Call for 21st CCLC External Evaluators for the 2015-16 Grant Year

A consistent 21st CCLC External Evaluation plan is in effect for Cohort 8, and will also apply to future Cohorts. All 21st CCLC Cohort 8 grantees (and Cohort 6 & 7 grantees that have opted in to the new External Evaluation plan) have the same three goals related to 1) academic achievement and efficacy, 2) program effectiveness, and 3) college and career readiness. The External Evaluation process requires the completion of a guided reflection document by the program administrator together with a certified external evaluator.  

Note: Certified External Evaluators from the 2014-15 grant year must attend a training (dates below) to maintain certification for the 2015-16 grant year.

Process: 21st CCLC grantees are required to contract with a certified External Evaluator to review, analyze, and jointly reflect upon the data collected over the course of the year specific to the three goals. The process will be a collaborative effort that requires participation from both the program administrator and the external evaluator.

Overview of External Evaluator Duties: The external evaluator must attend a certification training to be an evaluator for 21st CCLC grantees. Certified external evaluators selected by a grantee will be responsible for meeting with the grantee administration and staff to learn about the specific afterschool program, its goals, structure, and local context (~2 hours). Once available, the certified external evaluator will review data reports (~3 hours) prior to the next meeting. The external evaluator will be responsible for meeting with the grantee administration and staff to engage in the specified guided reflection process (~3 hours) and prepare the final report (~2 hours) in the Guided Reflection format provided.

Fee: All 21st CCLC external evaluators will receive the same rate of payment for the external evaluation of a 21st CCLC grantee. The fee for the external evaluation is $2000 for a grantee with one site, and $200 per additional site after the first site. Note: Completion of the certification training/process does not guarantee that the certified external evaluator will be selected by a 21st CCLC grantee and grantees may change external evaluators from year to year during the five year grant cycle.

Timeline: A list of certified external evaluators will be provided to 21st CCLC grantees to choose from. Certified external evaluators will meet with the program administration prior to 6/30/16 to discuss the local context. Data for the outside evaluation will be available on 8/15/16. Local evaluators and program administration will meet between 8/15/16 and 10/15/16 to complete the Guided Reflection process, and the final reflection documentation (completed jointly by the program administrator and local evaluator) will be due to DESE on 10/15/16.

Eligibility: Individuals seeking certification as a 21st CCLC External Evaluator must have a master’s degree in education, child/youth development, policy, or other related area which ensures knowledge of quantitative and qualitative methods, experience conducting program/project evaluations, and attend one of the required 21st CCLC External Evaluator trainings listed below.

Training/Certification: The Missouri AfterSchool Network (MASN) will provide two training session for external evaluator candidates: January 14, 2016 and February 5, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Columbia, MO. Cost: $100 registration fee.

If you are interested in becoming a certified 21st CCLC External Evaluator for the 2015-16 grant year, please complete an application form, and visit https://extweb.missouri.edu/NewWebReg/Login.aspx?uid=467&pid=127001 to register and pay for the training session. Note: You must submit the application for review prior to the training.