

Georgetown County Out of School Time (GCOST) Collaborative - 2016

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 ongoing:** Two member organizations of GCOST are in the process of piloting the NYSAN quality assessment process. They hope to complete the process by spring of 2017.

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

- **No progress on objective**

Objective 3: Review and share existing county data that describe the condition of children and youth.

- **Objective ongoing:** Data from the results of GCSD assessments of student progress in reading in math will be shared among GCOST members regarding the results of their summer programs.

Objective 4: Participate as partners with the Georgetown County Achieves Together (GCAT) collective impact initiative to improve student outcomes cradle to career.

- **Objective accomplished:** Chairman of GCOST, Eric Spatz, was a member of the GCAT Committee. GCOST is currently not participating.

Objective 5: Provide support and guidance to increase the use of evidence-based programs in the county.

- **Objective ongoing:** Formed the Summer Slide Collaborative in coordination with GCSD to begin to examine how to increase the use of evidence-based programs in the county.

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.
- **No progress on objective** – *Lights on Afterschool* canceled again due to a hurricane.

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

- **Objective ongoing:** In the process of making plans to engage business leaders and policy-makers in conversation about the benefits of out of school time programs and the need for their support of these programs.

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

- **Objective ongoing:** Formed the Summer Slide Collaborative in collaboration with GCSD to demonstrate the effectiveness of summer programs to decrease summer slide for GCSD 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.

- **Objective accomplished:** Members of GCOST served on the committee that developed www.youthcollabgtown.org, and a member has contributed a blog for the site. GCOST members continue to post to Facebook.

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

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

- **Objective accomplished:** GCOST leaders annually assess the training needs of their members. This objective was addressed in early 2016.

Objective 2: Survey PK-12 teachers and staff to determine how out of school time programs can support school-age children and youth.

- **No progress on objective**

Objective 3: By partnering with local organizations and sponsoring our own events, provide substantial training opportunities for members of GCOST at least once per year.

- **Objective accomplished:** Co-sponsored with Freedom Readers, GOMI Literacy Program, and Parks and Recreation an event titled: “Read to Run. “

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.

- **Progress on objective:** Members of GCOST will send the rosters of their programs to a GCSD leader who is tracking the effects of out of school time participation for GCSD students.

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

- **No progress on objective:**