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Roosevelt Elementary
Yakama Nation Tribal School
Valley View Elementary
Garfield Elementary

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Introduction

The Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC) received a Cohort 17 (C17) 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) award from the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). C17 comprises four schools that are sites for the 21st CCLC After-School Programs. Each program is unique and designed to meet the local needs of the students and families. This Year 1 report covers data collected from June 2021 to August 2021. This period aligns with the C17 program implementation across the state, as set forth by OSPI. Next, an overall community description of C17 is offered, followed by program profiles for each site.

The Yakima Valley is a thriving rural agricultural hub in Washington state. The Yakama lived on this land for many years prior to settlement by white pioneers. The land is now largely used as farmland and has been transformed by the convergence of races, cultures, and languages. The Yakima Valley has truly become a melting pot of Native Americans and Hispanics living together in small rural communities. Unfortunately, pervasive poverty in the Yakima Valley and on the Yakama Reservation impacts student development and learning. Many Natives rely on minimal tribal per capita payments for subsistence. Furthermore, low farm labor wages result in many Hispanic families living in poverty. Accordingly, almost all (94%) of the target students are low-income. Poverty and associated at-risk factors cause many students to be at risk of educational failure.

Due to Covid-19 impacts at all 4 sites the external evaluation team used a qualitative methods approach to write up the Year 1 summer report. Some quantitative existing data, collected by site supervisors and teachers, was taken from the EZ Reports site and Dropbox files to develop the report. In addition, a focus group and interview were conducted to collect the data needed to gain insight of program quality. The site supervisors for each school were invited to participate. In total all 4 cohort 17 site supervisors and a Northwest Community Action Center program coordinator took part in the process. The structured interview and focus group were designed using 7 questions meant to highlight program strengths, challenges, and outcomes. Both the interview and focus group were conducted virtually through zoom. Responses from site supervisors were recorded using a voice recorder and a typed-up transcript. All site supervisors provided qualitative data for the report. Roosevelt Elementary site supervisor, Rachel Mejia, speaks on strengths of the summer program, “Our staff are phenomenal workers, we were lucky to have a great lead teacher who did amazingly well. She was our major strength!”.

Yakama Nation Tribal School

Yakama Nation Tribal School is located in Toppenish, WA. The Yakama Indian Reservation intersects with part of the Yakima Valley, both of which are home to a large Native American and Hispanic migrant/seasonal farmworker and immigrant population. At Yakama Nation Tribal School, most students and families struggle with formal education. According to the principal, much of school time is dedicated to behavioral health and Yakama Nation Youth Treatment specialists. These specialists arrive at the school weekly. Time during the school day is insufficient to meet the academic and social-emotional needs of their students.

Garfield and Valley View Elementary Schools

At Garfield and Valley View Elementary schools in Toppenish, WA, the core instruction in English Language Arts (ELA) and math, which are each taught for 60 minutes per day for all students. There is an additional 45 minutes of academic intervention support in Tier-II for ELA and math each day. Due to a lack of resources and

time, these sites are not able to offer a building-wide Tier III intervention for students in need. With limited funding, each school can only support 31 students with language development in 15-minute blocks each day.

Roosevelt Elementary School

At Roosevelt Elementary in Granger, WA, ELA instruction ranges from 60 to 90 minutes daily for all students. Tier II reading interventions range from 45 to 60 minutes. Math core instruction is only 40 minutes daily. Due to a lack of resources, Roosevelt is unable to differentiate the lessons to meet the specific needs of all learners.

School Characteristics

Table 1 details Yakama Nation Tribal School, Garfield Elementary School, Valley View Elementary School, and Roosevelt Elementary School’s 21st CCLC school characteristics. These characteristics consist of total enrollment; free/reduced lunch program use; English language learners (ELL); total minority population; Hispanic, Native, and migrant population; special education population; and in-school improvement population.

Table 1. 21st CCLC target school characteristics

| School Name | Total Enrollment | Free/Reduced Lunch | ELL | Total Minority | Hispanic | Native | Migrant | Special Ed | In-School Improvement |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------|----------|--------|---------|------------|-----------------------|
| Yakama Nation Grades 8–12 | 135 | 135 (100%) | N/A | 100% | N/A | 100% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Valley View Grades K–5 | 526 | 526 (100%) | 49.7% | 97.0% | 87.5% | 9.1% | 17.6% | 12.9% | Yes |
| Garfield Grades K–5 | 364 | 354 (97.5%) | 47.0% | 98.4% | 87.6% | 9.3% | 16.5% | 11.0% | No |
| Roosevelt Grades K–4 | 658 | 658 (100%) | 47.6% | 95.1% | 92.4% | 2.6% | 11.4% | 14.9% | Yes |

Shaping the Program with Local Community Needs

To shape the program offerings to local community needs, a comprehensive needs assessment was conducted to understand more deeply what each site should provide in their program. Program leadership used these data and a community-driven approach to address the needs of the students and parents. Table 2 and Table 3 summarize the student and family’s needs, respectively, that shaped the program offerings.

Table 2. Students’ needs and needs addressed

| Students’ Needs | Needs Addressed |
|---|--|
| Low academic achievement – Learning Loss | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized after-school instruction (reading and math) • High dose tutoring (reading and math) • Extended 6-week summer |
| Social-emotional learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PBIS – Second Step curriculum • Zones of regulation • Generation wellness |
| Parents unable to help children with homework | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After-school programming – tutoring, specialized instruction, • More time for enhanced activities |
| Bus/transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All sites will provide bussing • Transportation |

Table 3. Families’ needs and needs addressed

| Families’ Needs | Needs Addressed |
|---|--|
| Helping their child with homework | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family STEM and reading nights • Homework help • ELA nights • Academic support training |
| Learning computers, helping child with virtual learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual learning platform training, social media, and the internet |
| Parenting skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship building with child workshops • Closing circles • Family counseling |
| GED/academic training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals to Heritage University High • School Equivalency Program (HEP) |
| English as a second language | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Yakima Valley College for English as a second language courses |
| Cultural preservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sahaptin Language Workshops (Tribal) • Storytelling • Dance, food, and arts • Poetry nights |

Table 4 and Table 5 summarize the results of a comprehensive needs assessment to design a customized program to serve the unique, unmet needs at each site. Students were asked about their interests in careers and in after-school and summer programs. The tables summarize the top three interests per category by school.

Table 4. Top 3 student interests in careers

| Yakama Nation | Garfield | Valley View | Roosevelt |
|--|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Videogame Designer – 23% Doctor – 18% Engineer – 12% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website Designer – 31% Video Game Designer – 31% Doctor – 24% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientist – 35% Videogame Designer – 29% App Designer – 14% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctor – 35% Scientist – 6% Engineer – 6% |

Table 5. Top 3 student interests in after school/summer activities

| Yakama Nation | Garfield | Valley View | Roosevelt |
|---|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports – 80% Clubs – 40% Leadership – 33% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Trips – 85% Building Drones – 54% Robotics – 52% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Trips – 92% Arts & Crafts – 64% Building Drones – 62% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports – 41% Arts & Crafts – 41% Computers – 35% |

Implementation of the Summer Program

Three of the four sites implemented a summer program between June and July, and one site ran their program until August. Two schools met in person while the other two were held virtually. Table 6 lists each site’s start and end dates and schedule.

