

Application for Certification as an External Evaluator for 21st CCLC Afterschool Grantees

The 21st CCLC grantees are required to contract with a certified outside evaluator to review, analyze, and jointly reflect upon the data collected over the course of the year specific to the three goals related to 1) academic achievement and efficacy, 2) program effectiveness, and 3) college and career readiness. The External Evaluation process requires the completion of a guided reflection document by the program administrator together with a certified external evaluator. Note: This requirement applies to Cohort 8, future cohorts, and grantees in Cohort 6 & 7 that have opted to use the new External Evaluation plan.

Individuals seeking certification as a 21st CCLC External Evaluator must have a master's degree in education, child/youth development, policy, or other related area which ensures knowledge of quantitative and qualitative methods, experience conducting program/project evaluations, and attend one of two 21st CCLC External Evaluator training session held on January 14, 2016 and February 5, 2016 by the Missouri AfterSchool Network (MASN).

Please note that the information submitted below will be provided to 21st CCLC Grantees if all certification criteria are met. Submit completed form to Terri Foulkes at foulkest@missouri.edu. You must submit the application for review PRIOR to receiving confirmation of registration for the External Evaluator training.

Contact Information

Name: Jeri A. Levesque, Ed.D.
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Geography

I am willing to consult with programs statewide or in these parts of the state:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statewide	<input type="checkbox"/> Northeast	<input type="checkbox"/> Northwest
<input type="checkbox"/> East	<input type="checkbox"/> Central	<input type="checkbox"/> West
<input type="checkbox"/> Southeast	<input type="checkbox"/> South-central	<input type="checkbox"/> Southwest

Current Employment

Current Employer: Center of Effort LLC
Current Title: President, Primary Evaluator Years of relevant experience: 25

Education

Highest Level of Education*: Masters EdD PhD Other _____
Area of study: Educational Leadership Date awarded: 1989
Institution: University of Missouri-St. Louis

* Verification: Please attach a copy of the transcript showing highest degree awarded or MOPD ID number if you are in the MOPD Registry with documentation already on file. MOPD ID: 142270

Experience

Please list any previous employment at DESE funded 21st CCLC or SAC grantees (current grantees are not eligible for certification):

North Central Missouri Education Cooperative (North Mercer, fiscal agent) - current
Jennings School District - current

Please list any current or previous employment with non-DESE funded afterschool programs:

I wrote the initial 21st CCLC grant (pro bono) for Shell Knob.

Please list any current or previous experience evaluating afterschool programs:

External Evaluator, Governor's TANF Grant to Ferguson, through the University of Missouri-St. Louis (fiscal agent) administered by North Campus, St. Louis, MO. Program serves youth in the 21st Ward of St. Louis with afterschool and summer educational programs (2015-current).

My work with Even Start evaluation included before and afterschool educational services for teen pregnant women and young mothers.

Please list any other relevant evaluation experience:

- ✓ *Primary evaluator* for more than 127 million dollars of federally funded education, literacy, and parental engagement projects. Holds National Institutes of Health IRB certificate.
- ✓ *Senior Research and Evaluation Consultant* for the National Center For Family Literacy. Primary Investigator, Social Innovation Fund (Detroit, MI), English Learners and Literacy Family Literacy Grant and the Toyota Family Literacy Program Exemplary Cities Research Project (2012)
- ✓ Independent Evaluator, Genesee County and Flint Literacy Task Force, Family Literacy Program. Flint, MI (2015 - current).
- ✓ Associate Adjunct Professor, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Colleges of Education and Arts & Sciences. Teach doctoral courses in Evaluation Planning and Advanced Evaluation Methodologies (2015 – current).
- ✓ *Successful grant writer* of Math and Science Partnerships, Ready to Learn (co-writer), Even Start, Early Reading First, Barbara Bush Family Literacy Foundation, Parent Information Resource Centers, Missouri State Sponsored Professional Development, Missouri State Library, and Adult Education and Literacy, US ED Office of Educational Research Investigations funding.
- ✓ Awarded *faculty status (aka, Tenure)* at Webster University, Associate Professor School of Education (1989-2004). Chaired Committee to Review Faculty and University Judicial Committee. Acting Department Chair (1990), Coordinator of the Reading Program.
- ✓ Conducted a *needs assessment project* for planning for a state competing for Race to the Top (U.S. Department of Education). The state was one of the 11 awards granted during Round 2.
- ✓ *Lead Evaluator* for Missouri Reading First (\$108 million, five year project) Evaluation conducted at the University of Missouri-St. Louis (approximately \$3 million, five year contract, 2004-2009). Appointed Affiliate Associate Professor, College of Education.
- ✓ *State Evaluator Missouri* (MO Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) and *Kentucky* (KY Department of Education) Even Start Family Literacy Program. Local evaluator for 35 different local Even Start program in MO and Kentucky since 1990. Responsible for approximately 6.5 million dollars worth of federally sponsored projects in three states. Projects involve adult education, preschool, and elementary education outcomes and implementation evaluation.
- ✓ *Project Director*, Missouri Family Literacy Initiative. Three year statewide project funded by USED. Successful initiation of a state law that allocated state school formula funding for Local Education Agencies with significant

