

## Georgia Department of Education 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers FY 25 Common Data Elements Form



6/18/2025 Subgrantee: Walters Success Academy 1. Attendance # of Students Registered Students Attending at least Total Number of Cumulative Total Number of Attending  $\geq 30$ Total Number of Parent Opportunities Students Targeted 1 day or 1 hour Parents Attending days or 90 hours) Number: 134 Number: Number: Number: Number: 195 104 2. Objectives Total Objectives Met Not Met Other 8 Number: Number: Number: 17 Number: 1 8 3. GTID Number of Student GTIDs Reported in Transact/Cayen 134 4. Report Card Grades 4A. English Language Arts Students Students Students in grade levels 7,8,10,11,&12 Attending at least 1 day or 1 Students in grade levels 7,8,10,11,&12 Attending at least 1 without without hour 1st Semester ELA Grade day or 1 hour 2nd Semester ELA Grade Grades Grades Α В D or F Number Α В  $\mathbf{C}$ D or F Number Identify the preferred if it is not letter grades 4B. Math Students Students Students in grade levels 7,8,10,11,&12 Attending at least 1 day or 1 Students in grade levels 7,8,10,11,&12 Attending at least 1 day without without hour 1st Semester Math Grade or 1 hour 2nd Semester Math Grade Grades Grades C Number Α В D or F Number В C D or F Identify the preferred if it is not letter grades 5. Teacher Reported Engagement in Learning Survey for Students in grades 1-5 Survey Question #1: Satisfactorily completes homework or assignments? Significant Decline **Slight Decline** Did not need to improve Slight Improvement Significant Improvement % 15 33 28 17 **Total Number** Survey Question #2: Participates in class and is attentive? of Surveys **Slight Decline** Did not need to improve **Slight Improvement Significant Decline Significant Improvement** Completed 3 28 % **Survey Question #3: Demonstrates a motivation to learn? Significant Decline Slight Decline** Did not need to improve **Slight Improvement Significant Improvement** 6 10 % 27 33 25 % % 109 6. Partners Number of **Total Amount of Contributions** Partners 12,830

### **Walters Club Success Academy**

# **Boys and Girls Clubs of Lanier 21st Century Community Learning Center Evaluation**

**2024-2025 School Year** 

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### **Overview and History**

The Walters Club Success Academy of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lanier (BCGL) 21st Century program is held in Gainesville, Georgia in a stand-alone site adjoining the Lyman Hall

Elementary School campus. The current program began through a Georgia Department of Education grant awarded in 2019. It targets K-5 students at Lyman Hall Elementary School through an after-school program of extended academic instruction and original activities designed to enhance and enrich participation and learning. Program goals and objectives focus on student achievement improvement in the areas of English language arts and mathematics, homework completion, student behavior, student attendance, family literacy, and family involvement. Certified and/or trained personnel that complemented the traditional school activities and allowed for academic and personal growth delivered academic and enrichment instruction. Reading and mathematics instruction occurs through the creative implementation of instruction by Georgia-certified teachers supplemented with the instructional support of resources such as technology-based software. Enrichment activities during the program included STEM, soccer, photography, and hosting holiday celebrations at the club.

The program targets a predominately-Hispanic population with a large percentage of English language learners. Sara Gonzalez serves as the program coordinator, Arizaid Guzman is the site coordinator, Neusa Wendt is the lead teacher, and Elana Martin is the data specialist. The program is also supported by K-5 grade level Georgia certified teachers, BCGL Youth Development Professionals (YDPs), and community volunteers.

### **Student Attendance and Enrollment**

The Walters Club Success Academy of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lanier 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Program registered 104 students during 2024-2025. Of those 104 students, 96 were considered regular attendees as a result of attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year. The average daily attendance on site was 87 students per day. The average daily attendance of all students enrolled was 84%. The average daily attendance of regular attendees was 91%. Student attendance and enrollment data are summarized in Table A.

Table A. Student Attendance and Enrollment

Participant Attendance and Enrollment*				
		Average	Daily Attendance	Daily Attendance %
# of Students		Daily	% of Students	of Regular
Enrolled		Attendance	Enrolled	Attendees

	# of Regular Attendees			
104	96	87	84%	91%

<sup>\*</sup>Data collected from TransACT Dashboard

Table B describes the demographics of the registered students attending at least one day. These students were composed of 49 males, 55 females, 102 Hispanic students, 2 White Students, 5 English language learners, and 7 students with disabilities.

