

Idaho Afterschool Network

Twin Falls Group Discussion

Gaps / Challenges

- Poverty (80% free and reduced in Gooding)
- Aging out of programs
- Creative, engaging curriculum
- Funding
- Language
- Limited 21st century awarding
- Partner collaborations (lack of synergy)
- Built for current individuals
- Preventative focus
- Refugee support
- School district engagement
- Technology (geographic area)
- Transportation
- Urban vs. rural programs

Obstacles (for youth)

- Lack of knowledge (programs)
- Adequate facilities
- Balanced curriculum
- Continuing interest
- Current mindset (habits that limit)
- Family engagement
- Funding
- Funding for materials
- Age continuation
- Limited engaging programs (teach differently)
- Option overload
- Programs for district
- Safety (recent shootings)
- Staffing programs
- Sustaining volunteers
- Working with schools

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Partners (missing & needed)

- Libraries
- AmeriCorps (recruit / train volunteers)
- C3
- Community colleges and universities (CSI / U of I)
- Kiwanis
- Legislators
- Banks (volunteers)
- Refugee Orgs
- Rotary
- School districts
- Students
- West end men's club

Opportunities

- Marketing all current offerings region
- 4-H attend superintendent meetings
- Digital resources (3 - 6 years)
- Educate parents on resources
- Legislation to appropriate funds
- Community library of resources
- Partnering with other entities
- Quarterly roundtables / networking
- Rural exposure to college
- Senior projects (high school)
- Service learning

What is happening in your region?

- IDLA - Text to tutor program
- Blaine County 4-H - Hunger coalition collaboration
- Engagement via gaming vocational class dev online
- Get Ready (test prep)
- Growing great minds - nonprofit collaboration that includes key activities per partner
- Computer science ID Tech Counsel
- Library - loaning resources
- Pathways (middle school) internet safety
- Sharing audiences
- TRIO - In high schools as mentors to youth scholarship, FASFA / parent nights
- Van brings meals to parks in Wood River Valley. Includes Kitchen / library / 1 hr activity

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

- Get outside of hometown (exposure)
- Ceiling isn't as low as they thought
- Education is always a possibility
- Empowering their voice - ownership
- Feeling of community support
- Financial management
- Community connection - give back
- Know we're here for them
- Opportunities they are unaware of
- Opportunity to grow
- Opportunity to share what they want
- Promote healthy rating
- Safe places to go