



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

National 4-H Council (4-H Afterschool) and Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Introduction

The Boys & Girls Club of America (BGCA) provides positive programs, services and activities for school-aged children throughout the United States. National 4-H Council partners with 4-H at all levels providing training and support, curriculum development, fostering innovative programming, and facilitating meetings and connections within the 4-H partnership. National 4-H Council is involved with many 4-H programming areas. However, this MOA involves the partnership of BGCA and the 4-H Afterschool (4-H AS) program administered through National 4-H Council. 4-H Afterschool is a special focused effort within the 4-H Youth Development Program to increase the quality and availability of after-school programs that serve school-age youth, ages 5 - 18. Both organizations strive to connect their services with communities to improve the condition of youth and agree that expanding the number and quality of partnerships between local Boys & Girls Clubs and 4-H AS programs is desirable and for the benefit of children. These organizations realize that by forming a strategic partnership they can avoid duplication of efforts at the national, regional and local levels, as well as capitalize on the individual strengths of each organization to achieve the goal of improved conditions for youth.

This Memorandum of Agreement establishes guidelines for collaboration between the two organizations for the purpose of increasing the number and quality of partnerships between local 4-H AS programs and local Boys & Girls Clubs. The primary goals of this partnership are to 1) improve the quality, and 2) increase the availability of after-school programs. It creates a channel for all parties to work in concert to achieve improved communication, coordination and collaboration.

Agreement

Boys & Girls Clubs of America and National 4-H Council (4-H Afterschool) hereby agree to work together to:

1. Develop model programs in local communities that demonstrate:
 - Integration with and support of local 4-H AS programs/Boys & Girls Club partnerships;

- Increased positive impact on youth when the local Boys & Girls Club and the local 4-H AS program work in partnership;
 - Increased positive impact on the community environment when the local 4-H AS programs and local Boys & Girls Club work in partnership.
2. Increase the number of local 4-H AS programs offering 4-H programming and curricula within local Boys & Girls Club facilities, especially in communities with facilities not realizing full potential of positive youth development programs and services;
 3. Identify creative and innovative opportunities to promote local 4-H AS programs and local Boys & Girls Club partnerships;
 4. Encourage their respective members to support the other's programs in their communities and to seek collaborative opportunities whenever feasible and mutually beneficial;
 5. Use as appropriate and available their respective print and electronic communications to inform its membership of the other's programs and services;
 6. When feasible and mutually agreed upon, cooperate on and jointly develop grant proposals, RFPs, and other revenue-producing efforts for the expansion of local Boys & Girls Club/local 4-H AS program services to children and youth;
 7. Respectively provide preferred consideration for exhibit booth space and presentation time at national, regional and state gatherings;
 8. Respectively share information and data relative to programs and services provided at the local and national levels;
 9. Increase collegiality, recognition, support and resource sharing;
 10. Strategically leverage resources among organizations; and
 11. Include minority, limited English proficient, and disabled populations in local programs during the implementation of the goals of the partnership

Meetings and Reporting

To accomplish these objectives, there will be regular scheduled meetings among the partners. This activity will be based upon mutually agreed on criteria in order to establish the future direction of the partnership.

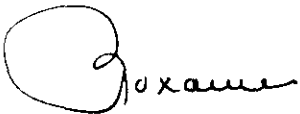
Funding

Nothing in this MOA shall be deemed to be a commitment or obligation of National 4-H Council (4-H Afterschool) or BGCA funds.

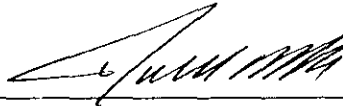
Duration

This MOA is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials of National 4-H Council (4-H Afterschool) and BGCA. This MOA shall become effective for one year upon the signature by authorized officials from National 4-H Council and BGCA. This MOA will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any authorized official of National 4-H Council or BGCA.

Signed,



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President
Boys & Girls Clubs of America



Donald T. Floyd
President & CEO
National 4-H Council

Date: _____

Date: 4-2-04