Table B. Registered Student Demographics (attending at least one day)

Participant Demographics					
Gender		Ethnicity	EL	SWD	Econ.
Male	Female	Black/Hispanic/White/Other	LL	SWD	Disadv.
49	55	0/102/2/0	5	7	103

### **Program Operation**

The Walters Club Success Academy began the after-school program August 5, 2024 and ended it for the 2024-2025 school year on May 21, 2025. The after-school program began at 2:30 p.m. and ended at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday each week. The program was composed of an after school nutritional snack time, homework assistance, mathematics and reading extended learning, and enrichment activities including Art, Sports Leagues, Culinary Arts, Soccer, STEAM, and holiday celebrations. The 21st Century Program included the parent/guardian component that provided for parent literacy/education activities (57 participants, 65 households) and family involvement/enrichment activities (32 participants, 65 households). Table C describes the service time for the 2024-2025 program.

Table C. Walters Club 21st Century Program Operation

Student Participant Program Operation					
Days Per	Days Per Total Total Hours Per Hours per Total				
Week	Weeks	Days	Day	Week	Hours
5	36	180	3	15	540

### **Quality of Staffing**

The Walters Club Success Academy employed 22 staff members that included 13 school-day teachers, 3 center administrators, 6 youth development professionals. Of the staff members, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission certified all content instructional personnel. The

student to staff (school-day teachers plus youth development professionals) ratio among regularly attending students was 4.63:1, satisfying the guideline requirements.

The Walters Club of BCGL 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC leadership staff includes Sara Gonzalez, Program Director, Arizaid Guzman, Site Coordinator, Elana Martin, Data Specialist, and Neusa Wendt, Lead Teacher. Neusa Wendt is a Georgia teacher certified through the Professional Standards Commission (PSC). Leadership supported staff performance through the identification of instructional needs, defining targeted interventions, and implementing appropriate professional learning opportunities. Many professional learning opportunities were offered throughout the school year. Walters BCGL staff participated in regular weekly meetings to discuss issues, concerns, plans, procedures, policies, and professional development needs as they arose. Additionally, contracted tutors/enrichment providers met monthly for the same purpose. Table **D** describes the professional learning provided for all staff.

Table D. Walters - 21st Century Staff Professional Learning

Training Name	Positions required	Training Hours
New Hire Onboarding	All New Hires	5
CPR/First Aid	All Positions	2
Mandated Reporting	All Positions	1
Positive Behavior Guidance	All Positions	2
Classroom Management	All Positions	2
Working with Students with	All Positions	1
Special Needs		
Afterschool/Summer	All Positions	2
Orientations: Goals and		
Objectives		
BGCA Curriculum -	Youth Development Professionals, Site	6
Programs Training	Coordinators, Parent Coordinators	
Outcome Measurement:	Data Specialists	4
Data Reporting		
COVID – 19 Operations,	All Positions	4
Safety Training, Crisis		
Management		

### **Objective Assessment**

Objective assessment occurred through a variety of analyses as defined by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant application and amendments throughout the three-year program. For the 2024-2025 school year, the objectives were organized around 4 program goals:

Goal 1: WCSA students will improve their Academic Performances and Achievements.

- Goal 2: WCSA students will learn about, understand, expand, and enrich their age/grade-appropriate Youth Development Skills/Capacities including (5) core and (32) subset Social, Emotional, Behavioral (SEB) Skills, Health/Wellness Knowledge/Habits, and Physical Fitness Participation.
- Goal 3: Family Engagement: WCSA parents/guardians will participate in literacy education improvement services, increase their involvement/participation in students' educational process, and be introduced and encouraged to participate in social and emotional development/behavior skills enhancement.
- Goal 4: Staff Development/Enrichment: BGCL leadership, management, and Club site staff will improve their knowledge, understanding, and transfer/delivery of (5) Core and (32) subset social, emotional, development/behavioral SED/SEB skills.

A summary table, E, provides a quick review of annual progress on the program's defined goals and associated objectives with a descriptive analysis following.

### **Objective Assessment Summary Table**

**Table E. Regularly Attending Students – Objective Assessment** 

Objective Assessment		
Objective	Status	
Goal 1, Objective 1: 60% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will improve their ELA/reading grades from the first quarter to the third quarter of the academic year.	Met	
Goal 1, Objective 2: 60% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will improve their mathematics grades from the first quarter to the third quarter of the academic year.	Met	
Goal 1, Objective 3: 65% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will spend a minimum of 90 minutes per week receiving support with homework to ensure successful completion.	Met	
Goal 2, Objective 1: 50% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or	Not Measured	

