



THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
MICHAEL B. COLEMAN, MAYOR

RECREATION AND PARKS
DEPARTMENT



A Comprehensive Approach to After School

A historic step forward was taken in 2000 when Mayor Michael B. Coleman developed a new model for after school programs. Four pilot sites were created at area Community Recreation Centers. This model incorporates trained staff, state-of-the-art technology, high expectations and high performance standards designed to enhance student's academic achievement and to also provide participants with a safe place to learn and play when school is out. We are affectionately known as *Mayor Mike's* Capital Kids.

We serve youth in grades K-5. We are strategically located in areas where the schools have the most need. Columbus City Schools is the feeder school for our program. The maximum number of program participants per site is limited to a max of 35 kids. We currently have Capital Kid programs at the following Community Recreation Center. Contact the site directors for more information:

Beatty
614.645.3635

Fedderson**
614.645.3636

Marion Franklin
614.645.5456

Sullivant
614.645.5587

or contact the Program Director at 614.645.3330

**Effective September 2014 we have discontinued programming at Douglas and have moved back to Fedderson; our original home.

What our Enrichment Program is all about:

- We offer academic assistance, including help with their homework, science projects, reading and math. We are in the schools daily and work with the teachers and administrators on developing achievable learning plans for students. We sit in on IAP's and conferences with families.
- We serve a nutritious hot meal or snack daily, which the children receive as soon as they arrive at the site from school. Our philosophy is that a child can't learn without food as fuel. In partnership with Mid-Ohio Food Bank, we also offer our families free weekend take home groceries.
- We offer enrichment activities such as cooking, gardening, nutrition, drama, art, fitness, Girlscouts and Boyscouts.
- We facilitate prevention programs in anger management, substance abuse, bullying, violence and peer mediation.
- We offer recreation and socialization through ball games, board games, outdoor play and group activities.
- A must for our program is strong family involvement. We have family fun nights, resource referrals, parent/staff conferences, parent/teacher conferences and newsletters.

Our Partners:

The City of Columbus, through the Capital Kids program, provides funding to agencies following the Capital Kids model. Currently, we have 22 other community after school programs we support in addition to our pilot sites. We are pleased to contribute a combined total of nearly \$700k to these agencies. Those partners are:

After School All Stars (Moler/CCAW)
Boys and Girls Club @ Milo Grogan
Central Community House
Columbus Urban League
Communities in Schools
Education Service Center of Central Ohio
Gladden Community House
St. Stephens Community House
United Way/Columbus Kids Ready, Set, Learn
YMCA

Asian American Community Services
COSI
Clintonville Beechwold Center
Community for New Direction
Directions for Youth and Families
Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services
Kaleidoscope Youth Coalition
TECH CORPS Ohio
Vineyard Community Center
YWCA