



Who should complete the 21st CCLC partner survey?
What is the definition of “partner?”



In order to implement a quality Nebraska 21st CCLC afterschool program, partnerships are essential. Typically, partners fall into two categories: *community partners* and *business/industry partners*. No matter which type of partner is being described, there are some common characteristics:

- intentional efforts are made to maintain a relationship over time
- the relationship between the program staff, students, and the partner is mutually beneficial
- the partner provides a learning opportunity for students at minimal or no cost to the program
- the relationship is a collaboration, and/or
- the partner supports the program financially.

Community Partners:

A community partner is a non-profit organization, agency, or educational entity that provides a needed service to individuals locally, regionally, or statewide. Examples of community partners include health organizations, environmental organizations, postsecondary institutions, parks, zoos, and museums.

Business/Industry Partners:

Although a business/industry partner is clearly “for profit”, they are committed to bringing opportunities to students for little or no cost (as opposed to a hired or contracted vendor). Typically, the business or industry is located in the same community as the afterschool program. Example opportunities include career exploration activities, apprenticeships, tours, presentations, and donations.

Identify the list of partners who should receive a survey with the help of the site-level management team. Examples of those who would complete the partner survey:

- representative of a health organization that provides free dental screenings annually
- representative of a local business that provides materials for student enrichment clubs and activities, and/or employees to teach concepts (e.g., local art studio provides an artist to come to the program and lead a specialized art club)
- a local boy scouts or girl scouts leader who leads a weekly club for students
- a 4-H Extension educator who leads a cooking club for interested students one time weekly over a semester.

Examples of those who would **not** complete the partner survey:

- paid speaker
- one-time only presenter
- local bowling alley that charges students regular admission fees to go bowling
- local business that provides a one-time donation
- school administration because they provide ongoing leadership through their role on the management team.

Where do 21st CCLC program leaders begin to find potential partners:

- Letters of Commitment included in 21st CCLC funded grant application
- 21st CCLC Partner Spotlight organizations
<https://www.education.ne.gov/21stcclc/partner-spotlight/>
- local chamber of commerce.

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