

2008 Training Funds Request  
Lincoln County 4-H Youth Development

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Brief historical description:

There are no Boys and Girls Clubs or YMCA's in Lincoln County, so UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development has been looked to as a resource in supporting after school programs over the past three years. This has included assessing need, providing support for grant writing and other funding, providing training and curriculum resources, working with older youth to teach programs during before and after-school programs (4-H Youth Development Program Advisor primarily handles this), teaching programs during after school programs and implementation of an after school program for middle school youth. For the past two years, UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development has successfully applied for and implemented training grants along with key partners throughout the county.

In November of 2006, worked with Kathi Vos and Matt Calvert to submit a workshop proposal for the 2007 Wisconsin Afterschool Association Conference to be held on March 2-3 in Waukesha. This workshop focused on how we have involved older youth as partners in the development of the "After the Bell" program at the Middle School was accepted in January of 2007. This agent then began working with a team of adults (2 – staff and parent volunteer) and youth (2 ) from the program to plan our workshop. The youth and adults involved were also registered to participate in other sessions at the conference so they could bring this information back to Lincoln County. Unfortunately, due to bad weather we were unable to attend the conference. (This session has been submitted and accepted for the 2008 conference.)

In addition to the State Afterschool Conference, this agent submitted a MetLife grant proposal for \$500 to conduct local afterschool training during 2007. Through this grant the team of Beyersdorf, Snethen and Moellendorf, along with three other Lincoln County partners, attended three regional trainings in March – April ("Motivating the Hopeless, Uninterested, and Uninvolved Learner" workshop in Hayward on March 30<sup>th</sup> was attended by Beyersdorf, Snethen and a parent supervisor from the "After the Bell" Middle School program; Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Afterschool Toolkit training in Wausau on April 19<sup>th</sup> was attended by Beyersdorf, a parent supervisor from the "After the Bell" Middle School program and Moellendorf, and the team of Beyersdorf, Moellendorf and a guidance counselor and elementary school principal from Tomahawk School District attended the April 25<sup>th</sup> "Building Partners and Advocates for Afterschool Program – A Train the Trainer Workshop" in Wausau). This agent then worked with Beyersdorf and Snethen to plan a workshop to be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> to bring this information to additional afterschool partners in Lincoln County and beyond. This training was advertised to individuals who attended prior after school training conducted by this agent in the fall of 2006 and also to WAN members in the 715 area code. Unfortunately, the registration numbers for this workshop were extremely low and the workshop was cancelled.

This agent then worked with Beyersdorf and Snethen on building partners and advocates for afterschool programs, including plans for our first Lights On Afterschool event to be held in October 2007. These plans include providing an opportunity for individual community members to support after school programs through purchase of a "Light Bulb" that were available at area grocery store and banks during the month of October (extended this through the holidays per request of banks). In addition, this agent worked with the Tomahawk School District guidance counselor and principal at the elementary school to conduct a needs assessment regarding afterschool programs right after the April 25<sup>th</sup> training in Wausau. This agent then worked with these individuals to put together information for a grant being submitted on behalf of the school district through CESA 9. Unfortunately, we learned in mid-September that this grant has not been funded. This agent continues to work with the

Tomahawk Elementary School Guidance Counselor to build community partners and support for these needed programs. The elementary school principal originally involved has left his position for a superintendent job in another school district.

Based on the limited number of staff working with after school programming in Lincoln County and the opportunities for training available outside the county, we have decided to apply for training funds to support Lincoln County's participation in these existing trainings. This includes sending a team of adults and youth to the Wisconsin Afterschool Association Conference on April 11-12, 2008 in Appleton and participation in the Northeast Regional Trainings on March 7<sup>th</sup> being hosted in Merrill, late June in Green Bay and August 8<sup>th</sup> in Fond du Lac. Additional funds are also being requested to plan and conduct our second "Lights On After school" events in October 2008.

