

## **LOCAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (LLCs) FOR AFTER SCHOOL IN REGION 11: as of September 1, 2015**

### **1. Background**

In October 2006 the Region 11 Advisory Council's Workplan Advisory Group (WAG) developed the concept of the Local Learning Communities (LLCs) to enable those involved in after school programming to come together with others in the same local geographic area to share ideas, training, information and support with the goal of building capacity within the afterschool field. Coming together at county wide meetings on any regular basis is challenging due to size of the county, commute times and differences in sizes and types of districts within the county and the various types of models utilized to provide after school services.

### **2. Goal of the Local Learning Communities (LLCs)**

To provide an opportunity for those involved in after school programming at all levels to meet regularly together to discuss key issues, facilitate training and encourage co-operative working within the community in order to build capacity within the field and contribute to the efforts of ongoing continuous quality improvement at all sites.

### **3. Objectives of the Regional 11 Local Learning Communities (LLC)**

- a. To provide support, information and technical assistance to all levels of staff involved in after school programming
- b. To facilitate communication to and from the state and the LACOE After School Technical Assistance Unit (ASTAU) staff on issues impacting after school
- c. To develop and provide trainings that can be offered at the local after school sites
- d. To spread low-cost, core coaching skills to all after school providers, rather than providing expensive one-on-one technical assistance/training sessions. This will ensure that everyone has a better chance of getting coached -- and learns how to coach.
- e. To decrease employee burnout and turnover through a support system that provides staff with realistic actions to address current issues.
- f. To "strengthen the bench" of trained, qualified staff working in after school programs
- g. To maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the Technical Assistance grant dollars received which will insure that as additional sites are funded within the county that they can receive the Technical Assistance they need to be successful

### **4. SUPPORT FOR THE LLC'S**

- a. A member of the ASTAU team will be assigned to support each LLC
- b. Each Facilitator of a Local Learning Community will be a member of the Workplan Advisory Group (WAG)
- c. The ASTAU will convene two meetings a year for the Facilitators of the Local Learning Communities to meet, share resources and ideas and to learn from each other.

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