

FY2021 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	Getting Back to the Basics		
Project Name:	Project Lighten Up Summer Day Camp		
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020)	
	FINAL	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020)	
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2021 - March 31, 2021)	
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021)	

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Overall project updates:	<p>Project Lighten Up: A Community Summer Day Camp: initially we collaborated with several other agencies to make this summer day a success. However due to COVID-19 we had to cancel those collaboration plans, and field trip plans. We had to rethink how to operate summer day camp under the recommendations of the CDC and Governor Roy Cooper's policy and requirements for meeting as a camp. After much thought and careful consideration, we decided to open camp Monday through Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm and ended camp on July 13, 2020. Our regular camp started around the second week in June. Our target number of children based upon our initial application was 100 campers. However, with COVID-19 we had planned to be enrolled fifty (50), but we were only able to enroll fifteen students (15) We could not get parents to send their child(ren) to camp. We intended to follow our mission and goals regardless of the condition. We had to think of doing activities different. We had self-contained classes. We were not exactly a one room schoolhouse where all the grades are combined into one classroom. We had four classrooms: (3) 5-6-year old, (3) 7 years to 8 years old, (5) Nine-year old, and (4) 11-year old. The counselors covered our usual subject: Reading, Math, Arts and Crafts, Self-Development, and Recreation.</p>
COVID-19 impacts:	<p>Regular we enrolled 100 campers, but this year, we were only able to enroll 15 campers. Regular hours of operation 7:30am to 6:00pm. COVID-19 hours 9:00am to 4:00pm. Field trips to WLOS, Nature Center, Swimming, Skating, Ramsey Dairy Farm canceled. Two weekly field trips to the Arboretum and to the Blue Ridge Mountain hiking trail and Visitor Center. Due to COVID-19 we served lunch in the classrooms to prevent movement. Buncombe County provide lunches. Due to COVID-19 canceled STEM projects supported by UNCA. Due to COVID-19: Daily disinfecting of building three times more in cost than general custodial cleaning of building. Implemented daily CDC guidelines to check campers, staff, and visitors. No visitors were allowed in the building. We incurred higher cost using internet. Maintained social distancing inside and outside of building. All employee had regular background check but also required all staff to have a Negative COVID-19 Test. In regular summer breaks students lose two grade levels of math and reading during a normal summer break. Now school shutting down in March, we had to contemplate what we could do to offset this loss of reading and math skills.</p> <p>At the end of camp, we regularly have a Closing Ceremony the last week of camp on Thursday. We invited the parents and community to the ceremony where the campers show case what they learn and created during the summer and they also display their talents of singing, dancing, poetry, mine dancing, praise dancing, speech and various other talents. Due to COVID-19 we canceled the Closing Ceremony, and quietly brought summer day camp 2020 to a closed for the year.</p>

Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:	We intentionally sought to have a diverse staff, ten percent were White, and ninety percent were Black. Most of our staff were African American since most of our campers are from African American homes.
Activities related to increasing operational excellence:	

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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of children served with summer day camp	130	15	-	-	-	15
% of campers that meet academic goals, such as book reading	80%	90%	-	-	-	90%
% of campers that meet physical activity goals, such as athletic participation	80%	90%	-	-	-	90%
% of campers that meet self-expression goals, such as journaling	80%	90%	-	-	-	90%
% of campers that score higher on first semester test 2020 than first semester 2019	60%	unknown	-	-	-	0%

Comments:

Due to COVID-19 Buncombe County and Asheville City Schools started late, initiated virtual learning into their education operations. No one is certain how school shut down will impact how students score on the First Semester Test. We are still waiting for First Semester Scores.

We accomplished our goal to serve underserved, low income families. We help shorten the achievement gap by preventing summer learning loss.

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$17,050	\$17,050				\$0
Training						\$0
Supplies/Materials						\$0
Meetings						\$0
Equipment/Furniture						\$0
Printing/Marketing						\$0
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions						\$0
Client Support						\$0
Contracts						\$0
Professional Services	\$1,000	\$1,000				\$0
Insurance and Bonds	\$2,000	\$2,000				\$0
Building Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,000				\$0
Total	\$21,050	\$21,050	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Comments: