



SOARING BEYOND EXPECTATIONS: A STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL CELEBRATION



**E.N.G.A.G.E. WITH 21ST CCLC
EMPOWERING NEXT GENERATION ACHIEVER'S GROWTH & ENGAGEMENT
WEDNESDAY JUNE 4, 2025 9:30AM – 3:30PM**

Agenda

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Times are tentative and subject to change

9:00 am Registration / Breakfast

9:30 am Welcome / Opening - 21st CCLC Team

9:45 am Transition To Workshops

10:00 am – 11:15 am Session I: Participants choose 1 session

**Boosting Engagement: Proven Strategies for Increasing Enrollment,
Attendance, and Participation**

Presented by: Rosie Grant, Mary Anne Lauria & Dwayne Beckford, Paterson Education Fund

Room A/ D

Description:

This interactive workshop is for program leaders looking to increase student enrollment, attendance, and parent participation in after-school programs. We will explore proven strategies such as Restorative Practices, family engagement, student incentive programs, and targeted remediation, offering practical tools and actionable insights to attract, retain, and engage students and parents.



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Innovate and Invest: Bridging STEM and Business

Presented by: Brandon Wright and Barry Devone- Orange Public School District

Room B/C

Description:

There are many benefits to students who participate in intensive STEM offerings during out of school time programs, such as improved test scores and higher graduation rates. This workshop is designed for professionals eager to explore how cutting-edge STEM concepts can drive business success, enhance problem-solving, and create competitive advantages for your students.

Building Your Foundation

Presented by: Stenell Myers, Jeanne Pierce, and Destiny Jones - JOY Making A Difference

Room E

Description:

The key to success is starting with a good foundation – but sometimes you need a little help figuring out where to begin. This workshop will help students to take the time to assess what knowledge they have in an area that interests them and where there may be gaps in understanding and concepts that they can learn more about. Sparking the desire to learn more helps to set the stage for success!

21st CCLC & Community Enhancement: A Mutual Partnership

Presented by: Kyle Vandenberg, Raritan Bay Area YMCA

Room F

Description:

This workshop will uncover the ways in which 21st CCLC programming works with community-based support structures to unlock a higher potential for enhancing local socio-ecological outcomes. Using this framework, we will discuss how to generate and execute civic engagement programming that enhances the communities of the students involved.



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11:15 am – 11:30 am (Break)

11:30 am -12:45 am Session II: Participants choose 1 session

Cooking Made Easy

Presented by: Wayne Copeland, Mary Hooley & Noah Schoeler- Clayton Board of Education

Room A/D

Description:

Cooking a healthy meal might seem like a daunting task – but it doesn't have to be! Join us to see how you can minimize the hesitation and fear of making a nutritional meal for yourself using simple steps that are demonstrated by young teens who have achieved culinary success!

Tech, Talent, and Tunes: Exploring STEM through Performing Arts

Presented by: Natividad Gomez, Erica Plaza & Tziah Weaver- Community Charter School of Paterson

Room B/C

Description:

This workshop blends STEM and the performing arts, encouraging creativity and innovation. Participants will explore the science of sound, movement, and technology while engaging in hands-on activities that spark imagination and artistic expression, helping them see how science and creativity can work together in exciting new ways.

A Sense of Belonging: Student Ownership & Responsibility

Presented by: Cecelia Figueroa - Rahway School District

Room E

Description:

For a program to be successful, youth must feel like they are an integral part of it. We must remember that it is their program and we want them to be invested in it! Giving choices and presenting tasks to students helps to provide a sense of belonging and ownership. Come learn how Destiny After School Haven/DASH achieves this and creates a fun environment where everyone is involved!



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Foundational Empathy in Community Building

***Presented by:** Donnel Louis Dulay - Egg Harbor City Community School*

Room F

Description:

Building a strong sense of community is achieved through understanding and appreciating the diverse identities, stories and experiences that are represented in the families we serve. By listening, learning and empathizing, we can lay the groundwork for a thriving community that is involved, supportive and communicates effectively.

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm (LUNCH & NETWORKING)

Room ABCD

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm (Session III: Participants choose 1 session)

Unlocking Synergy: Aligning 21st CCLC with School Day Goals

***Presented by:** : Amanda DeVita, Millville Public School District*

Room A/D

Description:

Bridging the gap between afterschool programs and the core curriculum maximizes the opportunity for student success. In this session participants will explore strategies for aligning 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) with the academic goals of the school day to help ensure a seamless, supportive learning environment. We will cover best practices for integrating afterschool programming with classroom learning, fostering collaboration between educators and community partners, and leveraging resources to enhance student engagement and achievement. Attendees will leave with actionable tools and a deeper understanding of how to create a unified approach that supports the holistic development of students.



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Empowered Educators: SEL & Staff Development for a Healthier Workplace

***Presented by:** Danielle Fox-Phillips - Glassboro Child Development Centers*

Room B/C

Description:

This session will equip educators with strategies to enhance social-emotional learning, foster staff collaboration, and create a positive workplace culture. Through interactive discussions and the use of practical tools, participants will learn to improve well-being, communication, and resilience for a more supportive and thriving work and school environment.

More than Just a Seat at the Table

***Presented by:** Janay Boughton, Gail Campbell, and Alexis Mathieson- After-School All-Stars NJ*

Room E

Description:

Empowering youth through leadership, civic engagement, and service-learning is a fantastic way to help them identify and address community issues from their lens. This interactive session will explore the After-School All-Stars NJ Ambassador Program and ways to incorporate intentional, project-based youth leadership.

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm - (Closing Remarks)

21st CCLC Team:

Tamika, Shantel, Jeannie, Tyneisha & Kandece



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