



Leadership Council Expectations

The Oklahoma Partnership for Expanded Learning (OPEL) is structured following a collaborative governance model in which a cross-section of stakeholders have agreed to share responsibilities, resources and accountability in order to achieve the goals and objectives of the network. All partners are actively involved in the process of defining clear goals and objectives that will achieve the collective vision of the network and the oversight of the network as a whole. The Leadership Council has overall responsibility for strategic planning, revenue attainment and community relations.

OPEL also acts as a professional learning and networking community. Membership is open to all Oklahoma residents who are personally or professionally associated with afterschool programming. Membership is formalized through a Partner Agreement between the individual and the OPEL, which will include a statement of goals and commitment by the individual, and his/her expectations as a partner of the network.

Mission: To build and sustain a statewide alliance that connects partners, promotes quality and advances public policy to increase expanded learning opportunities.

Vision: All Oklahoma families have access to nurturing, engaging, empowering and purposeful, expanded learning opportunities of excellence.

OPEL Background

OPEL is focused on improving out-of-school time and opportunities for children and youth, particularly low-income children, and is geared toward achieving three goals:

1. **Public Will:** Develop a network of statewide, regional, and local out-of-school time initiatives, partners and programs to build public will which supports afterschool and summer programming across Oklahoma.
2. **Policy:** Focus on defining the current afterschool needs for the state of Oklahoma. Increasing awareness with elected officials on the importance of expanded learning to increase educational attainment and workforce development. Ultimate goal is to procure a state funded revenue stream for expanded learning.
3. **Improve Quality of Expanded Learning Opportunities Statewide:** Increase the quality and success of all afterschool and summer programs through a

combination of information sharing, peer networking, access to research, professional development and evaluation.

Leadership Council

Statement of Purpose

The Leadership Council is an overarching network of leaders from state and local agencies, organizations and corporations. The Leadership Council advocates for state policy, funding and standards which support the continuous improvement of expanded learning programs and opportunities in Oklahoma.

Membership

The Leadership Council can include a wide range of standing members and a pipeline succession plan for the chair occurring as Secretary in year one (1), to Co-Chair in year two (2), to Chair in year three (3). Members meet quarterly and serve three-year renewable terms in alignment with the Partnership's fiscal year: October through September. Members are expected to attend at least three (3) meetings annually and to attend meetings in person, although conference call participation is acceptable.

Leadership Council Functions

1. Fund Development
 - a. Leverage and utilize talents, relationships and resources to support the advancement of OPEL's vision, mission and programs
2. Raise Community Profile
 - a. Serve as the advocacy base and voice for OPEL
 - b. Build relationships with target community partners
3. Strategic Planning and Visioning
 - a. Define/set the direction for the OPEL mission and vision
 - b. Actively develop and support the 3-5 year strategic objectives/plan of the OPEL
 - c. Monitor evaluation of OPEL success

Expectations of Leadership Council Members

- To carry out the OPEL mission and vision
- To actively participate in the OPEL meetings, workshops, etc.
- To participate in the process of creating a funding plan including developing, connecting and assisting with match funds
- To identify and share resources including (and not limited to) training, technical assistance, subject matter expertise, etc.
- To support OPEL financially or through in-kind contributions
- To promptly respond to Action Item emails, phone calls, surveys, etc.

Commitments of Leadership Council Members

- Members are expected to attend at least three (3) meetings annually and to attend meetings in person, although conference call participation is acceptable. Should a member change positions or leave the agency during the term, that member is responsible for notifying the Partnership in writing and identifying a replacement contact.

- To accept full-term OPEL assignment