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Partnership and History

UW Extension's 4-H Afterschool initiative is dedicated to increasing the quality of After-school programs in Kenosha County. We have fostered partnerships with local youth organizations both in the city of Kenosha as well as the rural county communities. Our primary partnership has been with the Kenosha Unified School District's (KUSD) 21st Century Learning Centers (CLC) although UW Extensions has provided resources to the Salem school district after-school programs.

Jackie Dioszegi, a former AmeriCorps Volunteer In Service to America (VISTA) developed a relationship between Kenosha County's UW Extension and the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha (BGCK), who staff the twelve 21st Century CLC sites in the city of Kenosha. Working with Youth and Family Educator, John de Montmollin, Dioszegi coordinated a weekly 4-H Afterschool program at two CLC sites in the city of Kenosha. Andrea Grant is the current AmeriCorps VISTA working with de Montmollin at UW Extension and continues to meet with these groups and provide educationally enriched activities.

In October 2005 de Montmollin invited Kari Stapleman, the Area Director of the BGCK and three CLC staff to the "Creating Extraordinary 4-H Afterschool Learning Experiences!" workshop. Their positive experience at the workshop left an impression on Stapleman and it was not long before she contacted our office to arrange a similar training for the BGCK/CLC staff. The training was a great success. Julie Housaman, the CLC Project Director for KUSD e-mailed my supervisor the following day, "Andrea was excellent. She stepped into the leadership role naturally, interacted with the staff throughout the training and asked thought provoking guiding questions to draw more information from them. We are very interested in future training opportunities..." We have continued to provide support with workshops on such topics as, 4-H Afterschool curriculum, discipline, 4-H science activates, as well as 4-H Afterschool project kits.

The 4-H Afterschool project kits are shared among the twelve CLC sites. Each kit includes lesson plans and all the materials to complete each activity. We are able to bring UW Extension resources including 4-H Afterschool curriculum to all the twelve of the schools in Kenosha who have 21st Century CLC run by the BGCK through training and project kits. Grant received an email from one of the CLC site directors who stated "I really appreciate the time and effort you're putting into these training for all the staff. The activities you have for the kids are great. They're easy to prepare and fun for the staff which makes them even better. I just wanted to say thank you for all of the great ideas."

Goals, Objectives, and Resources

Kenosha County UW Extension in partnership with KUSD and the BGCK intends to create a systematic way to train current and new after-school care providers (paid staff or volunteers) in order to increase the quality of Kenosha's CLC programs. The training workshops UW Extension already provided to CLC staff have proven to be an effective means of support. Although KUSD and the BGCK still need resources for training the fundamental knowledge of after-school care to their current and future CLC staff. Kenosha County UW Extension is seeking resources to create a manual designed specifically for after-school care providers that will be shared state wide and used to train *any* after-school care provider. The after-school manual will provide *any* after-school care provider with essential knowledge in child development, programming, and professionalism. Kenosha County UW will use existing 4-H Afterschool resources including "Guiding Growth" and "Moving Ahead" to create a simplified training manual to fit the fundamental need of after-school care providers. UW Extension will provide each CLC staff member with hands on training and a hard copy of the After-school staff training manual. The twelve CLC site directors will receive additional guidance for facilitating and leading staff meetings.

Timetable

Kenosha County UW Extension will complete a 1st draft of the After-school training manual which will be piloted in August of 2006. Andrea Grant proposed this idea to Julie Housaman: CLC Project Director, Kari Stapleman: BGCK Area Director, and Ester Escobedo: BGCK Program Director. The KUSD and BGCK agreed to collaborate in our effort and will schedule time for UW Extension to train staff in August of 2006. Participants will evaluate each workshop with a pre-post post test. Grant will design a survey which will be distributed to the staff who participated in the August training. We will use feedback from these surveys to revise the manual as needed. The afterschool training manual will be completed by November 2006.

We are seeking funding for the supplies needed to create 40 staff manuals; including printing cost 40 pages in each manual, 3 ring binders and training day supplies; videos, books, lanyards.

Estimated Cost of Materials

Item	Quantity	Cost per Item	Cost
3 Ring Binders	40	\$2.00	\$80.00
Color Printing	1,600 pages	.25¢	\$400.00
Index Tabs	40 sets	\$1.50	\$60.00
			Total Cost \$540.00