

## **Georgetown County Out of School Time (GCOST) Collaborative -2017**

### **Goal 1: Quality Programs -To increase the quality, accountability, and sustainability of out of school time programs in Georgetown County.**

Objective 1: Develop a plan for implementing a quality assessment process for interested GCOST members.

- **Objective accomplished:** 6 member organizations of GCOST began the process of participating in a funded NYSAN quality assessment accreditation initiative. They hope to complete the process by 2019.

Objective 2: Enlist at least 5 member organizations to participate in at least one collaborative grant opportunity.

- **Objective accomplished:** 6 member organizations are participating in the funded NYSAN Quality Self-assessment process.

Objective 3: Decrease “summer slide” for Georgetown County School District (GCSD) students by participating in the Summer Slide Collaborative with GCSD leaders.

- **Objective ongoing:** GCSD and the FPBF will fund a Summer Slide Data Analyst position to track the effects of participating GCOST summer programs on summer slide for GCSD students.

Objective 4: Provide support and guidance to increase the use of evidence-based programs in the county.

- **Objective ongoing:** Members of the Summer Slide Collaborative will explore evidence-based summer program practices at their monthly meetings beginning in January 2018.

Objective 5: Collaborate with community and cultural organizations to increase literacy through the arts.

- **Objective ongoing:** GCOST collaborated during 2017 with the Strand Cinema in Georgetown to provide free literacy-based film viewing opportunities for GCOST member organizations and other out of school time programs.

### **Goal 2: Community Awareness - To increase community awareness of the importance of out of school programs and support programs in Georgetown County.**

Objective 1: Hold an annual advocacy event that calls attention to the benefits of out of school time programs.

- **Objective accomplished** – *Lights on Afterschool* was held in October 2017. Several elected officials and community leaders attended the event.

Objective 2: Develop an agenda with area groups to advocate for children and youth on a local, state, and national level.

- **Objective ongoing**: Members heard a report about HB 4044, and they plan to determine its effects on local out of school time programs.

Objective 3: Develop and implement a process for demonstrating the effectiveness of out of out of school time programs and services to increase student achievement.

- **Objective ongoing**: Planning to gather data for summer programs implemented during the summer of 2017 and those implemented in 2018. The goal is to determine if the participating programs had an effect on decreasing summer slide for their students.

Objective 4: Implement at least one marketing campaign that conveys to the community the effectiveness of quality out of school time programs and services in Georgetown County.

- **No progress on objective**

**Goal 3: Training Opportunities - Increase the training opportunities for staff and volunteers in out of school time programs in Georgetown County.**

Objective 1: Annually assess the training resources and training needs for staff and volunteers in out of school time programs and services.

- **Objective accomplished**: GCOST assessed members' training resources and training needs by inviting them to participate in the NYSAN Quality Self-Assessment study group.

Objective 2: By partnering with local organizations and sponsoring our own events, provide substantial training opportunities for members of GCOST at least once per year.

- **Objective ongoing**: GCOST partnered with the FPBF to offer funding for members to participate in the NYSAN Quality Self-assessment study group.

**Goal 4: Program Attendance - Increase the number of children attending quality out of school time programs in Georgetown County.**

Objective 1: Monitor the program capacity of out of school time programs as compared to the total number of school age children in Georgetown County schools.

- **Objective ongoing:** GCOST leaders surveyed the Georgetown community to determine which programs were still being offered. They updated their roster and created 3 categories for membership: (1) Member, (2) Associate Member, and (Friend). They will communicate their findings with the SC Afterschool Alliance.

Objective 2: Continue to explore the barriers to out of school time participation and develop plans to overcome them.

- **No progress on objective:**