Table 6. Cohort 17 Summer Program information

| Site | Dates | Program | Schedule |
|---|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Yakama Nation 601 Linden St, Toppenish, WA 98948 | 6/21– 7/29/2021 | In-person only | Monday–Thursday 9 am–1 pm |
| Garfield 505 Madison Ave, Toppenish, WA 98948 | 6/21– 7/29/2021 | Virtual only | Monday–Thursday 9 am–2 pm |
| Valley View 515 Zillah Dr, Toppenish, WA 98948 | 6/28–8/5/2021 | Virtual only | Monday–Thursday 8 am–2 pm |
| Roosevelt | 6/21– 7/29/2021 | In-person only | Monday–Thursday 8 am–2 pm |

| Site | Dates | Program | Schedule |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------|----------|
| 405 Bailey Ave, Granger, WA 98932 | | | |

Number of Students Served

Table 7 shows the number of students served by site. It lists how many students were registered, how many attended the programs, and the hours of attendance. Across all the sites, a total of 311 students were registered and 275 students attended the programs. Students spent a combined total of approximately 522 hours participating in the summer programs.

Table 7. Students served and attendance at each site

| Site | Registered Participants | Attended Participants | Hours Attended |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yakama Nation | 14 | 8 | 95:05 |
| Garfield | 81 | 53 | 115:00 |
| Valley View | 42 | 40 | 172:30 |
| Roosevelt | 174 | 174 | 140:00 |
| Total | 311 | 275 | 522:35 |

Outcome Evaluation Plan

The evaluation plan in Table 8 was developed to measure progress toward the outcomes across the C17 school sites. Due to the impacts of COVID-19 restricting program implementation to three summer months, these outcomes were not measured at this time. Beginning in Year 2; however, these data points will be established and measured going forward.

Table 8. Outcome Evaluation Plan

| SMART Outcome | Performance Measure | Participants | Data Source | Procedures | Data Analysis and Reporting |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| 1.1. 65% of K-12 regular attendees will increase their ELA scores for reading | Percentage of students that show increases in their ELA scores | All youth attending the program who attend 30 or more days during the summer | i-Ready quarterly test results (as available), attendance records, EZ reports | Data collected by program staff, input into EZ reports– fall baseline and spring of each year | Measures of central tendency (average range, min, max) |
| 1.2. 60% of K-12 regular attendees will increase their scores in math | Percentage of students who show an increase in math scores | All youth attending the program who attend 30 or more days | MAP quarterly test results, attendance records, EZ reports | Data collected by program staff input into EZ reports– fall baseline and | Measures of central tendency (average range, min, max) |



| SMART Outcome | Performance Measure | Participants | Data Source | Procedures | Data Analysis and Reporting |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | during the summer | | spring of each year | |
| 2.1. 70% regular attendees will improve their behavior each year | Analyzing school discipline data in the fall and spring | All youth attending the program who attend 30 or more days during the summer | Survey tool results, school data, attendance records, EZ reports | Yearly in May, results administered and collected by evaluators | Measures of central tendency (average range, min, max) |
| 2.2. 75% regular attendees will improve their knowledge of life skills each year | Administering a pre/post life skills inventory survey for elementary students | All youth attending the program who attend 30 or more days during the summer | Survey tool results, school data, attendance records, EZ reports | Collected May of each year, survey administered by staff | Measures of central tendency (average range, min, max) |
| 3.1. 60% of parents that participate in classes will self-report increased knowledge of English | Administering a retrospective parent knowledge survey | All parents enrolled in ESL class | Parent participation records | Evaluator will work with ESL instructor to administer survey | Frequency analysis |
| 4.1. 100% of site team complete program self-assessment with the SELPQA, YPQA, or SAPQA tool | Measured by completion of tool and submission of scores | All members of the site team | YPQA assessment scores used to assess program implementation, quality, and improvement, participation in required OSPI webinars | Project director and site coordinators will be responsible for conducting site-level team self-assessments, including observation, scoring, and uploading the scores and evidence into the Scores Reporter Database; activities will occur between October | Frequency analysis |




| SMART Outcome | Performance Measure | Participants | Data Source | Procedures | Data Analysis and Reporting |
|---|---|-------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | | through February; director will maintain checklist to ensure timely completion of activities | |
| 4.2. 100% of site team will submit one program quality assessment form B | Measured by completion of tool and submission of scores | All the site team | OSPI | Director/site supervisor distribute link to staff to complete form B | Site supervisor review results |

School Sites After-School Program Profiles

The following sections explore each after-school program. These profiles provide a program overview and logic model and highlight each program’s strengths, challenges, and next steps.

Yakama Nation Tribal School – Toppenish, WA

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>Yakama Nation Tribal School After-School Program Summer 2021</p> | |
| <p>8 Students Strong Community Support Cultural Experts</p> |  |
| <p>2 Highly Trained Staff 3 Community Partners</p> | <p>Focused Fun!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather, Bundle, and Discuss How to Use Sage Making/Canning Huckleberry Make Healthy Breakfast Emotional Writing |
| <p>High Attendance & Engagement</p> | |
| <p>75% of Student Participants Attended 13 or More Days</p> | |

Steps to Recruit Students

Yakama Nation recruited eligible students for their summer program through social media and weekly school announcements. In addition, the director used her extensive network to recruit eligible students. For example, the director recruited students through the McKinney Vento program, which serves youth experiencing homelessness. The director reached out to the homeless families to invite their students to the summer program and provided them with an application to participate.

Yakama Nation's summer program was in person. It ran from June 21 to July 29, 2021, Monday through Thursday, from 10 am to 3 pm. The program was held in person on the school campus. There were no adjustments in the summer program due to COVID-19 other than to follow the COVID school safety guidelines.

Strengths & Successes

Yakama Nation's after-school program had many strengths. First, family members and the community embraced the new 21st CCLC program. Experts and specialists in the community provided strong support by helping teach students. For example, Yakama Nation Wildlife experts came to talk about local wildlife that is important to traditions, and elders came to teach about local plants. The staff and students took field trips to see and experience the places where the wildlife and plants reside to understand their cultural importance and have an interdisciplinary conservation more deeply.

Secondly, the summer program included a focus on establishing and maintaining wellness (physical, mental, and spiritual). Staff from Yakama Nation Behavioral Health facilitated weekly lessons (e.g., on nutrition) and/or hands-on activities for the students, including providing support on weaving Wepa baskets and making rose water.

Challenges

Yakama Nation's challenges included the common challenge of staffing in rural areas, which was heightened by the pandemic. However, the director was skilled at providing programming that met the high school students' desires, as reflected in their continued attendance. In addition, the director thoughtfully used community experts and partners to help supplement the program offerings with fun and engaging presentations and activities. Partners were somewhat challenged to teach about popular local plants and foods (e.g., huckleberries) because the picking season had not arrived yet. However, the director and partners creatively modified the approach to still reach the learning outcomes.

Next Steps

The director reflected on what was learned during the summer program and what to bring forward into the next school year. One lesson learned from the summer program is the importance of letting youth guide the day and not adhering to a strict agenda. Staff tried to implement several ideas, but the students were not engaged. The staff learned to be more flexible and open to students' activity ideas. They will also work to provide more opportunities for student choice among multiple activities each day.

Logic Model

The Yakama Nation after-school program had four objectives:

- **Objective 1: Increase student growth percentiles for math and reading.**

- Objective 2: Improve participants’ social and emotional skills development.
- Objective 3: Increase parents/families’ literacy level and parent engagement.
- Objective 4: Measure quality program implementation and improvement strategies.

Figure 1 shows Yakama Nation Tribal School’s 21st CCLC Logic Model.

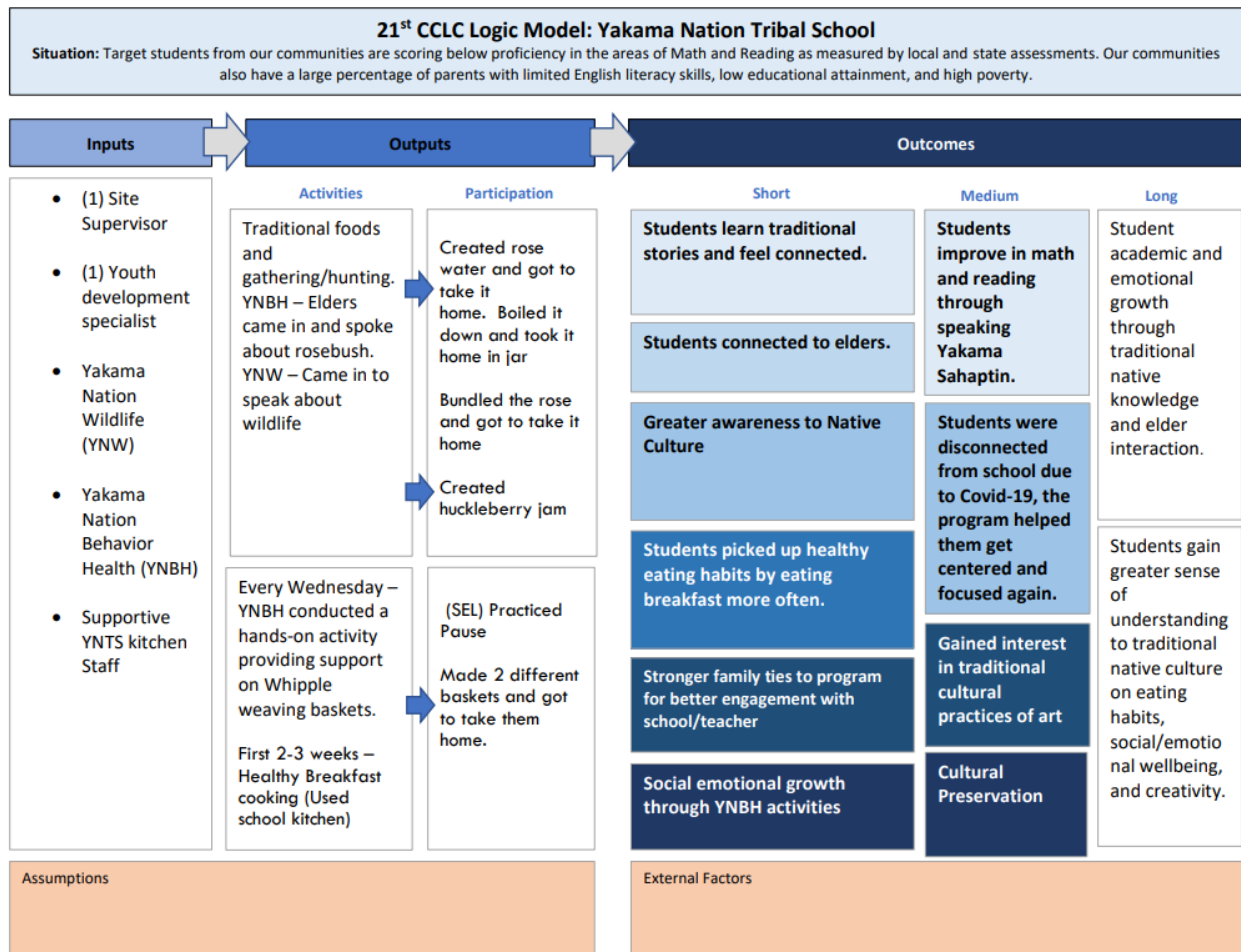


Figure 1. Yakama Nation’s 21st CCLC Logic Model

The program just started in June 2021. Because of this short timeframe, quantitative data were not available to collect to gauge progress toward the objectives. Instead, qualitative data in the form of pictures are offered below (See Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 5.).



Figure 2. Mancala

Students practices strategizing to win mancala.



Figure 3. Connect 4

Through playing Connect 4, students stayed engaged while practicing math skills.



Figure 4. Huckleberries

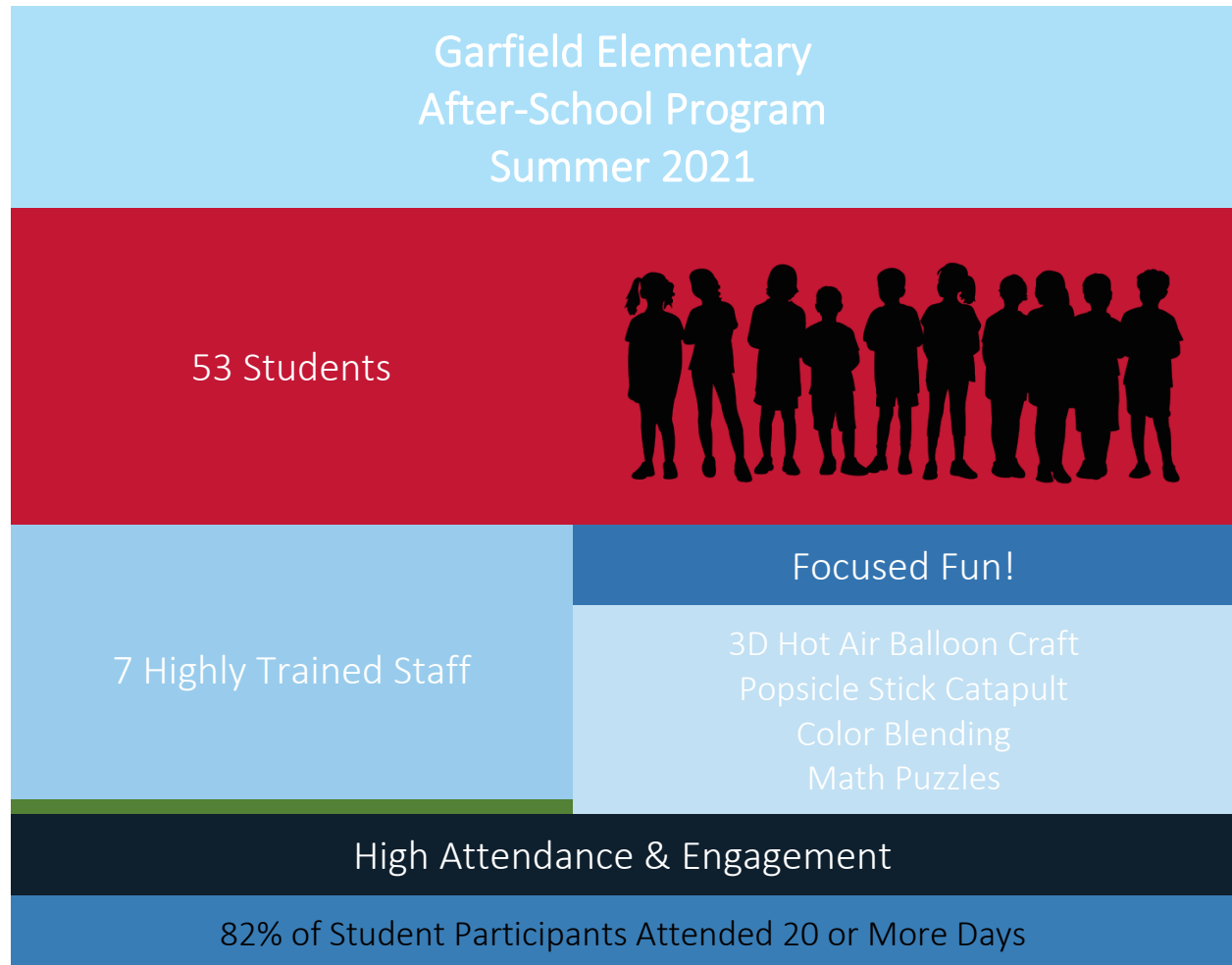
Huckleberries are a traditional food of the Yakama that grow in the mountains on Yakama Nation land.



Figure 5. Wild Rose Hips

Students picked wild rose hips that grow locally to make rose water, a traditional topical spray that has many health benefits.

Garfield Elementary – Toppenish, WA



Attendance

Table 9 lists the number of students who participated in Garfield’s after-school program and how many total hours they attended.

Table 9. Garfield Elementary After-School Program attendance

| Site Location | Participants | # of Hours Attended |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Garfield Elementary | 53 | 115:00 |

Steps to Recruit Students

Garfield’s after-school program was open to the whole school, from kindergarten to fourth grade. It was also open to whomever wanted to join virtually. Site Supervisor Vicky mentions that 95% of the students have

chrome books so that a virtual option would not be an issue. Their goal was to have all students join. To recruit students, they made announcements over the intercom and the site supervisor visited each classroom during her lunch break to talk about some of the activities. Vicky explained what STEM is and that they would be doing STEM activities. Further, they sent letters home to inform the parents of this new program, and the principal added an article about the program in the school newsletter.

Garfield's summer program was held virtually. It ran from June 21 to July 29, 2021.

Strengths & Successes

Garfield's after-school program attributed its strengths and successes to their teachers and para educators. Their willingness to go above and beyond with the virtual activities was a major strength for the program. The teachers were strategic in planning activities that did not require too much adult interaction since they connected virtually. A program strength was that the students at Garfield normally use Chrome Books, which made virtual programming possible. They also made it easy for students to pick up supplies for activities. Every Thursday, students had the opportunity to pick up their activity supplies, which the teachers personally supplied.

The small Toppenish community was impressed by the program and its impact on students. The site supervisor noted that she often received positive feedback on the program and was asked if the program would expand beyond one school.

Challenges

Garfield faced logistical challenges with their program due to the changing environment during COVID-19 and the program's accelerated timeline. Because this was Garfield's first summer program, they found their procedures were underdeveloped, which caused a delay in getting materials for the activities.

Next Steps

Garfield should create clearly defined procedures and work out logistics before starting the program so materials are ready when needed. They also need succession planning for staff to avoid becoming shorthanded in case of staff turnover. They should also continue to inform the community about the program to maintain their strong support and interest.

Logic Model

To adjust to COVID-19, Garfield had to rely on virtual summer programming. In addition, the offerings were extended from 4 weeks to 6 weeks. Because 95% of the students at Garfield have Chromebooks, virtual programming was a viable route. The extension of the summer schedule helped mitigate any learning loss due to COVID-19.

There are four objectives of the Garfield Elementary After School Program:

- **Objective 1: Increase student growth percentiles for math and reading.**
- **Objective 2: Improve participants' social and emotional skills development.**
- **Objective 3: Increase parents/families' literacy level and parent engagement.**
- **Objective 4: Measure quality program implementation and improvement strategies.**

Figure 6 shows Garfield Elementary's 21st CCLC Logic Model.

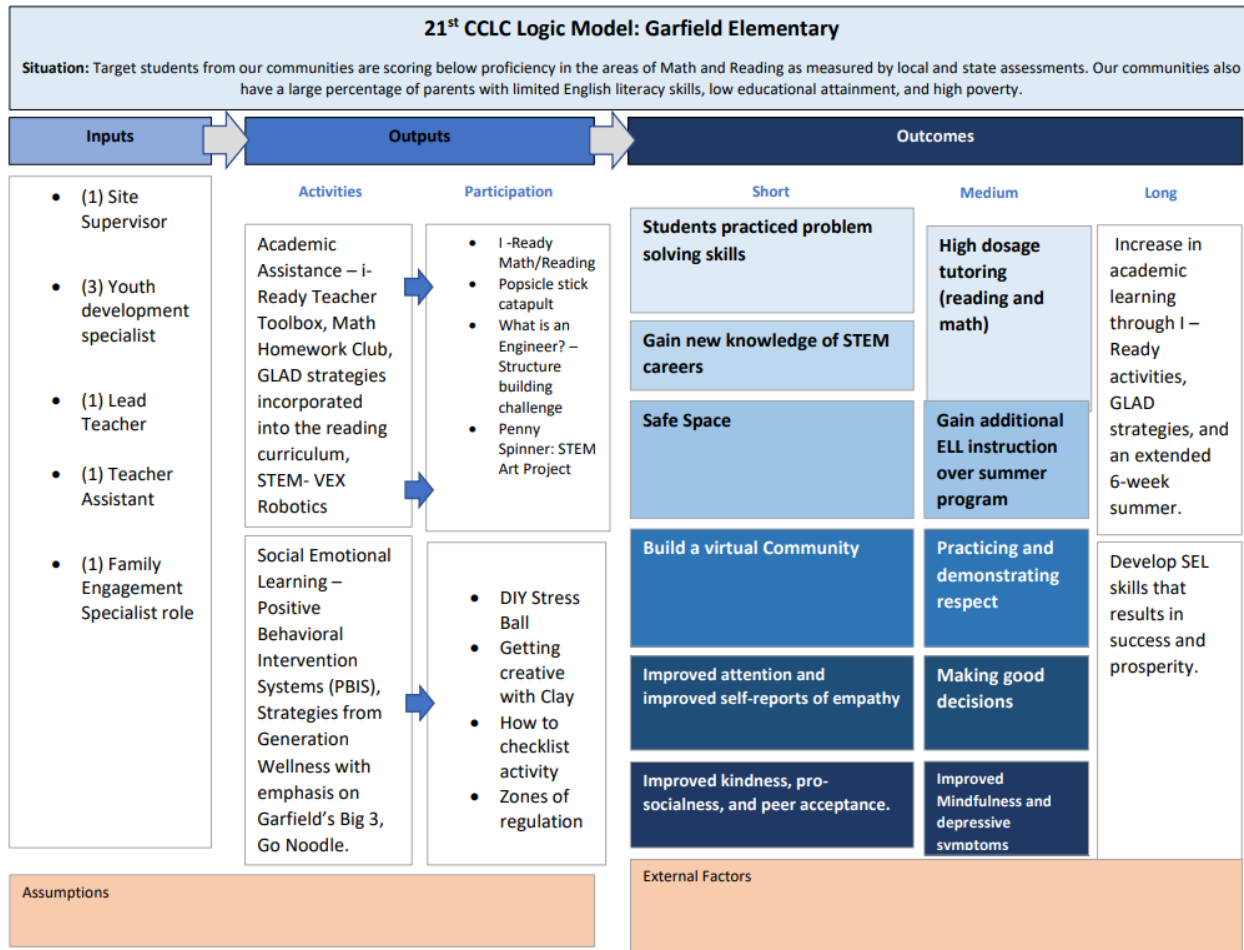


Figure 6. Garfield Elementary’s 21st CCLC Logic Model

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Figure 7. M&M Color Blending

In the M&M rainbow science experiment, students learned the cause and effect of mixing colors to get new colors. This experiment also taught students how sugar dissolves when mixed with warm water.



Figure 8. Getting creative with Clay

This clay activity helped students develop eye/hand coordination and build concepts of form and shape. Art activities, such as working with clay/playdough, build connections in the brain. Art activities build cognitive skills, such as understanding cause and effect and problem-solving.

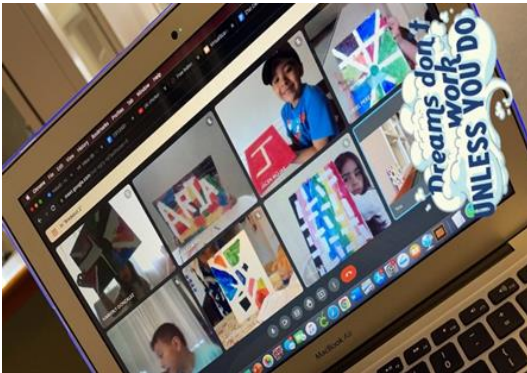
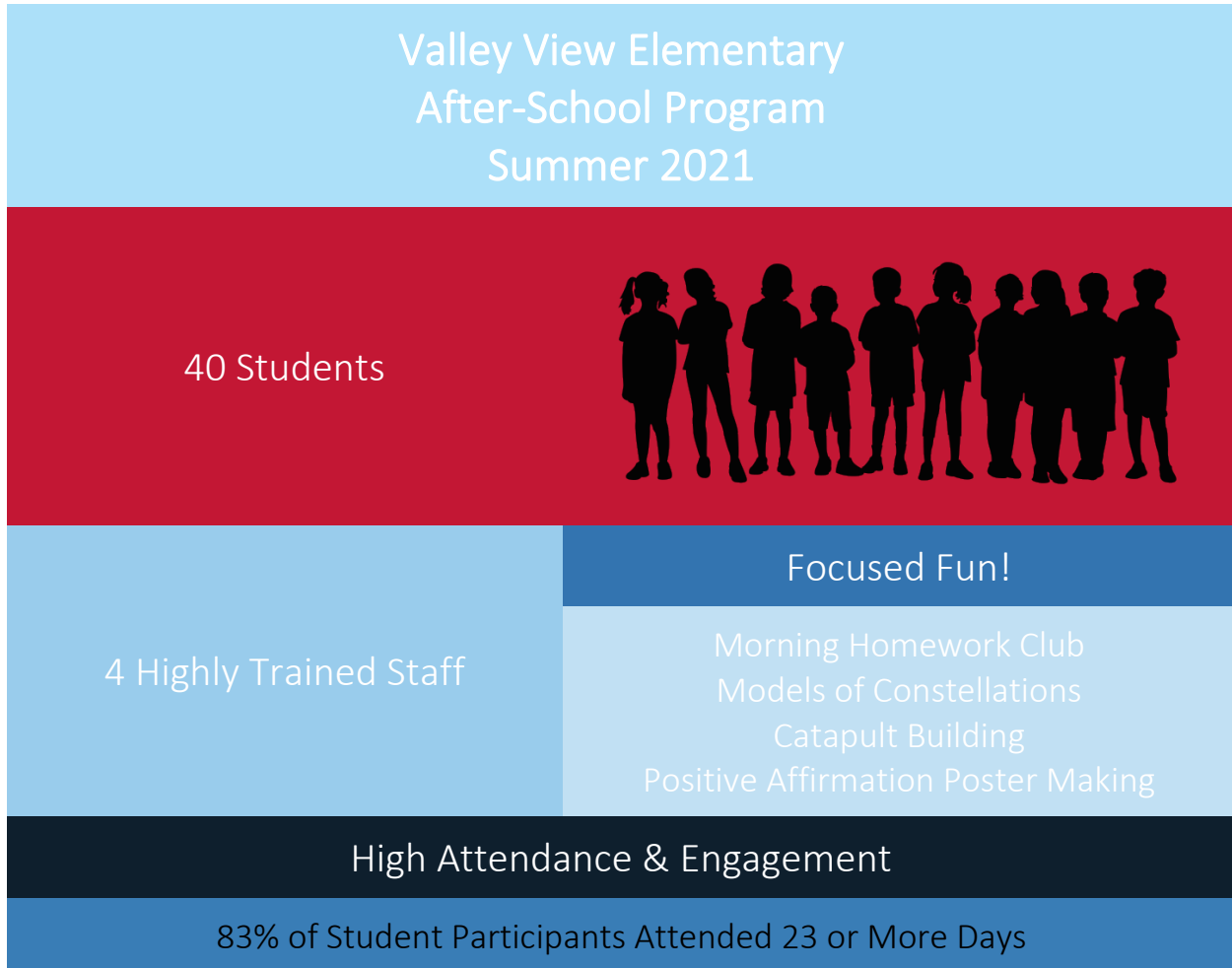


Figure 9. Painter's Tape Art Activity

The painter's tape art activity allowed students to practice creating art by marking off what will not be painted with tape. Students were able to create a unique picture using painter's tape and watercolor paints.

Valley View Elementary – Toppenish, WA



Steps to Recruit Students

At Valley View, the site supervisor first reached out to the previous supervisor for advice. The site supervisor looked at the I-Ready data and started with highest needs students. They then opened it up to students interested in the after-school program. Recruitment was done by sending letters home and following up with phone calls.

