What Makes A High-Quality Program? You Tell Us!

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Today’s Objectives

Participants Will:

- **REVIEW** commonly adapted quality standards within NC
- **DISCUSS** which set of standards represents a high quality program
- **SHARE** their take on what it means to have a high-quality program
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Why are Quality Standards Important?

- Improve program quality
- Creates the pathway to improvement tools
- Increase funding
- Helps to align language (when shared)
Our Mission

• To ensure that all young people in Mecklenburg County have access to the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary to lead productive and successful lives.

MeckEd
Inform | Engage | Connect
Embrace the Mission

1. Advocacy
2. Career Pathways
3. Charlotte NEXT
1. ADVOCACY

- College and Career Readiness;
- Out of School Time; and
- The Teacher Crisis: Why great teachers are leaving and what we can do to get them to stay.
2. CAREER PATHWAYS

• Seven years of success and quantifiable impact
• Providing navigational support and removing obstacles to success
• Positively impacting thousands of CMS high school students
• Annually transforming the lives of hundreds of CMS high-need high school students
3. Charlotte NEXT

• As an Intermediary, Charlotte NEXT...
  • Inform knowledge and practice in the field;
  • Build the capacity of individual grantees;
  • Provide technical assistance;
  • Support advocacy efforts;
  • Provide evaluation and accountability metrics, and;
  • Connect funders with grantees.
Mission

To ensure that all middle school students have access to high quality Out of School Time (OST) experiences.

Focus Areas

✓ Awareness
✓ Access
✓ Quality
Awareness: The Locator

- Program Sites: 500+
- **Views**: 10,800+
- Partners:
  - Mayor’s Mentoring Alliance
  - Mecklenburg County Youth Coalition
Access: Program Funding

- School Partnership Grant
  - Awarded $110,000
  - Five Programs
  - Three Partner Schools
- Mini Grant
  - Awarded $32,000
  - Eleven Programs

Through both grants, Charlotte NEXT is impacting over 500 students!
Quality:
Professional Development & Standards

● Professional Development
  ○ 2018-2019
    ■ Awarded $14,000
    ■ Impacted 10,000+ Students
  ○ 2019-2020
    ■ Eight sessions
    ■ Serving 20+ providers
    ■ Potentially impacting 10,000+ Students

● Quality Standards
  ○ Adopted Charlotte-Mecklenburg quality standards to assess Charlotte NEXT programs
Do you use Quality Standards in your program?

Yes

No
What Quality Standards do you use in your program?
Other Recognized Quality Standards

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Activity

Participants Will:

- **SPLIT** into pairs to work together
- **START** at one quality standard
- **REVIEW** the quality standard to make edits
- **ROTATE** to each quality standard to make edits
- **PICK** one indicator to share (if time permits)
In reference to program quality, what will be helpful to you as a provider?
What’s Next?
Upcoming Events for MeckEd

- Teachers of Excellence
  - May 3rd, 5:30pm-8:30pm
- OST PD Capstone
  - May 14th, 9:30am-11:30am

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