



Memorandum

TO: ALL CHILDREN ACHIEVE
COMMITTEE

FROM: Sara L. Hensley

SUBJECT: SAN JOSÉ AFTER SCHOOL
IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

DATE: 02-24-05

Approved

Date

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a report to the All Children Achieve Committee on the San José After School program for 2004-2005.

BACKGROUND

In 2003-2004, the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS) consolidated all after school programs into one unit, entitled San José After School (SJAS). With this change, the Homework Center Program, the School Age Growth and Enrichment Program (SAGE), and the grant-funded Literacy, Education, Arts, Recreation Nurture Students/After School Enrichment Program (LEARNS/ASEP), the programs were integrated to streamline staff, consolidate the evaluation processes, and provide a focused direction to improve the quality of after school programs.

The SJAS unit delivers three levels of service based on the following service component criteria via direct service and contracted partner organizations:

- Level One: Basic recreation and/or homework assistance.
- Level Two: Integration of recreation with the homework assistance component.
- Level Three: Comprehensive programs offered with a linkage to State curriculum standards, including literacy, math and science, leadership, education, and cultural arts with homework assistance and recreation components.

This memo outlines the current status of the SJAS program that will be discussed in the presentation.

ANALYSIS

Over the past few months SJAS has taken the following actions toward continued success of its programs:

- Applied for and has received notification as a Community Learning Lab for the State of California's Region V 21st Century and Healthy Start sites. This designation showcases our sites as providers of exemplary after school programming, and will participate in a traveling learning lab beginning Fall 2005.
- Applied for and received one time 21st Century Community Learning Center grants to provide more summer program hours this year (\$164,000).
- Provided asset based development trainings to all after school site coordinators and staff specialists.
- Supported and helped coordinate the California School-Age Consortium (Cal-Sac) local mini conference at Gavilan College.
- Provided a Level I Homework Center workshop for current and new applicants.
- Assisted in the review of Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund's education proposals affecting after school programming.
- Contracted with 20 enrichment providers to offer a range of arts programs at our Level 3 sites.

Next Steps:

Over the next few months SJAS will be producing:

- Level I Homework Center application summaries for individual Council Office review;
- Comprehensive final evaluation of all levels of SJAS via Community Crime Prevention Associates; and
- Program plans for the amount of summer camps and drop in programs to be provided Summer of 2005.

COST IMPLICATIONS

The SJAS 2004-2005 program funding is broken down as follows: \$1.7M State of California After School Education and Safety Program (ASEP) grant; \$1.4M Federal Government 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grants; \$2.4M HNVF grant for Level I

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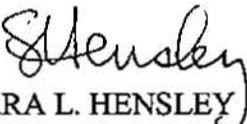
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Homework centers; and \$2.1M from General Fund School Age Growth and Enrichment (SAGE) program.

COORDINATION

This report was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.


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and Neighborhood Services