



English Learner Partners Asset Sheet

These potential partners can help benefit your program in various ways. Scan this list and identify the partners/assets you will approach to assist with English learner programming.

Potential Asset	Benefits and Abilities
<i>Cultural Centers and Museums</i>	<p>These organizations promote culture and the arts. Examples include community arts organizations, private facilities, and nonprofit or public/government-sponsored organizations. They can bring communities together through services, events and classes in a safe environment. They can provide staff, training and space to host events that promote and celebrate the rich cultures represented in the community.</p>
<i>Local School/ District</i>	<p>The local school and school district have a wealth of resources, including many or all of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EL-infused curriculum and activities• Professional development in sheltered instruction and instructional strategies that make content comprehensible for English learners• Title III funding and resources• The shared goal of increasing student achievement and language acquisition levels• Teachers of EL students who can help staff your 21st CCLC program and use sheltered instructional strategies in out-of-school activities• Administrators who can provide information and data you need• School library and a librarian who can direct you to multicultural books and literacy initiatives• Counselors who can help with social and emotional well-being and support newcomer students and families as they adjust to a new culture, and to situations like family reunification after months or years apart.• IT specialists who can support software and technology needs
<i>Local Library</i>	<p>Libraries can provide access to print, audio, and electronic books and learning materials in a variety of languages. They often have programs and activities that span a variety of ages and interest areas, like book clubs, digital literacy sessions, current events, computer classes, music appreciation, arts and crafts, volunteer opportunities, and health and wellness. They can also provide staff to lead, host and participate in activities and events.</p>



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<p><i>Affordable Farmers Market</i></p> <p>Example: The People's Nite Market</p>	<p>Affordable farmers markets are becoming more prevalent in areas that have been designated as food deserts — urban areas where it's difficult to find or buy affordable, quality, fresh food. These markets offer affordable fruits, vegetables and culinary herbs. They can also serve as an avenue for your families who grow their own food or make nutritional alternatives and want to sell them, which contributes to the wellness of their community. They also connect families interested in farming or starting a small business to a network of farmers and related resources.</p> <p>Farmers markets are usually open during times when most families are able to attend. Some food banks also have a Farmers Market Nutrition Program where they distribute vouchers from a local food bank or subsidized food programs.</p>
<p><i>Food Bank</i></p>	<p>Local food banks offer many resources, which may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food assistance and distribution programs that help stock a food pantry available to families in your community, or mobile pantries • Food fairs that provide access to fresh food and to health and wellness workshops • Fresh fruits, vegetables and culinary herbs that are locally grown • A Farmers Market Nutrition Program • Extended partnerships through partner agencies that can assist your program in a variety of ways • Access to job opportunities • Speakers and tours of facilities such as farms and distribution centers • Farming lessons that can help you create a vegetable garden at your school or in your community
<p><i>Microlending Institutions</i></p> <p>Examples: LiftFund and National Association of Latino Community Asset Builders</p>	<p>Microlending institutions are typically nonprofit organizations that receive funding through other lending institutions and nonprofit organizations whose mission is community asset building in communities of color. They provide small business loans and minority business loans for women, startups and entrepreneurs with limited access to capital, so they have a chance to live their dreams and build a stronger economy.</p> <p>In addition to offering affordable small business loans, microlending institutions may also provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes on starting a small business • Tools and templates for writing a small business plan





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A network of like-minded entrepreneurs who've successfully started and grown a small business• Online courses in finance and management, with tips and tools for starting or growing a small business• Access to articles and stories to inspire students and families• Access to financial advisors who can help families at all stages of growth in their small business ventures• Speakers and seminars• Access to legal services through their partner agencies• Credit counseling
<i>Health/Counseling Service Organizations</i>	<p>Health service organizations can help in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culturally relevant workshops and educational programs on nutritional eating• Health screenings• Professionals who can counsel students and families, provide tools for social and emotional well-being, and provide other health services• Help with the family reunification process by providing counseling and strategies for families who've spent significant time apart and are now seeking to reconnect and bond
<i>Law Offices That Provide Pro Bono Services</i>	<p>As part of their civic duty, law offices provide pro bono services to individuals. These may include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immigration and citizenship services• Workshops and information on participating in the census• Small business and startup legal advice related to managing contracts; ensuring legal compliance; and becoming certified in designations that include small businesses, minority-owned, woman-owned, veteran-owned, etc.
<i>Colleges and Universities</i>	<p>Colleges and universities are equipped to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify students from the community you serve who can become staff members, tutors and mentors in your 21st CCLC program• Host college-day events, campus tours, and introductions to support services they provide to help ensure a student's smooth transition to college. These sessions can be delivered in your EL students' and families' first languages and connect them to student organizations that can provide support.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information on financial aid, programs, and scholarships, and help families plan to support their child if he or she decides to attend college
<i>Workforce Development Agencies</i>	<p>Workforce development agencies can be an integral partner for families and students in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshops for adults and high school students on how to write resumes, dress for success, and engage in an interview• Connect students and families with businesses or fields they aspire to work in• Career counseling• Conducting job fairs
<i>Businesses</i>	<p>Local businesses can assist in providing workshops to adult learners. Also, they might provide volunteers, connect your program with community resources or offer in-kind donations.</p> <p>Some businesses may provide real-world examples and experiences as their staff members work alongside students, to increase achievement in various content areas. They also may provide employment and training opportunities to help prepare students or adult family members for potential employment.</p>
<i>Churches and Other Places of Worship</i>	<p>Often, a local church has support services and connections to other resources that support their communities, including English learners and immigrant families. They may offer English classes and may be able to provide staffing to support your efforts.</p>
<i>Banks/Credit Unions</i>	<p>These institutions often look for opportunities to serve their community, and your out-of-school time program might be a perfect fit. Some banks and credit unions are willing to set up a banking branch in a school. Easy access to banking services benefits students, their families and people who work at the school.</p>
<i>Chamber of Commerce</i>	<p>Your local chamber of commerce provides instant access to an entire network of local businesses and organizations, and they often provide seminars on topics like resume writing and workforce skills.</p>
<i>Senior Center</i>	<p>Seniors who are or were ELs themselves can help students and families by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passing down stories about their home country, culture and families



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharing their stories and lessons learned on how they transitioned to a new culture and supported their own children through school, college and beyond• Reading to and tutoring students in their first languages and in English, furthering their first-language literacy, which has been proven to accelerate second-language acquisition• Serving as a “grandparent” or elder who has much wisdom to be shared <p>Seniors who are native English speakers can help by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tutoring and reading to ELs; engaging with native speakers can accelerate language acquisition for the EL.• Sharing information about their own culture, community and language. Retired seniors have a variety of life experiences and cultural knowledge, and often seek out opportunities to work with young people.
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