



## NJDOE News

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### **DOE Awards 14 Grants as Part of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program**

#### [NJ 21st CCLC 2003 Grantees](#)

The Department of Education (DOE) has awarded 14 grants under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program.

The purpose of the 21st CCLC program is to supplement the education of children who attend low-performing schools and live in high-poverty areas so that they may attain the skills necessary to meet New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Under Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001*, 21st Century Community Learning Centers are defined as centers which offer academic, artistic, and cultural enrichment opportunities to students and their families when school is not in session.

A 21st CCLC program provides participating students with academic enrichment opportunities that complement the regular school day and offer literacy and other educational services to the families of the participating students.

The 21st CCLC grant program is open to public or private agencies as follows: local education agencies (including charter schools, educational service commissions, jointure commissions and special services school districts); nonprofit organizations, city or county government agencies; faith-based organizations (FBOs), and institutions of higher education.

The program is limited to those who serve students in grades 4 through 12 who primarily attend schools eligible to participate in Title I schoolwide programs; or schools that serve a high percentage of low-income students and the families of those students.

New Jersey made a commitment to regionally distribute funds throughout the state and to increase the number of out-of-school-time programs statewide and, in doing so, awarded six grants in the northern, four in the central and four in the southern regions of the state. Awarded grant amounts range from \$232,000 to the maximum allowed of \$500,000. A list and description of all grantees can be found online at <http://www.nj.gov/njded/21cclc/>.

For more information about the NJ 21st CCLC program visit, please visit <http://www.nj.gov/njded/21cclc/> or contact the Office of Program Support Services at (609) 292-5935.

For any other questions, please contact the Department of Education Public Information Office at (609) 292-1126.