numbers of students at risk to establish family literacy programs. Approximately \$6 million was awarded the year the project was funded.

- ✓ *Independent Evaluator*, Missouri Parent Information Resource Center-LIFT (St. Louis) 1997-2011, funded for approximately \$1 million per year.
- ✓ *Independent Evaluator*, St. Louis Barbara Bush Family Literacy Project (2007-2009), funded at \$75,000 per project year.
- ✓ *Independent Evaluator*, Early Reading First projects at the St. Louis Public Schools and Kansas City Missouri School Districts (2006-present). Combined awards to the district were approximately \$8 million.
- ✓ *Independent Evaluator*, U.S. Department of Education Math and Science Partnership SLOP English Language Learners, Math, and Science Projects Kansas City Missouri School District.
- ✓ *Independent Evaluator*, 21st Century Comprehensive Learning Center; Universally Designed Learning Community. North Central Missouri Regional Cooperative.
- ✓ *Co-author* of a book to assist leadership teams in schools to evaluate reading programs.
- ✓ *Author* of articles published in professional refereed journals such as *The Reading Teacher*, *Journal of Teacher Education*, and *The Missouri Reader*.
- ✓ *Presenter* of work at annual conferences for the International Reading Association, National Center for Family Literacy, and others.
- ✓ *Outstanding Alumni* of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- ✓ *Owner*, Center of Effort LLC working with independent contractors for evaluation, research, grant writing, and professional development. National Woman's Business Enterprise Certified.

Release Statement

I understand that if I meet the criteria to become a certified 21st CCLC External Evaluator, the information provided above will be made available on the MASN and DESE websites to assist 21st CCLC grantees in the selection of a certified external evaluator to assist with their outside evaluation.

I understand that the list of certified 21st CCLC External Evaluators for the 2015-16 grant year will be posted for grantees to review and select certified evaluators, and that this application, supporting documentation, and attendance at the required 21st CCLC External Evaluator training must be completed prior to 2/15/16. Furthermore, I understand that my certification is only for the 2015-16 grant year and that I will be required to participate in additional training or other requirements in order to earn certification for future grant years.

I understand that MASN and DESE are providing the framework and oversight of the External Evaluation process, but that each individual grantee is responsible for contracting with and meeting with the certified External Evaluator of their choosing. I understand that attending the required training and becoming certified does not guarantee that I will be selected by a 21st CCLC grantee as their External Evaluator. I understand that grantees may select a different External Evaluator each year if they choose.

I understand that if I am selected by a 21st CCLC grantee for their 21st CCLC External Evaluation that I will be compensated by the grantee at a rate of \$2000 for the grantee with one site and \$200 per additional site after the first site. The grantee will contract directly with the certified External Evaluator.

Jeri A. Levesque, Ed.D.

Signature

January 7, 2016

Date

For office use only:

- Signed application
- Not currently employed by 21st CCLC grantee
- Verified education level and related field
- Previous evaluation experience
- Required training (Date: _____)