#### Dear Site Coordinators:

The NYSAN Program Quality Self-Assessment (QSA) Tool assists programs in self-assessing and improving overall program quality.

LPB Consulting has amended this instrument for use in programs with multiple sites and for separate administration to staff and site coordinators. Programs – across New York State – are expected to strive for a satisfactory performance level (3) on all of the quality indicators.

The purpose of this survey, however, is not to report data to the State, but to provide local program staff and leaders with an opportunity to reflect on current performance and to develop concrete plans for improvement.

The survey is conducted bi-annually and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please know that your individual responses will remain strictly confidential, and results will be provided in aggregate form only. <u>Please respond no later than [DATE].</u>

Thank you, in advance, for your valuable input.

Program Evaluators
LPB Consulting Services

Performance Scale:

- \* 1 indicates that the SITE or PROGRAM Must Address and Improve in the area OR Standard Not Met.
- \* 2 indicates that the SITE or PROGRAM has Some Progress or is Approaching the Standard.
- \* 3 indicates that the SITE or PROGRAM performs at a Satisfactory Level or Meets the Standard.
- $^{\star}$  4 indicates that the SITE or PROGRAM performs at an Excellent Level or Exceeds the Standard.

#### Element 1: Environment and Climate

#### A quality program provides a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment for all participants.

	1 Must Address / Standard Not Met	2 Some Progress / Approaching Standard	3 Satisfactory Level / Meets Standard	4 Excellent Level / Exceeds Standard	Don't Know / Not Applicable
1. Provides a stimulating, welcoming, and supportive environment for all young people including youth with disabilities.	0	0			0
2. Uses program space that is safe, clean, appropriately equipped and suitable for activities being conducted.	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
3. Conducts all required fire/safety drills and develops, implements, and shares approved safety plans and procedures with staff.	0	0		0	0
4. Develops and manages effective arrival and dismissal procedures and plans for safe travel home.	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
5. Is aware of, records, and informs staff of special health needs of participants.	$\circ$		$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\circ$
6. Establishes, maintains, and communicates code of conduct to participants, staff, and their families.			$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
7. Applies rewards and consequences for participant behavior appropriately and consistently.	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
8. Promotes psychological and emotional safety through a culture of support, inclusion, and mutual respect.	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

#### Element 2: Administration and Organization

A quality program has well-developed systems and sound fiscal management to support and enhance worthwhile programming and activities for all participants.

1 Must Address / Standard Not Met	2 Some Progress / Approaching Standard	3 Satisfactory Level / Meets Standard	4 Excellent Level / Exceeds Standard	Don't Know / Not Applicable
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	Address / Standard Not	Address / Progress / Standard Not Approaching	Address / Progress / 3 Satisfactory Standard Not Approaching Level / Meets	Address / Progress / 3 Satisfactory Level / Standard Not Approaching Level / Meets Exceeds

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#### Element 3: Relationships

A quality program develops, nurtures, and maintains positive relationships and interactions among staff, participants, families, and communities.

	1 Must Address / Standard Not Met	2 Some Progress / Approaching Standard	3 Satisfactory Level / Meets Standard	4 Excellent Level / Exceeds Standard	Don't Know / Not Applicable
1. Staff are respectful and communicative with one another.	$\bigcirc$		$\circ$	$\circ$	
2. Staff are positive role models.	$\bigcirc$				
3. Staff interacts with families in a comfortable, respectful, welcoming way.	$\bigcirc$			$\bigcirc$	
4. Staff treats participants with respect and listens to what they say.	$\bigcirc$			$\bigcirc$	
5. Staff teaches participants to interact with one another in positive ways.	$\circ$			$\bigcirc$	
6. Staff teaches participants to make responsible choices and encourages positive outcomes.	$\bigcirc$			$\bigcirc$	
7. Program builds a sense of community among participants.	$\circ$		$\circ$	$\circ$	
8. Program has scheduled meetings with its stakeholders (e.g., advisory committee meetings)?			$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$

#### Element 4: Staffing and Professional Development

A quality program recruits, hires, and trains diverse staff members who value each participant, understand developmental needs, and form positive working relationships with youth, parents, coworkers, and partner agencies.

	1 Must Address / Standard Not Met	2 Some Progress / Approaching Standard	3 Satisfactory Level / Meets Standard	4 Excellent Level / Exceeds Standard	Don't Know / Not Applicable
1. Maintains appropriate and reasonable staff-to- participant ratio relative to the population.	0	0	0	$\bigcirc$	0
2. Provides staff with appropriate support and feedback.			$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	
3. Assesses professional development needs for staff and provides appropriate training.	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$	0
4. Trains staff to plan suitable activities that correspond to the developmental needs of participants.				$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
5. Program director and/or site coordinators communicate regularly with staff.				$\bigcirc$	
6. Fosters understanding and appreciation for established program quality standards, evaluation, and program improvement strategies among staff.		$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	

#### Element 5: Programming and Activities

A quality program provides a well-rounded variety of activities and opportunities that support the physical, social, and cognitive growth and development of all participants.

