Informing State Policy & Priorities in Real-Time: Impact & Role of Publicly-Funded Expanded Learning Programs 2020-2021

The CDE Expanded Learning Division, in partnership with ASAPconnect, the California AfterSchool Network, and the Partnership for Children & Youth, is conducting an urgent statewide survey to collect data to inform policy decisions regarding future funding, program flexibility, and technical assistance.

Due to the ongoing challenges of school closures and the pandemic, state and local policymakers are rapidly seeking to invest billions in resources for schools to mitigate learning loss including "expanded learning time," learning hubs, and summer programming.

It is essential that the experience and expertise of expanded learning programs that serve students and families directly inform the ongoing and shifting COVID-19 priorities and regulations about what students, schools, and communities need now and over the next year.

***This multiple-choice survey will take 10-15 minutes* and is a crucial opportunity to ensure decision-makers have real-time data on the role and impact of expanded learning programs from the experts, YOU.**

Deadline:
Please complete this survey no later than Friday, February 19, 2021.

Who Should Take This Survey:
This survey is intended for both Local Education Agency (LEA) program administrators and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that they may partner with that provide After School Education and Safety (ASES) or 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC, including After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens aka ASSETs) programs.

***This survey is to be completed at the district level*. If you serve multiple districts please complete a survey for each district. If multiple partners support one single district then each partner (both LEA and CBOs) within the district should submit a survey for the district.**

CA Expanded Learning Programs COVID Survey

Program Basics

* 1. What county does your program operate in?

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* 2. What school district does your program operate in? (please list only one district; if you operate in multiple districts please fill out the survey for each district)

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* 3. How many program sites are you funded to operate in this district?

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* 4. What funding do your programs in this district receive? (select all that apply, if you do not receive 21st CCLC or ASES funding, please do not respond to this survey)

☐ Elementary/Middle School Grants (ASES and/or 21st CCLC)

☐ High School (ASSETs) Grants

5. Who staffs the program in this district?

◯ LEA/School Staff

◯ Hybrid: LEA and CBO or Municipal/City Agency Staff

◯ Subcontract: CBO or Municipal/City Agency Staff

* 6. In summer 2020, did you operate summer programs in this district?

◯ Yes

◯ No

7. For your summer 2020 programs which of the following formats did you operate? (Check all that apply)

☐ Virtual/Online

☐ In-Person

☐ Hybrid: Both In-Person and Virtual

☐ Make & Take

8. In summer 2020, what is your best estimation of the number of students you served in this district?

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9. In summer 2020, how long did programming operate?

◯ Less than 2 Weeks

◯ 2-3 Weeks

◯ 4-6 Weeks

◯ More than 6 Weeks

10. In summer 2020, how did you fund summer programs? (check all that apply)

☐ ASES/ASES Supplemental   ☐ Title I

☐ 21st CCLC   ☐ CARES Act

☐ LCFF

☐ Other - City/County Funds, Private Grants, Parent/Family Fees (please specify)

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11. In fall 2020, what type of programming best describes what was offered in this district? (Select all that apply)

☐ Virtual/Online

☐ Hybrid: Both Virtual and In-Person

☐ Mostly In-Person (based on public health guidelines)

* 12. In fall 2020, what program elements best describe what was offered (based on the most time spent) in this district? (select up to 4)

☐ Meals/Technology/Packet Distribution/Drop-Off

☐ Virtual Enrichment Programs

☐ Virtual Tutoring and Homework Help

☐ Family/Student Engagement Outreach and Wellness Checks

☐ Supporting Teacher/Other School Personnel

☐ In-Person Supervision for Essential/Critical Infrastructure

☐ In-Person Distance Learning Support

☐ In-Person Enrichment

13. In fall 2020, what is your best estimation of how many students you served in this district?

○ 0-100 Students

○ 100-250 Students

○ 250-400 Students

○ More than 400 Students

14. In fall 2020, did you have a waiting list in this district?

○ Yes

○ No

15. In fall 2020, what hours did you operate in this district?

○ AM

○ PM

○ AM/PM

○ No Set Hours

16. Staffing: In fall 2020, did you have to? (check all that apply)

☐ Let Go of Full Time (FT) Staff

☐ Let Go of Part Time (PT) Staff

☐ Furlough FT Staff

☐ Furlough PT Staff

☐ Reduce PT Staff Hours

☐ Reduce FT Staff Sours

☐ Hire More Staff

☐ Increase PT Staff Hours

☐ No Change

17. Since the 20-21 school year began, have you had to close your program for any period of time due to COVID-19 (potential) exposure at your site/classroom?

EXPOSURE: Per CDC, exposure means someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

○ Yes

○ No

○ Unsure

18. Do you plan to operate summer program/s in this district in summer 2021?

○ Yes

○ No

○ Maybe

Looking Forward: Summer 2021 & Beyond

19. In summer 2021 what type of programs do you plan to operate?

◯ Virtual

◯ In-Person

◯ Hybrid: Both In-Person and Virtual

◯ Not Sure Yet

20. In summer 2021, who will staff the summer programs?

◯ LEA/School Staff and Employees

◯ Hybrid: Blend of LEA and CBO or Municipal/City Agency Staff

◯ Subcontract: CBO or Municipal/City Agency Staff

◯ Have Not Determined Yet

21. In summer 2021, what is your best estimate of how many students you are planning to serve in this district?

☐ ASES/ASES Supplemental   ☐ Title I

☐ 21st CCLC   ☐ CARES Act

☐ LCFF

☐ Other - City/County Funds, Private Grants, Parent/Family Fees (please specify)

23. If increased public funding was provided to your program in spring 2021, could you scale up the number of program sites and kids served in summer 2021 in this district?

◯ Yes

◯ No

◯ Maybe

24. If you answered yes to question 22, what would you use the funding for?

25. If you answered no to question 22, why?

26. Rank your barriers to operating summer programs in 2021.

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Cost/Funding

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Recruiting and Retaining Staff

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School Closures/Facilities Closed

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Not Enough Time To Plan/Implement

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Parent, Family, Student Demand and Interest

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Safety Concerns

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Ability to Partner with School-Day and/or Community Partners

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Liability or Risk Management

Program Operations

Program regulations and reporting were modified to provide significant flexibility since the onset of COVID-19. We would like to get a better understanding of how this flexibility has impacted your programs.

27. In 2020, did your program rely on partnerships with LEAs, COEs, and/or community based organizations (CBOs)?

◯ Yes

◯ No

28. If yes, how would you characterize your partnership relationship(s) in comparison to partnerships before 2020?

◯ Not as strong; stress of other COVID demands/needs.　　◯ Stronger; more integrated with instruction.

◯ Not as strong; expanded learning programs less of a priority.　　◯ Stronger; deeper value for our programs and staff.

◯ Same, nothing has changed.

29. Describe the benefits, drawbacks, key considerations, etc. of this partnership. (optional)

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30. What flexibility did you use? (select all that apply)

☐ Staffing Ratios　　　　　　　　　　　　☐ Student Attendance

☐ Program Hours　　　　　　　　　　　　☐ Program Location/Site

☐ Professional Development Hours　　　　☐ Frontier Transportation

☐ Other (please specify)

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31. Rank the flexibility that was most useful to program operations.

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Staffing Ratios

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Program Hours

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Professional Development Hours

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Student Attendance

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Program Location/Site

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Frontier Transportation

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Other

Thank You

Thank you for your time. If you are willing to share your contact information we may follow-up to gather more in-depth stories, examples, and perspectives over the next few months.

32. Contact Information (Optional)

Name

Email Address

33. We welcome other thoughts you may like to share with us on the survey topics.