

MetLife and National 4-H Council Afterschool Training Funds Request

Providing the Best that “We” can for “Our Youth”

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2. Chetek Afterschool programming for the Middle School started as a five school district cooperative program that had joint training and shared program ideas for three years. We then received a five year 21st Century Grant and became the Chetek Community Learning Center and had additional support with a Federal Education Assistance Grant. We expanded to serving students K – 12. We have had a number of partners that have provided programming through the years, many of them revolving back yearly or alternate years.

As we look to sustainability for afterschool programs, having quality programming for all families and children who need it, we need to come together to share training, experiences, and resources. We have reached over 50% Free and Reduced lunch status in both the elementary and middle schools. Participation by parents trying to meet their daily transportation costs has necessitated creative approaches for them to remain connected to afterschool programming.

The Chetek CLC has encouraged participation in school extracurricular activities, as well as supervised organized programs that have defined programming. We have encouraged volunteer and service learning activities as part of becoming concerned and active community member. We have reinforced CLC students through monitoring and mentoring to maintain expected academic performance.

Barron County 4-H has had a long history of working with youth to help them feel a part of the community, learn new skills, become the individuals they want to be and to share and be of service to others. Working with the Chetek afterschool program has given them the opportunity to share some of their expertise with other youth and adults that have not been reached by traditional 4-H programming. It also allows 4-H volunteers to model these traits by actively involving themselves in the lives of individuals that may not have been exposed to the kind of “lifestyle” that many 4-H families take for granted – working together to make for a better community

Training Partners

4-H Barron County	Barron UW – Extension
School District of Chetek	Chetek CLC
WITC	UW- Barron County
Chetek Community Education	DARE
City of Chetek	Chetek Kinship

Potential Training Partners

Chetek United Methodist Church	Chetek Girl Scouts
Chetek Boy Scouts	DNR
Home School Parents	Barron School District
Cameron School District	Rice Lake School District
Cumberland School District	Prairie Farm School District
Turtle lake School District	Rice Lake Boys and Girls Club
Barron County Family Resource	Rice Lake Kinship
Barron County Soil and Water Conservation Office	Cumberland Kinship

3. We are looking to have existing partners work together to reach and support students in afterschool hours in the era of shrinking funds for agencies and increased pressures on parents. We will have evaluations of the training programs, but the real evaluations will be the web of networking established between the partners and the youth they will reach. There will be personal contacts to partners and potential partners by the trainers.

Training Topics

- Wisconsin Afterschool Network Support
- 4H Training
- Partnership Are small group activities
- First Aide and Equipment Training
- Service Learning
- Identify Programs OpportunitiesSmall group activity
- Review of Interpersonal Skills and 40 Assets per age groups
- What does it mean to “Mentor”

In our area, with working volunteers, we find short meetings after a light meal work best. Most do not have a day available. We may repeat a session if we find we have two distinct groups when it comes to time availability.

Partners that have already worked with Chetek Learning Community have talked before about meeting to plan a calendar and to discuss common issues. Now we will have a framework to work together.

4. In coming together as community afterschool program providers, reviewing the Guiding Principles from the Wisconsin Afterschool Network (WAN) and the Four Essential Elements of 4-H as part of our training programs gives each partner an opportunity to review their program to these benchmarks. We will be able to recognize the common ground that we have in serving the youth in our community as opposed to feeling that we are in competition. It also allows us to find where our partnerships can strengthen individual programs.

5.
 - A. Chetek Community Learning Center had staff at the training on Mar. 30 at the Lac Courte Oreilles Convention Center.
 - B. Chetek Community Learning Center had staff at the training at the April 27 in Black River Falls at the Jackson County Extension Office.
 - C. Training Partners participate in the May 11 Wisline Web Training and Support.
 - D. June 7 and 8 Trainers meet to plan programming and schedule trainings
 - E. Early August Trainers meet
 - F. Training August and Early Sept.
 - a. 3 hours - Overview for all potential partners
 - b. 3 hours - Creating partnerships
 - c. 3 hours - Training for partners and additional adult staff
 - d. 3 hours - Training for partners and youth age leaders
*collect evaluations sheets and webs
 - G. Oct – Participant roster due
 - H. Dec – Success stories due

6. Joint training meetings – meals	\$300
Training Folders and materials	\$125 1
Promotional materials	\$75.
 Total	 \$500

We will be using the training materials and providing light meals at our training meetings. The Promotional materials will be to raise awareness of not only the major activities (such as Lights On), but of the new partnerships.