

The 21st CCLC Connection



STARLIGHT FEATURE

Well-rounded Education with 21CCLC School District Partners

21CCLC programs, with strong school partnerships, demonstrate the power of well-rounded education by bringing the community together.

Big Horn CSD #1&2 is a shining example. Alumni Brittany Rivera, now a UW student, found a community need for kids to learn a useful skill. This led to "sewing monsters," a club where elementary students learn to sew. Coordinator Jodi Croft reports two community members volunteered as "sewing experts," and a staff member donated supplies for the Halloween-themed creations. Crook CSD #1 also has an afterschool sewing club.

21CCLC programs also strengthen family and community bonds. Families at Sublette CSD #9 programs enjoyed an ornament decorating night, with one parent commenting, "This is why we love our small town. Big towns don't bring you together like this."

Excitement is spreading! In Sheridan CSD #1, a parent in Shelby Filer's ski club at Henry A. Coffeen Elementary was so thrilled their son finally spoke to his mom about something other than video games.

A well-rounded 21CCLC education goes beyond academics, including life skills, community engagement, and personal growth. It features hands-on learning, like the sewing club, and fosters social bonds by uniting students, families, experts, and alumni for shared activities. Ultimately, it offers enriching opportunities for holistic growth, preparing children for life both in and out of the classroom.

Photos:

- Students engaged in hands-on learning in Big Horn #1 & #2.
- 21st CCLC Thrive holiday family-engagement activity in Sublette #9.



COMMUNITY CONSTELLATIONS

2026 Summer Mentor's Program

Are you looking to expand your impact this summer? The 2026 Summer Mentor's Program is now accepting interest. This program is a fantastic opportunity to bring dedicated mentorship to your summer sites, enhancing the quality of programming and providing role models for your students.

What: Information on hosting and participating in the Summer Mentor program.

Learn More: Review the full information packet and requirements.

SOAR INTO THE DETAILS

RISING STARS

The V.O.L.T Squad

Voice • Ownership • Leadership • Team



The Wyoming 21CCLC is launching The V.O.L.T. Squad, a new statewide youth advisory group dedicated to centering Youth Voice in our afterschool programs.

The Goal:

To empower students to provide direct feedback, shape programming, and take ownership of their out-of-school time experiences. This squad will ensure that our programs remain relevant, engaging, and student-centered.

Who Should Apply?

We are asking 21st CCLC Program Directors to nominate students who show leadership potential, or encourage youth to apply directly if they are passionate about making a difference in their program.

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