As a result of the teacher surveys, the summer programming increased for Year 1, from four to six weeks, to help mitigate learning loss due to COVID-19. Valley View’s summer program was held virtually. It ran from June 28 through August 5, 2021, Monday through Friday, from 11 am to 4 pm.

Strengths & Successes

Staff and community had a big impact on the strengths and successes at Valley View. The teacher staff stepped up and were flexible when faced with challenges. The site supervisor noted that the staff hired for family

connection did a great job at engaging parents/families, which helped with attendance. They were very successful in engaging youth overall and connecting with them virtually. Parents/families could also provide feedback to teachers on after-school activities. The virtual connection had a positive impact on parental perception of the program, which was successful in retaining students for the after-school program. They found that family engagement was up for the virtual options, compared to in-person learning. So, the program will keep the virtual option for homework support for the upcoming school year.

Challenges

One of Valley View's biggest challenges was keeping students engaged in the programming. Due to the virtual nature of the program, they noticed that students had less drive with their projects. Instructors noticed that setting up activities was time consuming and cut into program time. Another challenge for instructors was the activity planning process. Previously, instructors could purchase materials for activities in person, but now they had to order online and wait for the materials. Past surveys were helpful in choosing activities that students were interested in. They recognized the need to trim down the ordering process and tailor activities to student interest.

Next Steps

Valley View plans to continue having strong parental support for the after-school program and will ensure the family engagement specialist has the support they need to maintain strong family connections throughout the year. To maintain students' drive, Valley View plans to continue conducting student surveys to help select activities with high student interest. Valley View also plans to continue providing virtual homework support.

Logic Model

The Valley View after-school program had four objectives:

- **Objective 1: Increase student growth percentiles for math and reading.**
- **Objective 2: Improve participants' social and emotional skills development.**
- **Objective 3: Increase parents/families' literacy level and parent engagement.**
- **Objective 4: Measure quality program implementation and improvement strategies.**

Figure 10 shows Valley View Elementary's 21st CCLC Logic Model.

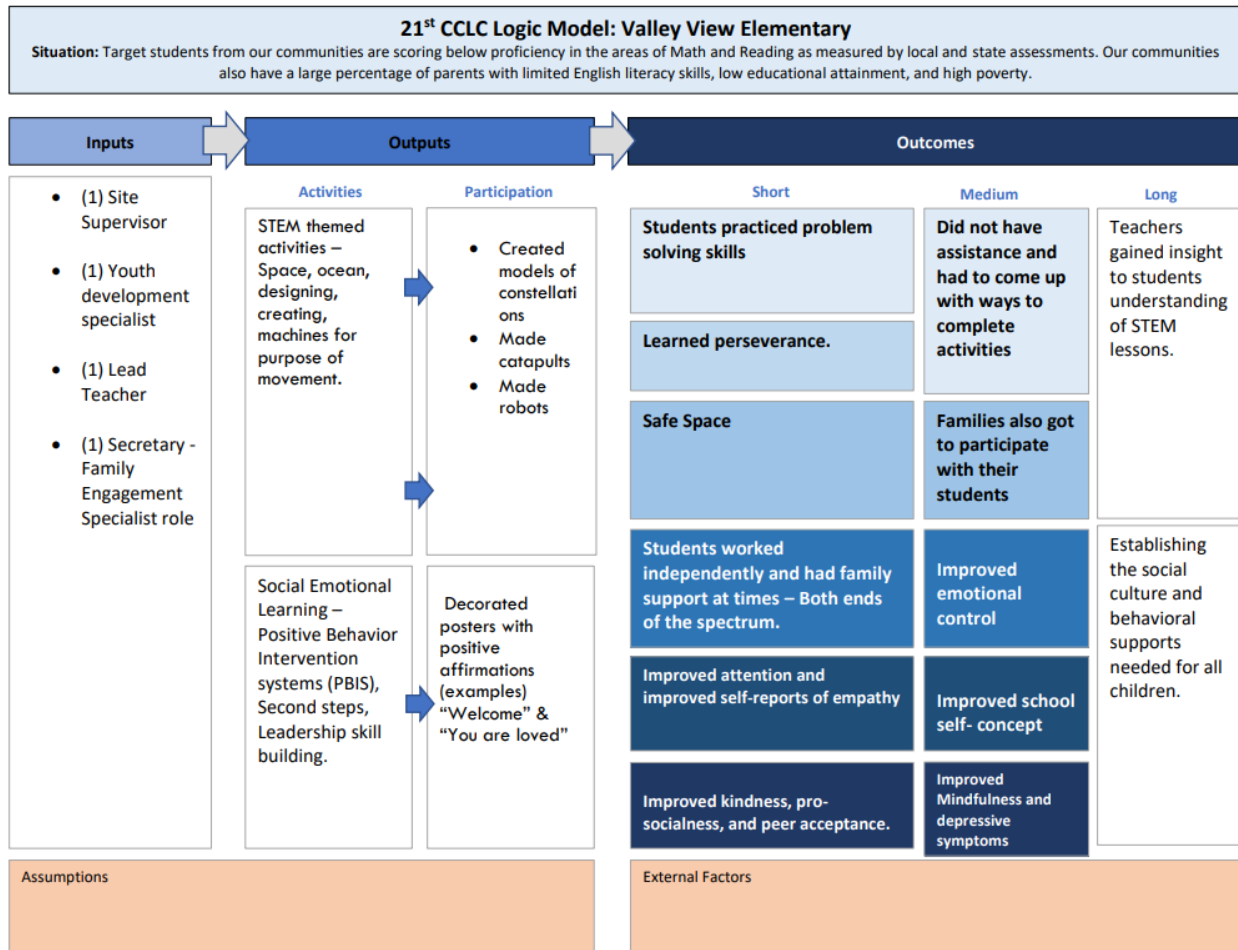


Figure 10. Valley View Elementary's 21st CCLC Logic Model

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Figure 11. Art Puzzle Activity

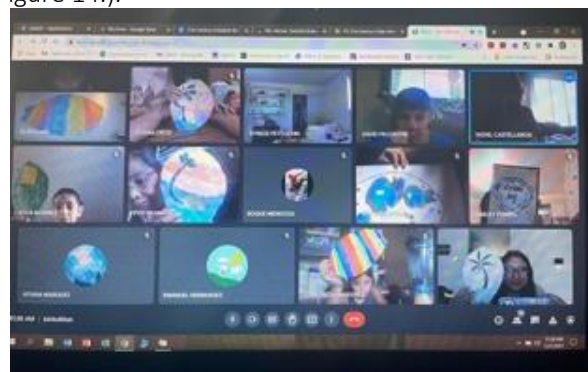


Figure 12. Drawing Activity

The virtual classroom worked on art puzzle drawings. This puzzle activity helped with students'

Students worked on arts and crafts with their teacher. They drew variations of palm trees or art of

cognitive skills, specifically shape recognition, memory, and problem solving.

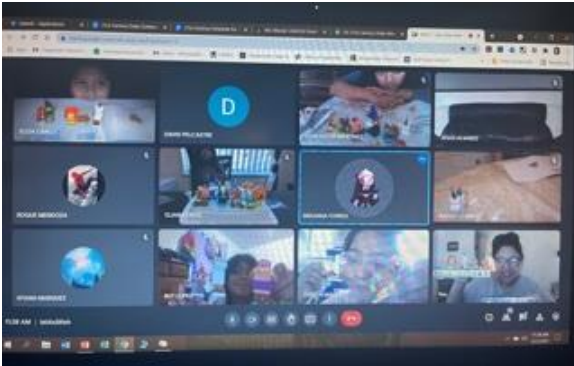


Figure 13. Clay Models Activity

The clay models STEM activity allowed students to use their imaginations and hands to create clay robots.

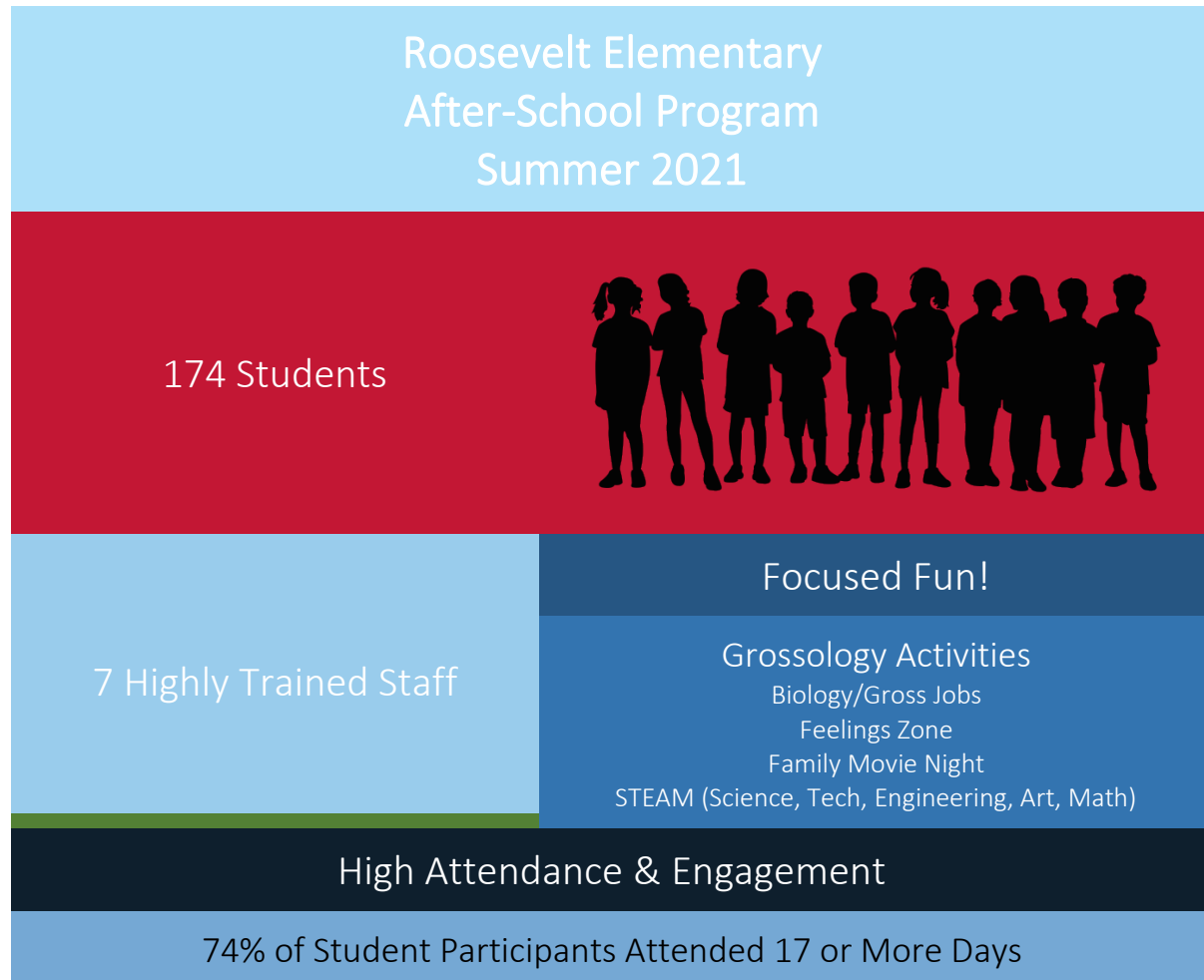
their choice. This activity helped students with their growth mindset, self-confidence, and communication.



Figure 14. Birdhouse-Building Activity

In birdhouse-building activity, students worked individually to construct and paint a birdhouse. Students constructed their birdhouses through teacher instruction and used their own artistic expression to decorate them.

Roosevelt Elementary – Granger, WA



Steps to Recruit Students

Roosevelt did not have a traditional recruitment process for their after-school program. Their process was geared more toward introducing their students and the community. The school offered summer school to as many students as possible with priority going to students in academic need. Sessions were split by grade level and offered for K through fourth grade.

Roosevelt’s summer program was held in person. It ran six weeks to help mitigate learning loss due to COVID-19. The program ran from June 21 to July 29, 2021, from 8:00am to 1:55pm Monday-Thursday. Every student who participated in summer school could do the after-school program, as well, as a way of introducing the program to the community.

Table 10 details Roosevelt’s summer school schedule.

Table 10. Roosevelt summer program schedule and grade level activities

| Time | Grade Level | Activity |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 8–8:35 | All | Attestations |
| 8:35–9:25 | 4 th Grade | STEM/MindWorks |
| 9:30–10 | 3 rd Grade | STEM/MindWorks |
| 10:25–11:15 | 2 nd Grade | STEM/MindWorks/Creative Arts |
| 11:55–12:45 | Kinder | SEL/Creative Arts |
| 1:05–1:55 | 1 st Grade | SEL/Creative Arts |
| Lunch daily 11:20–11:50 Prep daily 1:15–2:30 | | |

Strengths & Successes

Community and staff helped make Roosevelt’s after-school program successful. The program’s talented staff had a positive outlook every day and had zero pushback on any challenge or activities. A major strength of the program was the lead teacher, Ms. Ramirez, who interacted well with all the students and whose bilingual skills allowed her to further connect with students. Another strength was the community’s excitement over the program. The community was glad to hear about the summer program, and family engagement was high during movie nights in the school gymnasium. Their excitement helped boost overall parent and student participation. As a result, the community had a positive understanding of the program and the school staff had positive experiences.

Challenges

One challenge identified for Roosevelt’s program was the need to recalibrate how they meet the younger students’ needs to be comparable with the older kid’s learnings. Roosevelt serves a wide range of grade levels, and activities for older students were not always applicable to younger students. Younger students will need to be included in more hands-on activities to align with the older kids’ activities.

