

Idaho Afterschool Network

Coeur d' Alene Group Discussion

Gaps / Challenges

- Geographic misunderstanding
- Rural challenges
- Clear way to identify challenges
- Committed leadership throughout program (Champions)
- Parent education & engagement/support
- Community collaborations
- "Honest" statistics/data
- Resource repository
- CDA – Kootenai County
- Transportation
- Financial support (grants & writing)
- Volunteers
- Program space
- Community buy-in
- School district (overloaded) support
- Awareness to those most in need
- Cultural & social capital issue

Obstacles (for youth)

- Sibling caretaker (for younger)
- Parental involvement
- Financial support/access
- Access to services (proximity)
- Generational cycles (poverty)

Partners (missing & needed)

- Circles Bridges out of poverty
- Faith-based community leaders
- Mayors & elected officials
- Chamber of commerce
- Youth

Opportunities

- Financial resources from Goodwill
- Regional collaboration
- Kootenai indicators website
- Neighborhood-centric programming
- Increase parental support (resources & awareness)
- Leverage grandparents
- Educate & engage around poverty (poverty survey, poverty simulation)
- Kids leading programs

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- Survey youth
- U of I CDA has space
- Encourage youth involvement

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

- Relationships
- Stimulation
- Hope
- Resources/basic needs
- Opportunities
- Guidance
- Support
- Skills
- Play (learning)
- Something beyond sports
- Provide what they want
- Connection to community
- Youth referral process
- Leadership experience
- Community engagement (two way + show & tell)