

# Idaho Afterschool Network

## Boise Group Discussion

### Gaps / Challenges

- Awareness of programs
- Career & College readiness
- Financial means
- Identifying those in need
- Lacking coordinated collaboration (school, law enforcement)
- Parental involvement
- Preventative vs. reactionary programming
- Sharing opportunities
- Transportation - interest but no ability

### Obstacles (for youth)

- Adult assumption
- Adults okay with chaos and failure
- Cultural & language barrier
- Funding (grant parameters from funders)
- Geographic locations - program proximity
- Home responsibilities
- Over programmed
- Parental support
- Siloed partners / programs
- Stigmata
- Transportation

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### Partners (missing & needed)

- Students x 2
- Mental health organizations
- Churches
- Families
- Health organizations
- Kiwanis
- Law enforcement
- Legislative support
- Libraries
- Mental health counselors
- AmeriCorps
- Parents
- Rotary
- Schools
- American Legion
- Teachers
- VISTA
- Wellness organizations
- Young adults
- Youth

### Opportunities

- Collaboration between programs
- Combine youth and grantor wishes
- Community canvas (harwood) with youth
- Community needs analysis
- Flexible programs - local youth
- Funders collaborative
- Listing financial resources
- ROBO
- Self-determined activities (youth-led)
- Student interns

### What is happening in your region?

- CIS user surveys (state) - students / teachers
- Group rules developed by youth and led by adults
- Libraries providing tech and unstructured activity setting
- Overnight 4-H camps

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What do we want to provide for youth in our region?

- Hope
- Access to electronics (internet: CIS)
- Balanced programs
- Be a kid (explore self) - stop pushing adulthood
- Career (job exploration - interests)
- Confidence
- Empowerment (youth driven)
- Encouragement / enrichment to be what they desire
- Feeling of value
- Food
- Active participant in their future
- Meaningful activities
- Opportunities to engage with peers
- Opportunity to take on leadership roles
- Place to play - be kids
- Positive adults (you can)
- Programs that excite - peak interest
- Sense of accomplishment
- Space (safe) comfort zone
- Welcoming env vs stigma (has to be here)
- Youth-designed opportunities