improve their age/grade appropriate Time Management Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.	
Goal 2, Objective 2: 50% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or improve their age/grade appropriate Social Engagement Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.	Not Measured
Goal 2, Objective 3: 50% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or improve their age/grade appropriate Cooperation Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.	Not Measured
Goal 2, Objective 4: 50% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or improve their age/grade appropriate Emotional Resilience Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.	Not Measured
Goal 2, Objective 5: 40% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or improve their age/grade appropriate Time Management Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.	Not Measured
Goal 2, Objective 6: 40% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or improve their age/grade appropriate Compound Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.	Not Measured
Goal 2, Objective 7: 65% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or demonstrate improvement in class attendance and behavior by the end of each project year.	Met
Goal 2, Objective 8: 65% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or demonstrate improvement in health/wellness decisions and physical fitness participation by the end of each project year.	Met
Goal 3, Objective 1: 50% of the parents/guardians will participate in at least two-family literacy/education activities by the end of each project year.	Not Met
Goal 3, Objective 2: 50% of the parents/guardians will maintain or demonstrate increased involvement and communication with their child's after-school staff by the end of each project year.	Met

Goal 3, Objective 3: 100% of parents (attending parent events) will be informed/educated about the (5) core and (32) subset SED/SEB skills by the end of each project year.	Not Measured
Goal 3, Objective 4: 100% of parents (attending parent events) will be encouraged and offered the opportunity to take social-emotional behavioral pre/post-tests at the beginning and end of each project year.	Not Measured
Goal 4, Objective 1: 100% of Club staff will be informed/educated in SED/SEB core domain and subset skills by the end of each project year.	Met
Goal 5, Objective 2: 75% of staff will maintain or demonstrate growth in SED/SEB core and subset skills by the end of each project year.	Met

### Goal 1, Objective 1: Met

60% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will improve their ELA/reading grades from the first quarter to the third quarter of the academic year.

### 79% (+19% of goal) of students demonstrated improvement in ELA/reading performance

### Goal 1, Objective 2: Met

60% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will improve their mathematics grades from the first quarter to the third quarter of the academic year.

### 83% (+23% of goal) of students demonstrated improvement in mathematics performance

### Goal 1, Objective 3: Met

65% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will spend a minimum of 90 minutes per week receiving support with homework to ensure successful completion.

## 100% (+35% of goal) of students received 90 or more minutes per week of support in homework completion.

### Goal 2, Objective 1: Not Measured

50% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or improve their age/grade appropriate Time Management Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.

This year has been dedicated to designing and developing control groups in partnership with the BESSI Research Group as a new program training opportunity. Per the BGCL

21st CCLC MOA, working with this team of professionals from BESSI Research Group, it was expected that the first program year will be dedicated to designing and developing the program cooperatively with BESSI Research Group and BGCL leadership staff. It is expected that measurable data toward the identified objective will be available beginning with next year's grant implementation.

### Goal 2, Objective 2: Not Measured

50% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or improve their age/grade appropriate Social Engagement Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.

This year has been dedicated to designing and developing control groups in partnership with the BESSI Research Group as a new program training opportunity. Per the BGCL 21st CCLC MOA, working with this team of professionals from BESSI Research Group, it was expected that the first program year will be dedicated to designing and developing the program cooperatively with BESSI Research Group and BGCL leadership staff. It is expected that measurable data toward the identified objective will be available beginning with next year's grant implementation.

### Goal 2, Objective 3: Not Measured

50% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or improve their age/grade appropriate Cooperation Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.

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### Goal 2, Objective 4: Not Measured

50% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or improve their age/grade appropriate Emotional Resilience Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.

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expected that measurable data toward the identified objective will be available beginning with next year's grant implementation.

### Goal 2, Objective 5: Not Measured

40% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or improve their age/grade appropriate Time Management Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.

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### Goal 2, Objective 6: Not Measured

40% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or improve their age/grade appropriate Compound Skills/Capacities by (1) or more subset skills by the end of each project year.

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### Goal 2, Objective 7: Met

65% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or demonstrate improvement in class attendance and behavior by the end of each project year.

### 82% (+17% of goal) of students maintained or improved their class attendance and behavior

#### Goal 2, Objective 8: Met

65% of regularly participating students (attending a minimum of 3 days weekly during the project year) will maintain or demonstrate improvement in health/wellness decisions and physical fitness participation by the end of each project year.

100% (+35% of goal) of students maintained or improved their health/wellness decisions and physical fitness participation

Goal 3, Objective 1: Not Met

50% of the parents/guardians will participate in at least two-family literacy/education activities by the end of each project year.

42% (-12% of goal) of parents/guardians participated in at least two family literacy and education activities.

Goal 3, Objective 2: Met

50% of the parents/guardians will maintain or demonstrate increased involvement and communication with their child's after-school staff by the end of each project year.

