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Lawrence County YMCA

YMCA OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME LEARNING LAB & Y-CARE

Preface

Schools are grappling with the massive and uncharted task of bringing students back into school buildings safely. Many tough decisions are made weighing the balance of in-school education with compliance to the CDC guidelines and state mandates. Communities face these unprecedented times with great thought and consideration. It requires a community to work together on behalf of all the children to navigate these complexities.

The impacts of COVID-19 are putting stress on families who are attempting to adjust to new public health protocols, the potential for alternative school schedules, uncertain child care arrangements, and barriers to many critical support services. Strengthening the out-of-school time system to face these challenges requires a comprehensive approach that addresses the entire child welfare continuum. Partnering with schools and the community to create a shared vision to serve the out-of-school time is more important than ever. The Y is positioned to provide high quality services grounded in evidence-based practices that maximize equitable learning environment for students during their out-of-school time.

It is crucial to address the challenges presented by different learning models that the school may employ including a traditional in-school learning model, a virtual learning model, or a hybrid learning model. The reality of the situation caused by the pandemic requires the schools and supporting services to be flexible and nimble to change within models as the mitigation of the virus changes. It requires a solid partnership in full support of ensuring no child is left behind and reduce the risk of learning loss, lack of physical activity, and social and emotional deficiencies.

Local afterschool programs are an essential part of the school's response to the coronavirus pandemic and will continue to play a critical role through recovery. It is not a duplication of the school services, rather a complement and wrap-around service of child care and learning necessary to advance the child's cognitive and social development. The Y stands ready to help children catch up and keep up which includes ensuring all kids have access to learning opportunities and the support they need to emerge from this crisis strong, resilient and hopeful.

YMCA Out-of-School Programs Proven Effective

- The YMCA is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening community through three focus areas: youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.
- The YMCA is the largest provider of child care. Since the 1960's, Ys have offered childcare programs that support working families by providing a safe environment. Youth development staff are well trained to plan activities that support academics, build character and resilience, and provide opportunities to play and be active.
- Today, Ys continue to seamlessly transition from school year to summer and from traditional pre-COVID to new innovative models that still support students' needs in a safe manner to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.
- Afterschool programs connect kids with caring adults trained to provide developmental supports proven to help youth develop social skills, gain self-control and confidence, build healthy relationships, improve work habits and academic grades, and reduce risky behavior.

Program Overview

YMCA Learning Lab and Y-Care Program aligns with and compliments the work of the school district to advance a positive and equitable learning environment for all youth. The program focuses on the same interests as the school district with a commitment to social-emotional learning, academic achievement, reduction of learning loss, and character development.

1. Provide childcare for working families
2. Provide Academic Support - individual tutoring, small group tutoring, and small group homework support
3. Coordinate with teachers to address specific areas of learning loss and to help students who are struggling
4. Close achievement and opportunity gaps by providing academic support and enrichment programs such as STEAM, arts, and physical education
5. Coordinate with food programs to provide food for kids and families
6. Provide social and emotional support during this crisis and create some normalcy for learning
7. Provide a safe and clean environment adhering to CDC and state recommendations for the operation of child care and youth programs

Key Considerations

- Due to the coronavirus pandemic, no one can predict how schools will need to adapt their schedules throughout this school year. The Y will continue to be flexible to support the needs of "out of school time" for parents and families. The following schedule is based on the "out of school time" projected for Fall 2020.
- The Y will supplement the "out of school time" and provide child care, tutoring, homework support, and structured out of school enrichment activities that will enhance cognitive, social, and emotional development.
- Schedules are subject to change as the defined "out of school time" changes.
- The Y will maintain a financial assistance program to support families and not turn anyone away due to the inability to pay. The Y will raise local philanthropic dollars to support the financial assistance program.
- Payment for services are due the Friday prior to services.
- Programs with an asterisk are eligible for application with the Department of Social Services for payment/partial payment of services using an income eligibility formula. (Parent must be working during the time the services are provided to be eligible.)
- All programs require a pre-registration
- Enrollment packet with more information is available by contacting Whitney Savage at (724) 658-4766.
- Plans A, B, C, & D include homework & academic support and enrichment activities

