



Strategic Plan-2017-2018

MISSION

Working together to increase the quality and sustainability of out of school time programs and services.

VISION

That every school-aged child in Georgetown County will have access to quality out-of-school time programs and services, promoting positive youth development and the prevention of at-risk behaviors.

VALUES:

COLLABORATION: We believe that success is heightened when one or more individuals, organizations or agencies participate and work on common goals.

QUALITY PROGRAMMING: We believe in quality programs that are centered around dignity, respect, positive learning environments, proper safety and supervision, and engaging experiences that promote positive youth development and the prevention of at-risk behaviors.

COMMITMENT: GCOST is committed to providing opportunities for strategic training, the identification and development of resources and advocating for quality and accessible programs for school-aged children. As members of GCOST we commit to active participation in collaboration, the implementation of quality practices, and to the development of organizational excellence.

INTEGRITY: All GCOST efforts will be transparent, good stewards of funds and dedicated to strong organizational governance.

Goals and Objectives

*These objectives are to be completed by September 2017 in Georgetown County, SC.

Goal 1: Quality Programs 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. (Terri Lottchea, Jessica Bower, Sandy Jackson)
Objective 2: Enlist at least 5 member organizations to participate collaborative grant opportunity. (Eric Spatz)
Objective 3: Decrease “summer slide” for Georgetown County School District (GCSD) students by participating in the Summer Slide Collaborative with GCSD leaders. (Allyson Banta, Jessica Bower, Melissa Bell-Gunn, David Almonte, Ray Funnye)
Objective 4: Provide support and guidance to increase the use of evidence-based programs in the county. (Allyson Banta)
Objective 5: Collaborate with community and cultural organizations to increase literacy through the arts. (Allyson Banta, Denise Chatman, Jessica Bower, Terri Lottchea and Leslie Ayres)
Goal 2: Community Awareness Increase community awareness of the importance of out of school programs and support programs in Georgetown County.
Objective 1: Hold an annual advocacy event (Lights On) that calls attention to the benefits of out of school time programs. (Denise Chatman, Terri Lottchea, and Sandy Jackson)
Objective 2: Develop an agenda with area groups to advocate for children and youth on a local, state, and national level. (Allyson Banta, Melissa Bell-Gunn)
Objective 3: Develop and implement a process for demonstrating the effectiveness of out of school time programs and services to increase student achievement. (Terri Lottchea, Jessica Bower, Melissa Bell-Gunn, David Almonte)
Objective 4: Increase community interaction with www.youthcollabgtown.org and the GCOST Facebook page by asking GCOST member organizations to take responsibility for promoting them for at least one month per year (Giany Guedjo and Allyson Banta).
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. (Eric Spatz)
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. (Jessica Bower, Eric Spatz, Terri Lottchea, and Allyson Banta)
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. (David Almonte, Jessica Bower, and Melissa Bell-Gunn)
Objective 2: Continue to explore the barriers to out of school time participation and develop plans to overcome them. (Sandy Jackson and Denise Chatman)