A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO AFTER SCHOOL

A historic step forward was taken in 2000 when a new model for after school programs was developed. 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 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 after school program. Our spring and summer camp is open to the public. The maximum number of program participants per site is currently limited to 35 participants. We currently have Capital Kid programs at the following Community Recreation Centers. Contact the site directors for more information.

Our mission is to enrich the lives of our citizens.
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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 participate in IAPS 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.

Check us out
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Learn more about our program and to view YouTube videos about the program