<p>PLAN A*</p> <p>Designed for families who need child care M-F If Schools have shut down.</p>	<p>Child Care Services provided Monday through Friday 6:30 am until 6:00 pm at the Downtown YMCA</p> <p>Weekly Fee: \$135/week YMCA Family Member: \$125/week; Multiple Children – 10% discount on second+ child</p>
<p>PLAN B*</p> <p>DROP IN CARE</p> <p>Designed for families who need full day care for days school is not in session due to school holiday or in-service.</p>	<p>Child Care Services provided Monday through Friday 6:30 am until 6:00 pm at the Downtown YMCA</p> <p>Daily Fee: \$30/DAY YMCA Family Member: \$27/day Multiple Children – 10% discount on second + child</p>
<p>PLAN C*</p> <p>Designed for families who need child care only on school days when school is in session. Before & After School</p>	<p>Child Care Services provided Monday through Friday from 6:30 am before school and after school until 6:00 pm at Downtown YMCA</p> <p>Weekly Fee: Before/After School: \$85/wk \$75/wk family member</p> <p>Before School Only: \$50/wk \$42.50/wk family member</p> <p>After School Only: \$60/wk \$55/wk family member</p> <p>Multiple Children – 10% discount on second+ child</p>
<p>PLAN D*</p> <p>Virtual Learners</p> <p>Designed for families who have varying work schedules</p>	<p>Parents must turn in a weekly reservation form with payment by noon on Friday for the following week.</p> <p>Full Day provided 6:30 am – 6:00 pm at the Downtown YMCA - \$30/day \$27/ day Family Member</p> <p>Multiple Children – 10% discount on second+ child</p>
<p>Homework Support – One on One Tutor Support</p> <p>Designed for families who do not need child care and want individual academic support for their child</p>	<p>Homework Support & Tutoring Sessions: A tutor will work one-on-one with the students grades K-6 to teach, guide, and assist the student with the assigned homework and academic learning agenda. Appointments are made with a grade/subject appropriate tutor at least 48 hours in advance.</p> <p>1 hour session - \$20/hour Block of ten (10) 1-hour sessions - \$180</p>
<p>Virtual Homework Support</p> <p>Designed for families who prefer not to be in-person for homework help</p>	<p>Homework Support & Tutoring Sessions: A tutor will work with a student on-line to help with homework assignments and engage in enrichment programs. Appointments are made with a grade/subject appropriate tutor at least 48 hours in advance.</p> <p>1 hour session - \$20/hour Block of ten (10) 1-hour sessions - \$180</p>

Maintaining A Safe Environment

The YMCA has been providing child care since the COVID-19 Shutdown in March. The complete safety plan is available on the YMCA website. The Y has a comprehensive safety plan for the licensed childcare program - following safety protocols are key components of the plan to mitigate the spread of the virus:

- Parents will bring their child(ren) to the entry of the YMCA. Parent and child wash their hands upon entry and have their temperature checked. If temperature is below 100 degrees, the parent can escort their child to the assigned room. Failure would result in the child being sent home. (Staff follow the same protocol prior to the start of their shift)
- Staff are required to wear masks at all times.
- Children are required to wash their hands and have their temperature taken throughout the day.
- Students and staff are required to stay home if they are not feeling well
- YMCA staff will continuously clean surfaces.
- Children will not share any equipment or supplies. Consumable supplies will be assigned and labeled for use by the student. Equipment will be cleaned between use.
- Students stay with their groups throughout the day with the same staff. Every effort is made not to intermingle groups.
- In addition to regular cleaning throughout the day, a deep cleaning of all rooms and facilities will be completed daily.
- Children must wear masks; please attach your child's mask to a lanyard with their name on it. The children may remove masks when 6ft apart or while eating and during gross motor play.