

Illinois Out-of-School Time (OST) Advisory Council



Background

Currently, multiple state agencies use a variety of systems to grant funding to schools and community-based organizations (CBOs) in Illinois to provide OST and youth development. This causes gaps in funding opportunities for OST programs (decreasing the ability to plan for sustainability) and limits the impact of programs on youth and families.

OST Programs in Illinois...



Improve Academics



Prevent Violence



Provide Child Care



Proposed Legislation & Goals

Senator Villanueva and Representative Ortiz are introducing legislation to establish an OST Advisory Council. The OST Advisory Council will provide information and advice to the Governor and state agencies regarding state and federal issues affecting OST programs. Issues include:

- Accessibility of programming
- Grant management and reporting requirements
- Research and evaluation
- Licensure

Members



- ILGA members
- OST providers
- Community school leaders
- Principals and superintendents
- ISBE, IDHS, ICJIA, and the Department of Early Childhood
- Philanthropy
- Researcher or evaluator
- Public members with interest in OST (law enforcement, business, youth advocates)

**Support the creation of the Illinois OST Advisory Council!
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