Re-Start Re-Design Labs for Afterschool

How do we serve youth in the social-distancing era?

Ohio’s youth and families need us more than ever. When schools, child-care centers and informal learning programs re-open, youth and families will look to us even more to provide the safe, engaging, and supportive programming they rely on. At the same time, we know we'll have new rules and expectations to follow and that we can anticipate conditions will continue to change over the course of the coming year.

Now is the time to plan how our approach will have to change in order to maximize the positive impact that programs have on youth and their families while keeping everyone safer.

The Ohio Afterschool Network and EnvisionEdPlus are partnering to bring you a special Re-Start Re-Design Lab for Afterschool in June, 2020.

Registration begins May 13, 2020 and spaces are limited. Register on the OAN website, www.oanohio.org. For more information, contact nichelle@oanohio.org.
ENVISIONEDPLUS

EnvisionEdPlus’ Design Lab model has helped hundreds of educators and afterschool professionals plan innovative solutions to challenging problems. We’ll help you examine what we know about state recommendations or requirements, be inspired by ideas from across Ohio and the nation, and collaborate with smart leaders, like you, as you design innovative plans that make sense for your programs.

THE NETWORK

The Ohio Afterschool Network is one of the Mott Foundation’s 50 statewide afterschool networks and an affiliate of the National Afterschool Alliance. The Network will combine its deep understanding of the issues and challenges facing Ohio communities with its connections to national experts and resources to empower local program leaders to meet the needs of their youth and families.
We will rise to the challenge!

While state leaders are still finalizing specific requirements, the core concepts are familiar. The desired outcome is for all children to have the academic, social-emotional and other support they need to be successful. The core concepts of new safety requirements will include:

- **Physical Distance**: Public health experts’ recommendations have been consistent that 6-10 feet between people reduces the spread of infection
- **Personal Hygiene**: Hand-washing and masks
- **Environmental Cleanliness**: Frequent, thorough cleaning and reducing opportunities for cross-contamination

Some of Ohio’s providers have already operationalized these concepts while serving the children of doctors, nurses and other essential workers. Others found creative ways to continue engaging their youth from a distance. Now is the time to celebrate what worked and improve what didn’t. As we plan for a longer-term approach, we must answer questions like:

- *How do we prioritize limited program space?*
- *How do we leverage what we’ve learned about distance activities this spring?*
- *How do we develop a more sustainable and successful model?*
- *How do our routines and norms need to change?*

Together, we’ll explore how to reach our goals within our new design constraints. Join us!

The Re-Start Re-Design Lab for Afterschool is a special two-day, virtual event. It’s meant for a small team of 2-3 participants from each organization. Registration is $500 for the team, which includes pre-work, large-group presentations and
discussion, small-group sessions with state and national experts, and personalized coaching sessions between one of our expert facilitators and your team.

Tentative Virtual Convening Agenda

- June 29 -

9 a.m. – Welcome, Introductions and Overview

9:30 a.m. – Small group, cross-district discussions in virtual break-out rooms: Celebrate what worked and talk about what didn’t in March – May 2020.

10 a.m. – Aspirations and Constraints for Fall 2020.
   • State requirements and recommendations (What we know and what we don’t).
   • Changing needs of students and families.
   • Best ideas for high quality programming while reducing the spread of infection

11 a.m. – Team Planning Session - Day 1
   • Use our tools to get started on your plans. Meet with just your team in one of our virtual breakout rooms - call on our facilitators when you have questions or need a partner to brainstorm with your team.

- June 30 -

9 a.m. – Welcome Back and Progress Check-in

9:30 a.m. - POP Sessions: Small Group Conversations with state and national Afterschool experts who are thinking strategically about blended learning models, social and emotional wellness, scheduling, logistics, funding and more. Experts will be thought partners as you think through plans for your programs.

10:15 a.m. - Bringing it all together and addressing specific participants needs: Large group wrap up session, discussion of next steps, and additional resources.

11 a.m. – Team Planning Time: Use our break-out rooms to complete your plan with your team. Call on our facilitators and expert thought partners to jump in when you need another perspective, problem solving, or ideas for new resources.