

Summer S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Changes Everything!

IYI Kids Count Conference
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Our Mission:

**To ensure that young people in
high-poverty communities have
access**

**to high-quality
summer learning programs.**

The Association works to:

- Increase the number of providers offering high-quality summer learning programs to young people living in poverty;
- Increase the number of organizations and policymakers that identify summer learning as a public policy priority; and,
- Increase funding for high-quality summer learning programs for young people who currently lack choices and opportunities.

SUCCESS this Summer

- **S**et goals
- **U**nderstand what youth and families want
- **C**reate intentional learning experiences
- **C**ommunicate expectations to staff
- **E**ngage kids with creative approaches
- **S**tructure time efficiently
- **S**eek partnerships

Set Goals

- 3-5 academic, social, developmental goals

HOW?

- Analyze standards: McREL, Search Institute
- Talk with feeder schools and afterschool programs
- Needs assessment

Understand what kids and families want

- Be responsive to needs and wants of community

HOW?

- Surveys and focus groups
- Integrate with your program goals

Create Intentional Learning Experiences

- Design activities that help youth reach learning goals

HOW?

- Establish the purpose for each activity
- Connect field trips to learning goals

Communicate Expectations to Staff

- Help staff understand what it means to be an excellent employee

HOW?

- Set expectations before hiring
- Staff observation tools
- Reward excellence

Engage Kids with Creative Approaches

- Offer learning experiences that are unique to summer

HOW?

- Change the physical environment
- Thematic, project-based or hands-on learning

Structure Time Efficiently

- A well-organized schedule can contribute to increased program quality

HOW?

- Lesson plans
- Sequenced activities

Seek Partnerships

- Collaborate to increase access and participation

HOW?

- Identify what you can offer and what you need
- Use your network

Take Action!

- Review action plan
- Discuss your plan

Save the Date!

“Summer Changes Everything!”

Conference

November 9-10, 2010
Indianapolis, IN



The only national conference dedicated to summer!

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