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	1 Must Address / Standard Not Met	2 Some Progress / Approaching Standard	3 Satisfactory Level / Meets Standard	4 Excellent Level / Exceeds Standard	Don't Know / Not Applicable
1. Addresses academic, physical, social, and emotional needs of the participants.	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	
<ol><li>Features activities that are commensurate with the age and skill level of the participants and enable participants to develop new skills during the program year.</li></ol>	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	
3. Offers enrichment opportunities in core academic areas, arts, technology, recreation, health, character education, and project-based, experiential activities that promote creativity and development of participant self-expression.	0	0	0	0	0
4. Offers high quality academic support, including tutoring and/or homework help.	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
5. Establishes and follows a schedule that is known to all staff, participants, and their families.	$\bigcirc$			$\bigcirc$	$\circ$
<ol><li>Provides opportunities in which participants' work/projects are showcased.</li></ol>	$\bigcirc$			$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
7. Provides regular opportunities to be outdoors.					
8. Offers activities that develop global competencies in youth, build 21st century skills (e.g., digital literacy, cross-cultural skills, innovative thinking, etc.), and prepare them for college, career, and citizenship.	0	0	0		0

#### Element 6: Linkages Between Day and Afterschool

A quality program has its staff work closely with school staff to ensure that afterschool academic components and activities are aligned with and enrich school standards and curricula.

	1 Must Address / Standard Not Met	2 Some Progress / Approaching Standard	3 Satisfactory Level / Meets Standard	4 Excellent Level / Exceeds Standard	Don't Know / Not Applicable
1. Secures commitment of resources (e.g., classroom space, bulletin boards, storage space, computer facilities, and site coordinator's office) from school principal, when possible.	0		0		
2. Maintains communication with school principal and administration.			$\bigcirc$		
3. Incorporates programming that integrates and complements school day activities.	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	
4. Collaborates regularly with school-day personnel regarding use of facilities and resources.	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
5. Supports state and local performance standards and benchmarks.	$\circ$		$\circ$	$\circ$	0
6. Communicates regularly with school-day staff to monitor academic and behavioral progress of students.	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
7. Allocates sufficient program time for tutoring/academic support.			$\circ$		$\circ$

#### Element 7: Youth Participation and Engagement

A quality program uses youth as assets. The fundamentals of youth engagement are being warm, open and honest, having lots of energy and smiles, having strong boundaries, listening to youth, being creative, and providing leadership opportunities.

	1 Must Address / Standard Not Met	2 Some Progress / Approaching Standard	3 Satisfactory Level / Meets Standard	4 Excellent Level / Exceeds Standard	Don't Know / Not Applicable
1. Has participants who take ownership of program selection and development.	0			$\circ$	
2. Enables participants to develop life skills, resiliency, and self-esteem via activities.	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
3. Affords participants opportunities to express their ideas, concerns, and opinions.	$\circ$		$\circ$	$\circ$	
4. Enables participants to explore resources and issues in their community through projects and activities.		$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
5. Promotes consistent and active participation.					
6. Promotes teamwork and respect for others.					
7. Involves participants in the development of disciplinary practices.					

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#### Element 8: Parent, Family, and Community Partnerships

## A quality program establishes a strong partnership with families and communities in order to achieve program goals.

	1 Must Address / Standard Not Met	2 Some Progress / Approaching Standard	3 Satisfactory Level / Meets Standard	4 Excellent Level / Exceeds Standard	Don't Know / Not Applicable
1. Involves families in decision making and planning.			$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	
2. Involves families and the community in program events.			$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
3. Communicates with families on matters concerning the well-being of their child.	0	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\circ$
4. Provides opportunities for literacy and related educational experiences for families.				$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
5. Provides families with information about community resources to meet their needs.	$\circ$		$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

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### Element 9: Program Sustainability and Growth

## A quality program has a coherent vision/mission and a plan for increasing capacity that supports continuing growth.

	1 Must Address / Standard Not Met	2 Some Progress / Approaching Standard	3 Satisfactory Level / Meets Standard	4 Excellent Level / Exceeds Standard	Don't Know / Not Applicable
1. The mission and goals are communicated to program staff.		$\circ$		$\bigcirc$	0
2. Develops a long-term plan for sustaining the afterschool program.	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	
3. Accesses resources within the community by seeking support from and building relationships with local businesses and institutions.	$\bigcirc$	0		$\bigcirc$	0
4. Has an effective recruitment strategy that publicizes the program and its achievements among students, teachers and parents.	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$		$\bigcirc$	
5. Has an effective marketing strategy that publicizes the program and its achievements among the broader community.		0		0	0

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#### Element 10: Measuring Outcomes and Evaluation

## A quality program has a system for measuring outcomes and uses that information for ongoing program planning, improvement, and evaluation.

	1 Must Address / Standard Not Met	2 Some Progress / Approaching Standard	3 Satisfactory Level / Meets Standard	4 Excellent Level / Exceeds Standard	Don't Know / Not Applicable
1. Has measurable program goals and objectives that are aligned with the organizational mission and identified needs.				0	
2. Has a method for assessing program activities and staff performance.			$\bigcirc$		
3. Has a method for assessing student interest, and college and career readiness.	$\circ$		0	$\circ$	
4. Staff members are provided opportunity to give feedback about the program.					
5. Parents are provided opportunity to give feedback about the program.					
6. Summaries of evaluations and/or other collected data are available to stakeholders.		$\bigcirc$			$\bigcirc$
7. Uses evaluation findings for continuous program improvement.			$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\circ$

# 4-H 21st CCLC: Site Coordinator Survey (Years 3-5) Program Strengths and Opportunities 11. What are the primary strengths of this program? 12. Which improvement area(s) do you feel should be a priority? 13. Lastly, what professional development topics would you and/or other staff members benefit from in relation to this program?