

- Currently Funded by 21st CCLC First-Time Grant (Years 1-5)
- Currently Funded by 21st CCLC Continuation Grant (Years 6-10)
- Sustaining Programs Formerly Funded by 21st CCLC

Number in symbol indicates the number of sites



## Nebraska 21<sup>ST</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Overview

The Nebraska Department of Education administers the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC), a federally-funded, competitive grant program designed to support the establishment of community learning centers serving K-12 students attending high-need Nebraska schools. Public and private organizations such as public school districts and private schools, community-based organizations, non-profit agencies, city or county government agencies and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply. These projects offer students a broad array of services, programs, and activities during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session (such as before- and after-school or during summer recess). In the administration of these federal funds, the Nebraska Department of Education has awarded grants in 27 communities serving over 100 school building populations.

<u>Program Goals</u> The three goals of this grant program are:

- improve student learning performance in one or more core academic areas;
- increase social benefits and positive behavioral changes; and
- increase family and community engagement in supporting students' education.

Centers may provide a variety of services to achieve these goals, including remedial education and academic enrichment learning programs, tutoring and mentoring services, programs for English language learner students, technology education programs, programs that promote parental involvement and family literacy, drug and violence prevention programs, service learning projects, and counseling programs, among other services.

<u>Funding Priorities</u> Proposals must meet the absolute priority of targeting school buildings serving a high percentage of students from low-income families (at least 40.00% of students qualify for free or reduced cost meals). Competitive priority points are awarded if the targeted schools received a rating of "needs improvement" on the Federal accountability (AYP), have a mobility or English Language Learner rate above the statewide average, or an extreme poverty rate (more than 60% of students qualify for free or reduced cost meals).

<u>Program Administration</u> The program is administered by the Nebraska Department of Education. For more information contact:

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