

# *New Jersey's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Programs*



***Present***

## ***Soaring Beyond Expectations: A Statewide Afterschool Showcase***

**This Afterschool Showcase will highlight best practice strategies utilized by New Jersey's 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Programs**

This event is open statewide to anyone interested in afterschool, before school or summer programming as a strategy to engage youth in meaningful learning opportunities, when school is not in session, while developing their creativity and improving their knowledge and skills.

***When:*** May 19, 2009

***Time:*** 8 am – 3:30 pm

***Where:*** Georgian Court College, 900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood, NJ 08701 (Little Theater, which is located in the Arts & Science Building)

***Directions:*** [http://www.georgian.edu/aboutgcc/lakewood\\_directions.htm](http://www.georgian.edu/aboutgcc/lakewood_directions.htm)

***Who should attend:*** school personnel, afterschool directors, teachers, youth workers, and others interested in starting or enhancing an existing afterschool, before school or summer program.

***Cost:*** \$25 per person includes lunch and all material.

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<b>AGENDA</b>	
<b>Tuesday, May 19, 2009</b>	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 am - 10:15 am	<p>Opening Remarks and Organizational Perspective Discussion</p> <p>✓ This is a panel discussion consisting of administrators from four types of agencies that are currently funded by 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funds. They will be asked to share the experiences, challenges and achievements this program has had on their community.</p>
10:20 am – 11:15 am	<p>Session 1 [3 concurrent presentations]</p> <p>A. <i>What It Means to be an Environmental Hero: Barnegat Bay Mosaic Mural Project</i></p> <p>B. <i>Soar Into Writing a Children's Book</i></p> <p>C. <i>Building Skills and Character through Sportsmanship</i></p>
11:20 am – 12:15 pm	<p>Session 2 [3 concurrent presentations]</p> <p>D. <i>High School and College Partnerships</i></p> <p>E. <i>All About Me</i></p> <p>F. <i>Promoting Cooperative Learning Activities</i></p>
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	<p>Session 3 [3 concurrent presentations]</p> <p>G. <i>Enhancing Environmental Stewardship through Partnerships</i></p> <p>H. <i>Healthy Cooking and Exercise for Fun</i></p> <p>I. <i>Digital Storytelling: What is a Hero?</i></p>
2:20 pm - 2:50 pm	<p><i>Youth Panel</i></p> <p>✓ This panel is comprised of students currently attending the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs. They will be asked to share their experiences with the Program and how they feel it has changed them.</p>
2:50 pm – 3:30 pm	Closing Remarks and Recognition Awards

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## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

### Session 1: 10:20am-11:15am

**A. Title:** What It Means to be an Environmental Hero: Barnegat Bay Mosaic Mural Project

**Description:** This workshop will identify the key steps in establishing collaborations that enhance afterschool projects and discuss strategies used to obtain partners, collaborators, the community and entire family involved in the afterschool program. The concept of interrelations, the interconnectedness of all parts of the Estuary watershed and the world's water will be discussed.

**B. Title:** Soar into Writing a Children's Book

**Description:** This workshop will help participants to create a positive and innovative atmosphere for all ages, levels and learning styles. Participants will be exposed to and learn the elements of literature and identify the various genres. Participants will apply the writing process, create a story, and illustrate the book.

**C. Title:** Building Skills and Character through Sportsmanship

**Description:** Through this workshop, participants will learn how to partner and network with non-profit organizations to provide meaningful experiences for students. This workshop will discuss how sports activities stress core character values and positively influence student learning.

### Session 2: 11:20am-12:15pm

**D. Title:** High School and College Partnerships

**Description:** Participants will learn how this partnership provides students with access to dual credit courses and other college programs. This workshop will identify issues and barriers to college, while understanding the benefits of giving high school students a head start at college.

**E. Title:** Promoting Cooperative Learning Activities

**Description:** Participants will be able to better utilize community resources in providing hands-on learning for their afterschool program, as well as understand the importance of developing meaningful, sustainable, collaborative partnerships. This workshop will highlight the importance of how these partnerships engage children in outdoor education activities.

**F. Title:** All About Me

**Description:** This workshop will demonstrate how to integrate skills across the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, while encouraging family involvement. Learn how to help students enhance their vocabulary, explore their imaginations, and engage them in learning about their culture and personal heritage.

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### **Session 3: 1:30pm-2:15pm**

**G. Title:** Enhancing Environmental Stewardship through Partnerships

**Description:** This workshop will discuss ways to establish partnerships and help participants gain the knowledge and awareness of environmental issues within their communities. Strategies will be discussed to empower students to make a difference and become future community leaders and environmental protectors. The workshop participants will have an opportunity to gather the resources and information necessary to replicate the Youth Environmental Action (YEA) Program.

**H. Title:** Healthy Cooking and Exercise for Fun

**Description:** Through this workshop, participants will learn how Pemberton's healthy cooking and ultimate sports clubs were designed to provide students with new skills and awareness of how healthy foods and eating combined with exercise contribute to a healthier life style.

**I. Title:** Digital Storytelling: What is a Hero?

**Description:** Through this workshop, participants will learn how to actively engage students in learning about strong character traits and how they relate to historical figures, through digital technology. Participants will understand how to assist students in creating a storyboard, which will provide the basis for digital storytelling.

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR  
SOARING BEYOND EXPECTATIONS: A STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL SHOWCASE**

You must select a first and second choice for each workshop session. If you do not, and your first choice is filled, NJDOE will select an alternate workshop for you. Please duplicate this form for each person registering and print clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>SESSION 1</u></b>	
<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Choice</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</u></b>
<b><u>SESSION 2</u></b>	
<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Choice</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</u></b>
<b><u>SESSION 3</u></b>	
<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Choice</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</u></b>

**Registration is \$25 per person, includes materials and lunch.**

Payment Information – Please fill out ALL spaces below for payment.

Please make check out to “NJSACC”. Check number or Purchase Order number: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card – Visa or Mastercard only; Please circle: Visa or Mastercard

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code for billing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

***Registrations may be faxed to 908-789-4237 or mailed to: NJSACC, 231 North Avenue West #363, Westfield, NJ 07090. Cut off date to register is May 13th, 2009. No Walk-in registrations please! You must call 908-789-0259 and ask to speak to Jessica to confirm that your registration was received.***

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