

Missouri's Afterschool Programs Updates Related to COVID-19



We realize the challenges you have been faced with are enormous and every day is filled with uncertainty. We appreciate all you are doing across the state to help those in your communities. We want to provide you with a few updates at this time, please see the below updates as they relate to your 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) or School Age Community (SAC) grants:

- 1) 21st CCLC Continuation Report: anticipated availability mid-April with potential due date late May. Once available, the report will be posted on the Afterschool Portal.
- 2) SAC Final Program Report for 2019-20: extended deadline to August 31. Form is posted on the Afterschool Portal.
- 3) SAC grant competition: delayed application opening; anticipated application opening in July or August 2020.
- 4) Due to a Missouri waiver approved by the U.S. Department of Education for all ESSA programs, 21st CCLC programs with unspent 2019-20 funds due to the COVID-19 school closures can request approval for an extension of those 21st CCLC funds to be expended no later than June 30, 2021 for costs associated with allowable activities/services that support the 21st CCLC program (i.e. summer services, virtual learning, etc.). Submit requests for extensions to exl@dese.mo.gov (be sure to include dollar amount requested of unspent funds and explanation of purchases/services requested). You cannot request additional (or new) money exceeding the total awarded amount in 2019-20.
- 5) SAC or 21st CCLC programs who are not able to fully spend 2019-20 awarded funds will not be penalized for failure to do so.
- 6) CBO's (non-schools) please continue sending any Requests for Reimbursement (RFR) and/or Budget Amendments (BA) to exl@dese.mo.gov. LEA's (schools) continue submitting your payment reimbursements and budget revisions through ePeGS.
- 7) MAACCE Conference: the conference to be held in June 2020 has been cancelled. The next conference will be held in June 2021. State training requirement for 2019-20 has been waived. If you have already registered and paid for the MAACCE Conference, it is ok to choose the option to roll over your registration payment to next year's conference. This will save you the cancellation penalty.
- 8) DESE has hired a new Supervisor, Cheryl Pickett. For now, continue sending all questions to Kim, Jimmy, or Cindy. We are excited to have Cheryl on our team and look forward to the future when everyone can meet Cheryl.

- 9) Watch for announcements from the Missouri AfterSchool Network (MASN) concerning details to the evaluations, surveys and Kids Care Center data processes. Such information will include these extensions:
- 2018-19 Evaluations/Guided Reflections deadline extended until July 15.
 - 2019-20 evaluation surveys and documentation collection extended until July 15 (for those not able to access documentation, provide a narrative of the documentation that can later be submitted).
 - 2019-20 evaluation school day teacher surveys deadline extended until June 15.
 - DESSA Staff Time 2 assessment for 2019-20 is waived. This can still be completed as an optional activity for staff to complete remotely.
 - Grades reporting of regular 21st CCLC students is reduced to just one pre and one post grade for the 2019-20 year.
 - Data entry of student attendance for 21st CCLC and SAC must be inputted in Kids Care Center (KCC) on or before July 15 for 2019-20 student attendance up until the time the physically located program site was closed due to COVID-19.
- 10) KCC will soon have a place to capture very minimal data regarding afterschool programming during school closures due to COVID-19; watch for additional details coming out soon from Jason Patrie with KCC/MASN (we will also post a message on the home screen in KCC).
- 11) The 2019-20 list of certified evaluators has been posted on the Afterschool Portal.
- 12) MASN is working very hard to provide you with opportunities for networking, Q&A, professional development, etc. If you are interested in these opportunities, please watch for their emails weekly and feel free to participate when/if needed (not required).

Thank you for everything you are doing for your students, families and community. We know this is a very difficult time and what you are doing is appreciated by all. We are here to help you, please let us know if you ever have any questions. Stay safe and healthy. We look forward to the day we can see you again!