

Council of Chief State School Officers Director, Extended Learning and Supports

Organization

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is a nonpartisan, nationwide, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of elementary and secondary education in the states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and five U.S. extra-state jurisdictions. CCSSO provides leadership, advocacy, and technical assistance on major educational issues. CCSSO seeks member consensus on major educational issues and expresses their views to civic and professional organizations, federal agencies, Congress, and the public.

Position

CCSSO is seeking a full-time Director, Extended Learning and Supports, within its Next Generation Learners (NxGL) strategic initiative. The director will be responsible for providing leadership, direction, and expertise to build collective state action and capacity to ensure that high-quality extended learning opportunities (ELOs) - including afterschool and summer programs, extended day/year initiatives, online learning, service learning, and other key supports - are essential components of educational systems.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- > Work closely with Supporting Student Success (S3) partners to co-implement the S3 initiative including providing ongoing technical assistance to the state leadership teams focused on their articulated plans
- > Collaborate with other national organizations that comprise the Afterschool Technical Assistance Collaborative (ATAC) to provide direct assistance to the Mott Foundation-funded statewide afterschool networks
- > Develop issue briefs and reports on key issues related to ELOs and supports for next generation learners
- > Provide expertise, technical assistance, and ongoing support to state education agency staff who administer ELOs, including 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) and Supplemental Educational Services (SES)
- > Provide expertise to chief state school officers focused on how ELOs can support students and transform the education system to meet the needs of next generation learners
- > Represent CCSSO on key external committees, boards, and advisory groups related to ELOs and the NxGL strategic initiative
- > Manage the expansion of CCSSO's online ELO Toolkit
- > Develop grant proposals and seek additional sources of funds to support CCSSO's work on extended learning opportunities, learning supports, and NxGL initiatives

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- > Knowledge of federal education policy and current legislation
- > Understanding of best practices in high-quality ELOs, especially those that serve low-income populations
- > Familiarity with federal funding streams that support ELOs, including 21st CCLC and SES
- > Capacity to work well with groups and build consensus for initiatives and policies
- > Proposal development and garnering resources to support program activities
- > Excellent oral and written communication, research, and analytical skills
- > Solid leadership, judgment, and problem-solving skills
- > Ability to multi-task and work effectively under pressure
- > Evidenced concern for and commitment to improving education and systems of support for all young people, particularly from economically disadvantaged backgrounds

Education and Experience

- > Minimum five years experience in public policy analysis and project management, including staff supervision
- > Master's degree in education, public policy, or psychology (or equivalent experience) preferred
- > Direct-service experience with children preferred
- > State education agency experience preferred