Ohio Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers
External Community Partnership Listing Overview

The Ohio Department of Education’s Office for Improvement and Innovation is pleased to announce the opportunity for community or nonprofit organizations to submit an external organization profile. By collecting, screening and publishing a list of external community organizations that have expressed interest, the potential for partnerships with current and future Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLCs) is more easily realized.

In accordance with Title IV, Part B, 21st CCLC of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Department is required to provide a list of prescreened external organizations, as described under section 4203(a)(11).

According to federal ESSA legislation, the term “external organization” is defined 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.”

Requirements for Inclusion
For external organizations or businesses interested in submitting a profile, the organization must meet the minimum record of operation identified below:

- Evidence of organization status in good standing within the state of Ohio, having a minimum five (5) years' experience;
- Evidence of organization having a minimum of five (5) years of experience operating or delivering services to out-of-school1 time programs in Ohio; and
- Evidence of organization of having a record of success in running or working with out-of-school time programs, having a minimum of five (5) years of experience.

For businesses interested in submitting a profile, the business must meet the minimum record of operation identified above plus:

- If you are categorized as a business (i.e. boxing instruction, external evaluator), you must be clear in how your business supports out-of-school time programs – under Program Evaluation or Other Types of Programming

Any organization or business that meets all of the above requirements may submit an external organization profile to the Department for review. The Office for Improvement and Innovation will accept new profile submissions starting in June through July of each fiscal year. The Department’s 21st CCLC webpage will be updated with approved profiles in August of each year.

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1 Out-of-School Time is defined as the following: before school, after school, summer learning and/or childcare programs, including 21st CCLC programs.
How to Submit an External Organization Profile for FY23 (Cycle 3)

- Any organization that meets the requirement for inclusion may submit an External Organization Profile by Friday, July 29, 2022 by 5pm EST.

- Applicants will be notified (via email) of their status within 30 days of the survey closing.

- The prescreened list will be posted on the Department’s 21st CCLC webpage by Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022 by 5pm EST.

Disclaimers

- Inclusion on the Ohio 21st CCLC External Community Partnership Listing will not constitute endorsement by the Department or approval of the quality of programs and services offered by the external organization.

- Inclusion on the Ohio 21st CCLC External Community Partnership Listing will not provide a competitive advantage in future 21st CCLC grant competitions.

- No funding is directly associated with this profile process. This list and solicitation will not result in a contract with the Department.

- The Department reserves the right to remove an external organization from the listing for failure of the organization to meet the conditions specified within the profile.

- The Department does not guarantee any amount of work given to any provider listed on the 21st CCLC External Community Partnership Listing.

- All eligible prescreened organizations will remain on the list for three years from the date posted on the Department’s 21st CCLC webpage.

For questions regarding Ohio’s 21st CCLC External Community Partnership Listing, please contact Charmaine Davis-Bey at charmaine.davis@education.ohio.gov or call 614-387-0460.