#### Planned Training Goals and Objectives:

- As a result of their participation in these training(s), after school staff, school administrators and other staff, "After the Bell" Steering Committee members, and other potential partners will learn about additional resources and curriculums (including those in the area of citizenship and civic engagement )available and utilize these new resources to further enhance existing after school programs in Lincoln County.
- As a result of their participation in these training(s), after school staff, school administrators and other staff, "After the Bell" Steering Committee members and other potential partners will enhance their skills in advocating and building partnerships to support existing and to start new after school programs in Lincoln County.
- As a result of these trainings, more resources will be secured to support the expansion of after school programs throughout Lincoln County.

#### Training Outline and List of Potential Training Resources:

- A team of 8-10 youth and adults will participate in the Wisconsin After School Association Conference on April 11-12, 2008 in Appleton. During this conference, participants will take part in various sessions including those focused on citizenship and civic engagement. As a result of their participation in sessions, participants will share ideas/information with other team members in a follow-up sharing session. This information will then be utilized to enhance existing after school programs and expand after school programming in Lincoln County.
- A team of 8-10 youth and adults will participate in the Northeast Regional trainings on March 7<sup>th</sup> in Merrill, late June in Green Bay and August 8<sup>th</sup> in Fond du Lac. As a result of their participation in these regional trainings, information gained will be utilized to enhance existing after school programs and expand after school programming in Lincoln County.
- Interested youth and adults will meet during the summer to plan for the second "Lights On After School" event(s) to be hosted during the National event in October of 2008.

#### Proposed Project Timetable:

##### February - April

- Recruit a team of 8-10 youth and adults to participate in the Wisconsin After School Association Conference on April 11-12, 2008 in Appleton. This will include a team of youth and adults from the "After the Bell" program who will be teaching a workshop focused on how we have involved older youth as partners in the development of this program at the Middle School.
- On March 7<sup>th</sup> involve a team of youth and adults in hosting the Northeast Regional Training in Merrill. During this training, a team of youth and adults from the "After the Bell" program will be teaching the same workshop that has been accepted for the State Conference in April.
- Team of 8-10 youth and adults will attend the Wisconsin After School Association Conference on April 11-12<sup>th</sup> and participate in a variety of sessions, including those focused on citizenship and civic engagement. Participants will share information they have gained at sessions with each other in a follow-up sharing session.

##### April – June

- Information gained at the March Regional Training and the State Conference will be utilized to enhance existing after school programs and expand after school programming in Lincoln County.
- A team of youth and adults from Lincoln County will attend the late June Northeast Regional Training in Green Bay. Participants will share information they gained at this training with others unable to attend.

##### July – August

- Information gained at Regional Training and the State Conference will continue to be utilized to enhance existing after school programs and expand after school programming in Lincoln County.

- A planning meeting will be held with interested youth and adults to begin plans for hosting "Lights On After School" event(s) during the National event in October of 2008.
- A team of youth and adults from Lincoln County will attend the August 8<sup>th</sup> Northeast Regional Training to be held in Fond du Lac. Participants will share information they gained at this training with others unable to attend.
- Prepare final grant report items and submit success story.

Proposed Budget Expenditures:

March 7<sup>th</sup> Northeast Regional Training – Merrill – No cost unless there is a registration fee since hosting locally

April 11-12 Wisconsin After School Association Conference – Appleton

- Conference Registration for 8-10 people (using 2007 figures of \$65 for students and \$100 for adults and figuring 4 students and 6 adults) --- \$860 (some of these may be covered as conference presenters but not sure at this time)
- Five Hotel Rooms for One Night at \$89 per room (2 people to a room) - \$445
- Transportation (2 vehicles @ \$.465 per mile and 260 miles round trip) - \$242

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TOTAL Cost for State Conference Participation	\$1,547
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Late June Northeast Regional Training – Green Bay

- Transportation (1 vehicle @\$ .465 per mile at approximately 240 miles round trip) - \$112

August 8<sup>th</sup> Northeast Regional Training – Fond du Lac

- Transportation (1 vehicle @\$ .465 per mile at approximately 300 miles round trip) - \$140

TOTAL EXPENSES TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE AND REGIONAL TRAININGS = \$1,799

\*\* If additional funds are available we could utilize an additional \$300 – 400 to host local "Lights On After School" event(s)