenna School District combined, with a computer build course over the last six years in both districts' 21st Century Community Learning Centers After-School Programs. One former student participant, who has since graduated from Ravenna School District, is studying Information Technology as a career path and is working on A+ certification through the Community Technology Learning Center. Contact Amy Adams, Director of School Based Services, Community Action Council of Portage County at aadams@cacportage.net with questions or for more details.

Submitted by Amy Adams, Director of School Based Services, Community Action Council of Portage County

Resources

Stay Updated on 21st CCLC in Ohio

Don't miss out on important updates and professional development! Stay informed by regularly visiting ODE's 21st CCLC Wordpress. Click the link below for direct access to the page:

<https://21stcenturylearningcenters.wordpress.com/>

Custom Family Feud

Several February training attendees asked how they could create their own custom Family Feud game to utilize in their program and for family events. Click on the link below to create your own Family Feud experience!

<https://www.youthdownloads.com/?paybox-key=z7uy2ov51wy15kms>

Federal Reserve Resources

If you're interested in ordering or checking out any of the free statewide resources that were shared by the Federal Reserve at our most recent regional trainings, visit <https://www.clevelandfed.org/en/learningcenter.aspx> or contact:

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Harnessing Youth Voice Resources

Click the links below to access the resources shared at the most recent COSA Regional Training:

<https://freechild.org/>

www.cypq.org/yds

<https://y4y.ed.gov/tools/elementary-student-interest-survey>

<https://y4y.ed.gov/tools/secondary-student-interest-survey>