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### **History**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) have become the heart of Kenosha County UW-Extension's (UWEX) after school initiative because it reaches students with the highest needs based on income and academic achievement. Kenosha's CLC programs provide a nutritional snack, tutoring, and academic enrichment to more than 400 students daily. The program operates through a partnership between the Kenosha Unified School District #1 (KUSD) and the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha (BGCK) with additional support from other community partners, including UWEX, who provide staff development workshops, marketing, curriculum, and direct youth programming.

Andrea Grant, Kenosha County's UWEX's Afterschool Resource Coordinator continues to support the city of Kenosha's 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs. Some significant contributions from 2006-2007 include the creation of an information binder for the school office of each 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC site which helps bridge the school's day program with after school activities. The binder serves as a convenience for the secretaries to ensure accessibility to accurate information which consists of vital information for inquiring families, teachers, potential employees or volunteers. This information is now available on the KUSD website. She also designed an updated 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC brochure which is available in at each of the after school sites and the BGCK centers. In addition she provides on going support to the staff during regular visits and quarterly staff trainings.

### **21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Summer Programs**

During the summer months, many of Kenosha's families depend on the half day 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program to provide a safe place for their children. The program, held at 3 elementary schools, Frank, Roosevelt and Edward Bain School of Language and Arts (EBSOLA), is open to all residents of Kenosha.

In the summer of 2007 Grant, developed a summer program at the three 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC sites and the Urban League of Racine and Kenosha. Casey Robers, a 4-H Alumni, joined the summer AmeriCorps \*VISTA team sponsored by Kenosha County UW-Extension. After completing her first year at UW-Oshkosh, Robers, decided to study Secondary Education with an emphasis in Science. Grant created

a summer work plan based on Robers' skills and the need to enhance the command of science among Kenosha's youth.

Throughout the summer 4-H Science meetings were conducted on a weekly basis with average of 45 students. Lessons are based on the experiential learning model and 4-H curriculum which included the following concepts:

- *Engineering* - building structures, bridges and model rockets,
- *Biology* – biomes
- *Chemistry* - acid base, density and surface tension experiments
- *Physics* - rocket launching

In addition, the Boys and Girls Club staff were encouraged to participate in the science activities in an effort to acclimate them with science curriculum which they are required to teach during the school year. As any true 4-H club the projects created by the youth this summer were intended to be judged at the Fair.

This is the second year Grant has organized and implemented urban 4-H judging in the city of Kenosha. Several were improvements to the urban 4-H judging model. In early June a 4-H information meeting was held in order to get input from Kenosha's youth organizations. Fair books were created and distributed at this meeting to further increase participation. The book includes the experiential learning model and teaching guides for sample projects in six diverse categories:

- Recycled Art
- Food Sciences
- History and Heritage Science
- Visual Art
- Jewelry

### **Current Projects**

Grant is currently creating an advocacy video for Kenosha's 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs while working with volunteers to teach 21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC students digital video production. She is also an active member of the Wisconsin Afterschool Network's policy team and will assist Kenosha's 21<sup>st</sup> C21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC project director, Lautauscha Shell at the Southeast Regional meeting on February, 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Goals, Objectives, and Resources**

Kenosha County UWEX's partnership with KUSD and the UW-UW-Parkside Student Art Club presents a unique opportunity to develop and implement art enrichment tailored to meet local needs this summer. The UW-UW-Parkside Art Club is seeking an opportunity for meaningful civic engagement. The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC can utilize local assets and talents to provide the best quality program. Student volunteers from UW UW-UW-Parkside's Art Club will work in teams to provide art education to students enrolled in the summer 21<sup>st</sup> CLC program using a urban 4-H model.

Every youth participant will experience face to face judging, receive a ribbon and prize money. The projects and awards are displayed in an exhibit at a public fair

style event.

The County Fair is the highlight of 4-H regrettably, the urban youth are too often unable to participate in this educational experience. Transportation is one of the many challenges that urban 4-H members face. We can eliminate this barrier by bringing the 4-H fair culture to the city of Kenosha as we have successfully done in the past.

Our goal is to build sustainability for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC summer program through ongoing support from our local University while engaging college students in a meaningful civic experience that will benefit youth in the community.

### Timetable

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| February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with UW-Parkside Art Club</li> <li>• Distribute Volunteer Information at the Student Organization Fair</li> <li>• Create a flyer to recruit new UW-Parkside Art Club members and volunteers</li> <li>• Contact UW-Parkside the Black Student Union to invite participation in summer art program.</li> <li>• Attend UW-Parkside Art Club Meeting.</li> <li>• Partnership Meeting with 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Project Director Lautauscha Shell and BGCK</li> <li>• Attend UW-Parkside Art Department meeting</li> <li>• Work with facility to develop a Service Learning plan for UW-Parkside students who participate in summer art program.</li> </ul> |
| March    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify teams, assign site, and develop a specific project plan using 4-H art curriculum.</li> <li>• Create an art supply list.</li> <li>• Establish a date and site for the 4-H project judging.</li> <li>• Attend UW-Parkside Art Club Meeting</li> <li>• Order art supplies</li> </ul>   |
| April    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a detailed volunteer work plan.</li> <li>• Attend UW-Parkside Art Club Meeting</li> </ul>   |
| May      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute fair books and encourage staff participation at BGCK summer staff training.</li> <li>• Secure transportation for judging day</li> <li>• Attend UW-Parkside Art Club Meeting and identify volunteer training date for June.</li> </ul>   |
| June     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Training including on site orientations, experiential education, and child development</li> </ul>  |

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|        | <p>overview.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer teams implement art activities at 3 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC schools.</li> </ul>  |
| July   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer teams implement art activities at 3 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC schools</li> <li>• Contact Kenosha News for media coverage at project judging.</li> </ul> |
| August | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer teams implement art activities at 3 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC schools.</li> <li>• 4-H Project Judging</li> </ul>  |

## **Budget**

**Art Supplies** for 60 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC students

**4-H Art Curriculum** Palette of Fun \$15each (one for each student volunteer)

Total Cost \$1,000.00