50% (fully met goal) of parents/guardians demonstrated an increased involvement and communication with their child's teacher and/or staff by the end of the school year.

Goal 3, Objective 3: Not Measured

100% of parents (attending parent events) will be informed/educated about the (5) core and (32) subset SED/SEB skills by the end of each project year.

This year has been dedicated to designing and developing control groups in partnership with the BESSI Research Group as a new program training opportunity. Per the BGCL 21st CCLC MOA, working with this team of professionals from BESSI Research Group, it was expected that the first program year will be dedicated to designing and developing the program cooperatively with BESSI Research Group and BGCL leadership staff. It is expected that measurable data toward the identified objective will be available beginning with next year's grant implementation.

### Goal 3, Objective 4: Not Measured

100% of parents (attending parent events) will be encouraged and offered the opportunity to take social-emotional behavioral pre/post-tests at the beginning and end of each project year.

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Goal 4, Objective 1: Met

100% of Club staff will be informed/educated in SED/SEB core domain and subset skills by the end of each project year.

100% (fully met goal) of club staff were informed in SED/SEB core domain and subset skills this year.

Goal 4, Objective 2: Met

75% of staff will maintain or demonstrate growth in SED/SEB core and subset skills by the end of each project year.

100% (+25% of goal) of club staff showed maintenance or growth in SED/SEB core domain and subset skills this year.

### **Other Observations**

The Walters Club at BCGL 21<sup>st</sup> Century includes a schedule of tutoring and enrichment activities that support student enthusiasm and participation. The program offered opportunities for participants to receive additional instruction in the areas of reading and mathematics; experience Art, Sports Leagues, Culinary Arts, Soccer, STEAM, and hosting holiday celebrations; and develop friendships and relationships in a welcoming and nurturing environment. Parents were offered a multitude of opportunities to participate, as well. Parents were greatly supported in family literacy and family/school engagement activities.

The BCGL Youth Development Professionals (YDPs) are all dedicated, professional young people. They work diligently to assist participating children as they complete homework, listen to stories, dance, complete art projects, work on math and/or reading skills in classroom instructional settings, and experience technology. The YDP staff is composed of young women and men who make the child's experience safer and more fulfilling. The instructional staff works to remediate as well as enrich the reading and mathematics competency of the participants after teaching during the regular school day. The administrative staff works successfully with YDPs, certified staff, volunteers, and parents to monitor and maintain the program. They work with the community and volunteers to enrich the program and creatively implement strategies designed to boost the experience of the participating students and their families.

### **Progress toward Sustainability**

The BCGL 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program continues to work on establishing community partnerships that will produce contributions to the program. When funding is no longer available, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lanier will continue to partner with local organizations, as well as, pursue

new grants and local funding to maintain the program. The advisory team will seek support from community faith-based organizations to provide volunteers and monetary support. Project design builds the capacity of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lanier to continue the project at reduced cost in later years as technology equipment, software, manipulatives, remediation workbooks, and other resources are in place while staff development is spread across most of the teaching staff. However, without the opportunity of the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant, the program would be minimized in its service to students and the community.

### **Overall Recommendations**

The 2023-2024 implementation of the BCGL 21st CCLC program has been beneficial to many students and parents. Program staff worked diligently to ensure student success. Progress has been made by meeting the grant requirements (participation, hours per week and weeks per year, quality staff, and student-staff ratio). During the monthly visits and in conversation with students the External Evaluator was able to hear students comment on the benefits of their participation in the Walters Club 21st Century Community Learning Center. Students offered statements such as, "Ms. Ari, she loves me and knows my family" and "My Mom works late, if I didn't come here I'd be home with my sister (younger) by myself." Students appeared to be excited and engaged in the various activities and programs during the monthly visits to the Walters Club site.

In order to successfully continue with future programs, the following recommendations should be considered.

- Remind YDP's and Tutors that room/seating arrangement and content presentation are
  important to have in sync. Make sure all students have access to instruction/activities
  with clear site lines to the content being presented (i.e. spelling and site words whole
  group activities should have all eyes facing the staff member and the dry erase board).
- Develop a process that ensures YDP's and tutors have access to lesson plans/activity plans and materials for each day so that students are able to begin work as soon as they enter the classroom space.
- Staff may benefit from using an internal evaluation process of your objectives/outcomes that allows staff to self-monitor progress throughout the year and focus on your site objectives. Tools such as the Afterschool Youth Outcomes Inventory or similar tools could be used to accomplish this.

The evaluator thanks Ms. Sara Gonzalez, program director, and her staff for allowing unfettered access to the BGCL sites and program activities allowing for a comprehensive view of the program for the evaluation process.

Respectfully submitted,

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