



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planificación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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Afterschool Programs Consortium
Tuesday, March 11, 10:00AM-12PM
County Office of Education Ocean/Pacific Room

Representatives Present: Nicole Young (Co-Chair and Parent), Mark, Rogers (COE Sup. Project Director), Christine Furlanic (Parent), Damian Maldonado (Region V Afterschool Partnerships), Carole Mulford (SCCOE, Program Manager).

Facilitator: Diane Oyler, Child Care Planning Council Coordinator

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Nicole Young called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. All were welcomed and introduced themselves.

II. Review Agenda

Nicole gave overview of agenda and asked committee members for input.

III. Update on Afterschool Programs Committee (APC) Goals and Activities

Goals:

- Nicole shared the particulars of January meeting. Discussed the direction of the APC committee.
- The committee agreed that one of the goals will be making connections between the committee goals and the Master Plan.
- The committee reviewed the survey and identified themes that would drive the committee's focus and assist in developing presentations for remainder of the fiscal year.
- Today's presentation will focus on outreach and staff issues a topic identified in the survey.
- The committee will continue to focus on concrete items to build membership.

Building Attendance:

- Lisa Dilles mentioned that the Subsidized Programs could be combined with Afterschool Committee in order to build up attendance.
- Damian Maldonado stated that one challenge has been the focus on funding sources. We need a focus that will cross all sectors of afterschool programs. Such as, researched based best practices for afterschool programs. Damian asked have we defined the audience.
- Lisa mentioned that the core continuum of learning is a basis of best practices for all programs. Afterschool programs offer extended educational support to the children enrolled.
- Mark Rogers said; this group is needed, we need to prioritize and make it happen.

IV. Presentations: Jeanne Czarnecki, Santa Cruz Public Libraries and Lisa Dilles, Live Oak Afterschool Programs

Jeanne Czarnecki: Santa Cruz Public Libraries Community Information Database

Jeanne shared the Community Information Database to the ASP committee members.

Jeanne demonstrated how to conduct a program search on the web site and the capacity of the data base.

- ASP committee members asked how to use the data base and create in depth search for after school programs.

- Committee members made several suggestions on how to increase search options for future web site visitors.
- Jeanne shared that community organizations can list upcoming events on the web site.
- Committee members learned that it was possible to list the Week of the Young Child activities on the web site.
- The web site is a viable resource for listed afterschool programs for outreach and enrollment
- Diane will send Jeanne the dates of the Week of the Young Child to Jeanne on Wednesday.

Lisa Dilles: Live Oak School District After School Programs, recruiting and retention of classified staff.

Lisa shared recruitment and retention strategies used by Live Oak School District. She also shared the type of employee training and oversight that is needed with staff to improve the quality of care offered by LOSD afterschool programs.

- How to communicate professionally with families and children in the workforce, the role of the teacher in presenting themselves in programs.
- Lisa encourages collaboration it builds excitement and energy in the afterschool programs.
- What is active supervision? Cell phone rules.
- Christine mentioned that these ideas should be presented in an orientation.
- Mark mentioned the responsibility of employee is to teach staff appropriate employment norms
- Christine mentioned the importance of an orientation and employee trial period.
- Lisa shared the use of AESOP Substitute System at SCCOE which is an on-line substitute system for school districts. This resource could be shared by other school districts in need of substitutes.

V. Candidates' Forum:

- Committee members were informed of the League of Women Voters hosting the 27th Assembly Candidates' Forum at SCCOE.
- Nicole mentioned some issues the committee could present questions on such as policy issues that impact local programs.
- Diane suggested candidate's questions be sent to League of Women Voters by March 25.

VI. Items for Next Agenda:

Joint training calendar:

- Committee members offered suggestion on future training collaborations: Lisa will contact Mark and Damian about training topics.
- Future afterschool training opportunities will be posted on CCPC web site.
- Committee members will work towards sharing training resources.
- Invite SCCOE staff to present on AESOP Substitute System

VII. Adjourn: 12:00 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2008 10am-12pm at SCCOE Ocean/Pacific Room.