

Director Update- Regional Training- June 2010

Antonio Greene and John Kea attended the mandatory regional training workshop for 21st Century Community Learning Center Cohort 5 grantees. The workshop was engaging and highlighted various changes to federal and state reporting. The major highlight of the meeting was the discussion about the proposed budget and program assessment. The grant that we received is for programming to accommodate academically challenged students in grades 7-12.

The summer program is in session and approximately 92 students have enrolled in the summer restoration and enrichment program. What is different about the program this year is the offering of restored credit for a maximum of 100 middle school and high school students. Students participating in the summer program are receiving computer-based instruction in the subjects of math, English and social studies. There are 7 certified teachers assisting the students with their computer based instruction with the use of PLATO.

Students participating in the program receive breakfast and lunch daily. The attendance rate for the first week of the program was at approximately 96%. Students also participate in engaging recreational activities with supervision from the college interns. We are happy to report that 3/6 of the college interns are Penn Wood High School graduates. The college interns assist students with activities such as fitness instruction, UNO card game, SPADES card game, chess, XBOX 360, Nintendo Wii, movie DVDs, along with other engaging activities.

We are consistently looking for ways to make the summer program a fun and enriching experience. Students and staff are enjoying the opportunity of working together in an attempt to improve educational relationships and student academic achievement. We are planning a family open house for parents and siblings to visit the site and participate in activities alike. Our plans are to engage families and community in focus groups during the summer to enhance our planning for a student mentor program, family activity nights, community partnerships, family academic enrichment activities, program sustainability, and grant-writing to support student success over the next 3 years of the grant.