Next Steps

Roosevelt’s after-school program leadership shared that they would like to continue their success in recruiting and retaining students starting in the fall and throughout the 2021-22 school year. They look forward to expanding program offerings in STEM with an attention to social/emotional learning. In addition, they will continue to offer and expand family engagement opportunities. Because of the success over the summer with movie nights, they will continue to offer movie nights and other learning events to meet parents and families’ needs that were expressed earlier this year.

Logic Model

Roosevelt made several adjustments to its original program design due to the pandemic. One adjustment was to ensure each student had an assigned seat to keep track of where students sat and who they sat next to, so staff had a better handle on responding to student who became sick. Also, because of the teacher surveys, Roosevelt increased its summer programming for Year 1, from four to six weeks, to help mitigate learning loss due to COVID-19.

The Roosevelt after-school program had four objectives:

- Objective 1: Increase student growth percentiles for math and reading.
- Objective 2: Improve participants’ social and emotional skills development.
- Objective 3: Increase parents/families’ literacy level and parent engagement.
- Objective 4: Measure quality program implementation and improvement strategies.

Figure 15 shows Roosevelt Elementary’s 21st CCLC Logic Model.

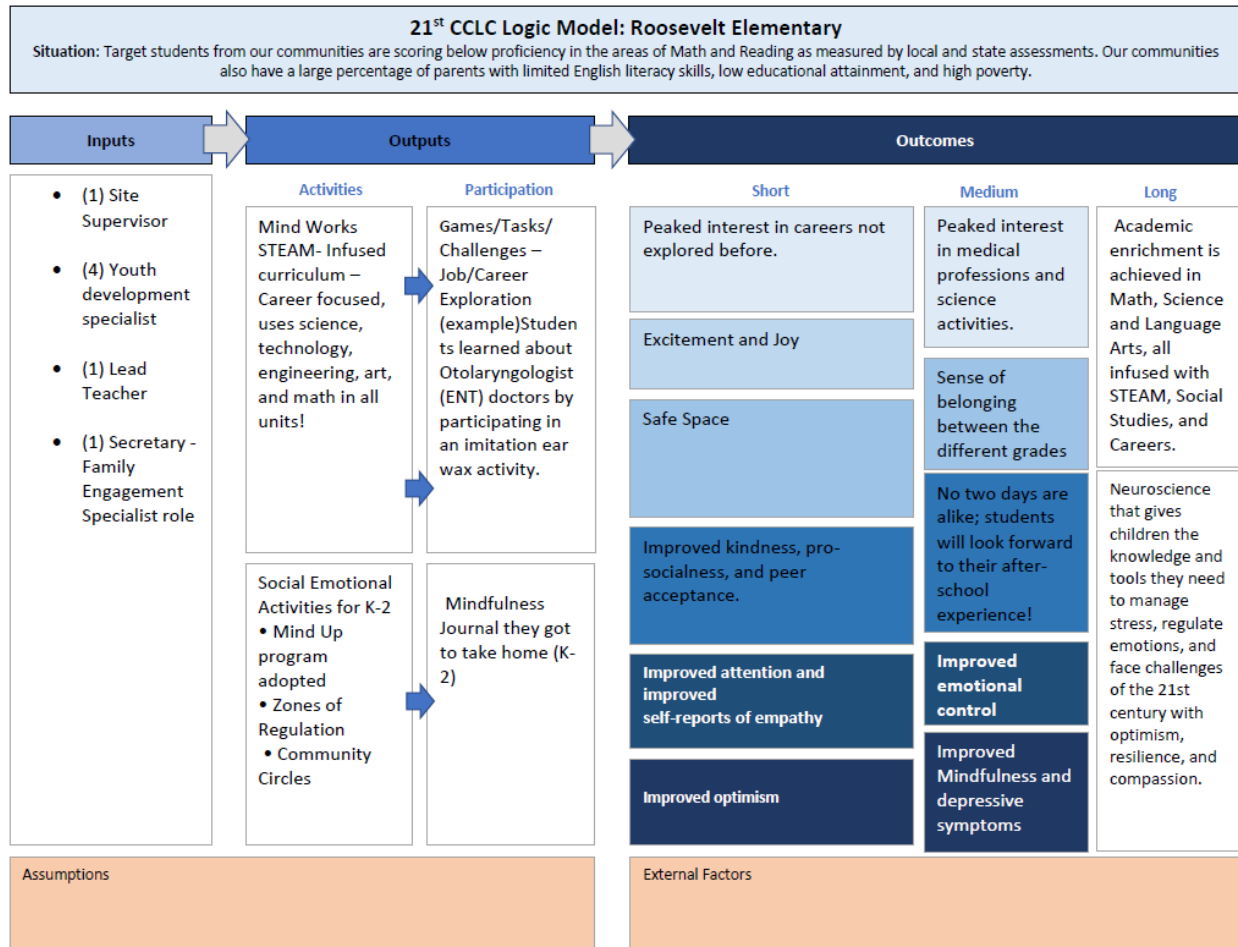


Figure 15. Roosevelt Elementary’s 21st CCLC Logic Model

The program just started in June 2021. Because of this short timeframe, quantitative data were not available to collect to gauge progress toward the objectives. Instead, qualitative data, in the form of pictures, are offered below (See Figure 16, Figure 17, Figure 18, and Figure 19.).



Figure 16. Morning Check In

This is a chart used for emotional learning with the kindergarten students. Every morning, students come into the program and use this chart to understand and express their feelings.



Figure 17. Dr. Pimple Popper Game

Students work in teams to complete the activity. Students earn points for each pimple they pop without exploding the mega zit. The team with the most points is the Pimple Pete champion.



Figure 18. Dr. Pimple Popper Game

In this activity, students practice group processing skills. This activity was chosen to teach students about “disgusting jobs.” With the Dr. Pimple Popper game, the students are practicing dermatological techniques and learning more about the kind of work they do.

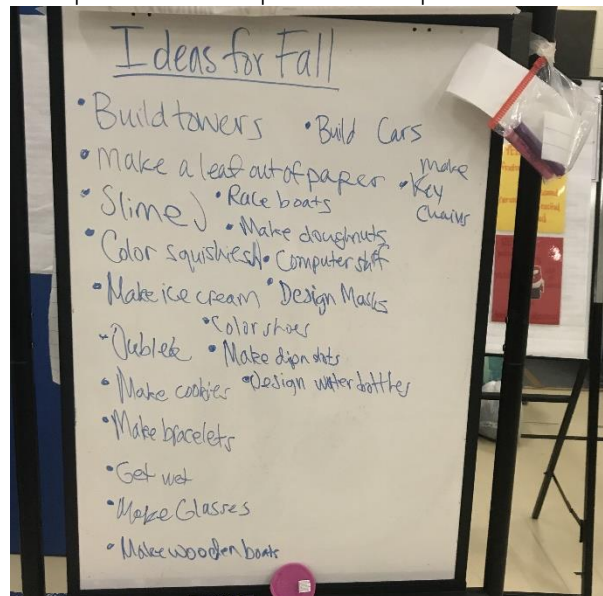


Figure 19. Ideas for Fall

This whiteboard lists students’ activity ideas. Students listed activities that they would like to do and learn more about for the fall.

