

Family Engagement Series: Session VII

LEARNING EXTENSIONS


Collaborating with Community Partners and Families to Enhance Your After School Program

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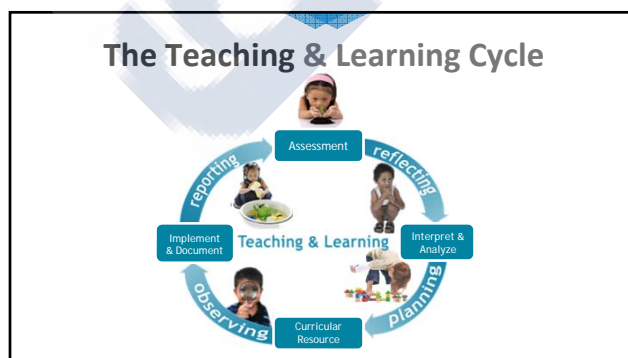
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Today's objectives

Strategies	Partnerships	Enrichment
Learn strategies that support the use of the teaching cycle in the school-aged classroom.	Discuss ideas for after-school program teachers to collaborate with community partners to develop engaging enrichment opportunities.	Discover free and low-cost enrichment ideas for after-school classrooms.



planning

1. Plan learning experiences.
2. Group meeting for ideas.
3. Vote on topics to start with.

observing

1. What children learn and experience.
2. Ask open-ended questions.
3. Record observations, child quotes, take pictures.

reporting

1. Write notes / assessments for portfolios.
2. Create posters of the experience and what was learned.

reflecting


1. What went well?
2. What could be done differently?
3. How long did it keep their attention?
4. Ask for student input.

Informal FAMILY MEETINGS
 Look at portfolio
 Ask questions
 Share stories

Portfolio Components

Child Intake	Observations
Work Samples	Pictures of Play

Protocols for School-Aged Portfolios



How will portfolios be organized?	01	05	Establish baseline attendance hours for portfolio
Update frequency: Intakes & Observations	02	06	Number of pictures to include
Where stored?	03	07	Frequency of viewing by parents
Number of samples to include	04	08	Archive annually or perpetual?

Engage FAMILIES



1.	2.	3.
Volunteers	Chaperones	Homework Help

Engage FAMILIES



Ask families to join you when they arrive during snacktime.

Ask families to help create special snacks.

Engage FAMILIES



1.
Guest speakers
2.
Classroom supplies
3.
Special event set-up

Partners that Support School-Aged Programs



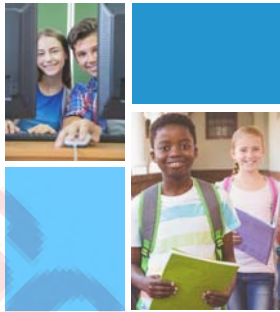
School District	01	05	YMCA
University Extension Offices	02	06	Law Enforcement
Senior Clubs	03	07	Military
Group Homes & Nursing Homes	04	08	Other Community Helpers

Bennett, 2013;
Durlak, Weissberg, & Pachan, 2010;
Pierce, Auger, & Vandell, 2013;
Vandell, Reisner, & Pierce, 2007

Substantial research has shown that, in order for communities to reap the academic and social benefits of afterschool education, schools and afterschool programs must collaborate.

School Districts

- Are there district funds to enrich programs?
- Can you observe school district classrooms?
- Speak to teachers re: curricular topics and how you can extend the learning day?



University Extensions

- Nutrition Programs
- "Little Chefs"
- Self-help skills
- Life skills
- Gardening Skills-Grow It, Try It, Eat It



Senior Clubs

- Adopt a Grandparent
- Knitting/Crocheting
- Homework Help
- Arts and Crafts



Group Homes / Nursing Homes

Teach Compassion
make crafts to give away, play board games,
sing songs, play bingo, visit



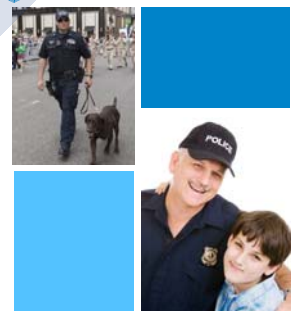
YMCA/Local Gyms

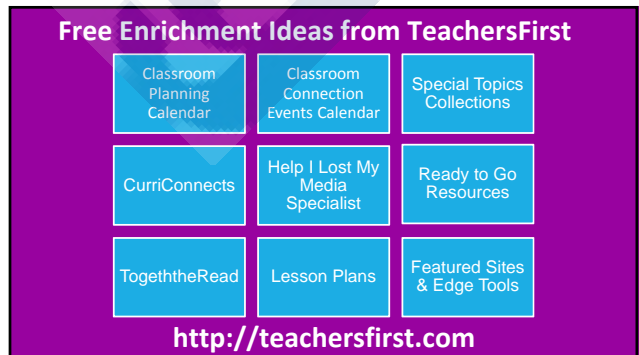
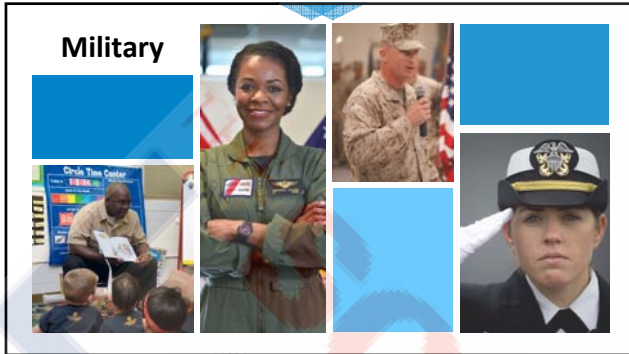
- Swimming
- Gym
- Field trips earned
- Facility use free or reduced price




Law Enforcement

- Community helper focus
- K-9 Partners
- Drug resistance programs





Free Enrichment Ideas from The Source for Learning




A series of live, hands-on virtual workshops for teacher professional development.

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/ok2ask/>

Other No-Cost Ideas

- Pinterest
- Nature walks
- Gyms
- Libraries
- Parks



Resources

- 1 **Grow It, Try It, Like It! Nutrition Education Kit Featuring MyPlate**
 USDA – United States Department of Agriculture: Food and Nutrition Service
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/trn/grow-it-try-it-it>
- 2 **NIOST**
 National Institute on Out of School Time – Wellesley Centers for Women
<https://www.niost.org>
- 3 **UEN – Utah Education Network**
 Free lesson plan ideas that could be modified for the multi-age group.
<http://www.uen.org/>

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Resources

- 4 **ReadWriteThink**
 Free activity ideas, lesson plans, resources, and interactives searchable by content area and grade level.
<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/>
- 5 **National Geographic Society - Education**
 Free activities including a map maker.
<http://www.nationalgeographic.org/education>
- 6 **Study Jams from Scholastic**
 Free multimedia lessons that explain math and science concepts to children in an entertaining way.
<http://studyjams.scholastic.com/studyjams/>

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