Summer Youth Programs
A SAHF and NeighborWorks Member Peer Exchange
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"Vulnerability is the birthplace of innovation, creativity and change."
BRENE BROWN
CAMP MERCY

An interactive, virtual, out-of-school-time, program for students entering 1st through 10th grade
CAMP DATES AND TIMES

JULY 7TH - JULY 31
TUESDAY - FRIDAY
TIMES VARY BY PROPERTY
CAMP MERCY LINGO

• Camper = Youth Resident

• Counselor = Mercy Resident Services Coordinator at the property (Bring the fun, Keep Campers and Caregivers encouraged and organized, Community builder)

• Co-Host = Mercy Resident Services staff who leads large group teaching sessions

• Camp Mercy Admin/Teaching Team = Ashlei, Felicia, Kayla and Serena
CURRENT CHALLENGE

- “Covid Slide” Learning loss
- Limited student engagement
- Distance learning fatigue
- Inconsistent daily routines
- Loss of social interactions
- Caregiver/student stress and burnout
- Systemic Racism & Trauma
- Uncertainty & Anxiety
CURRENT OPPORTUNITY

- **Offer**: Offer an Interactive program that invites campers to continue to learn during the summer.

- **Cultivate**: Cultivate opportunities for authentic connection and community building.

- **Create**: Create a program that sparks curiosity, creativity, and exploration.

- **Provide**: Provide a sense of safety and normalcy.
CAMPERS WILL EXPERIENCE:

- LIVE & PRE-RECORDED MINI LESSONS
- FUN ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
- OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD COMMUNITY WITH CARING ADULTS AND THEIR PEERS
CAMP SUPPLIES

- Campers will receive a camp mercy swag bag, which will include all the supplies they need for camp.
- If a camper does not have access to a computer or consistent internet, Mercy will provide a Chromebook and internet hotspot.
**OUR CURRICULUM**

1st/2nd Grade
Life cycle of a butterfly

3rd/4th Grade
Survival of the fittest: animal/plant traits and adaptations

5th/6th grade: The water cycle

7-10th grade: Mercy ambassadors
Through project-based learning we empower youth to be leaders and social advocates in their community.

Invite youth to be our thought partners.

MERCY AMBASSADORS
HOW DO WE BUILD COMMUNITY DURING COVID?
WHAT IS PROJECT BASED LEARNING?

HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?v= DHWUQU2-G5G

A TEACHING METHOD IN WHICH STUDENTS GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS BY WORKING FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD TO INVESTIGATE AND RESPOND TO AN AUTHENTIC, ENGAGING, AND COMPLEX QUESTION, PROBLEM, OR CHALLENGE.
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY FOR 1ST/2ND GRADE STUDENTS
WHAT TOOLS/ PLATFORMS WILL WE USE?

- GOOGLE CLASSROOM
- INSTAGRAM @MERCYHOUSINGLEARNING
- YOUTUBE
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT GOAL: REDUCE CAREGIVER STRESS

- Host virtual family orientation meeting to get youth and adults prepared for camp mercy
- Provide caregivers with weekly camp mercy updates via email or text and on Instagram
- Well-being check-ins
- Give parents updates about student progress
# Sample 1-6th Grade Camper Schedule

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<td>1st-6th grade Times Vary by site Morning and afternoon options</td>
<td>No Program</td>
<td>Attend a large group teaching session, Teaching sessions are broken up by grade level and region</td>
<td>Attend a 30 min check-in with campers at your property, Check-in by grade cohort Community Builder Ice Breaker Announcements Activity/Game</td>
<td>Attend a large group teaching session, Teaching sessions are broken up by grade level and region</td>
<td>Attend an end of the week community building virtual session for all students in your cohort across MHC Enrichment activities</td>
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<td>Ambassador 7th-10th grade Afternoon option only Time: 4:30pm (may change)</td>
<td>Receive a reminder call or text from counselor/RSC about this week’s schedule</td>
<td>Attend large group teaching session, research and work collab.</td>
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## SAMPLE COUNSELOR/RSC SCHEDULE
*Each RSC will receive a weekly curriculum map*

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<td>No Program</td>
<td>Attend a large group virtual session for one of the cohorts &amp; prepare for upcoming check-ins</td>
<td>Host 3 online, 30 min check-ins with campers at your property. Check-in by grade cohort</td>
<td>Attend a large group teaching session for one of the cohorts &amp; prepare for upcoming check-ins</td>
<td>Attend an end of the week community building virtual session for all campers hosted by admin team</td>
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<td>Remind students and families about upcoming Camp Mercy Events</td>
<td>Community Builder Ice Breaker Announcements Activity/Game</td>
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<td>3 unique sessions organized by grade level</td>
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<td>Attend coaching call with Camp Mercy Team</td>
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NEXT STEPS…

Registration
May 28-June 10

Finalize Cohorts and Camp Schedules
June 12

Complete Pre-Recorded Sessions & Upload curriculum
June 12

Supply Pre and Distribution
June 15-June 30

Virtual Family Orientation
June 22 at 10am
June 23 at 12pm
June 24 at 6pm

Camp Begins!
July 7

Staff Training Begins
June 15

Camp Begins!
July 7
Presentation Link: https://prezi.com/view/0oUNyi9pMkazibu4lBX5/
Questions and Comments for our Presenters?

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Peer Sharing & Discussion

Has your organization decided to operate summer youth programming this year? If so, what criteria was used for determining when and where to operate summer programming?

What changes have you made to the program model and/or delivery system? What staffing, partnerships, and/or infrastructure is needed to support new models and new delivery systems for programming right now?

If using virtual platforms – what systems are you using? Are these new platforms for your organization? How much of a consideration was it to align with systems being used by local schools?

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WEBINAR TOMORROW:
June 9, 3:00–4:30 p.m. ET

Supporting Parents at Home — An Essential Step to Mitigating Learning Loss

A conversation exploring a range of programs that are reaching children and families where they are and are providing families with the resources to support their children’s learning and social-emotional development.

• Ben York of ParentPowered Public Benefit Corporation will explain how Ready4K, an evidence-based family engagement curriculum delivered via text messages, is providing parents with actionable tips that they can integrate into their daily routines to boost their child’s learning and development.

• Alejandro Gibes de Gac will provide an overview of Springboard Collaborative’s family-focused supports, including the Springboard Connect text- and web-based app that supports families in cultivating and sustaining home literacy habits.

• Claudia Miner will describe the UPSTART project, a home-based kindergarten readiness program that has helped more than 60,000 children in 15 states by providing their parents with proactive family coaching, personalized learning software and other resources.

• Sheetal Singh of Early Learning Lab, will offer reflections and insights based on efforts to support parents as they homeschool their children.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hjXU2byeRn6fXbJmJGujhA
Tools for Frontline Staff

This is a selection of resources including (1) guidance for frontline staff working in communities impacted by Coronavirus, (2) resources and toolkits that focus on individual interventions as well as organizational strategies to promote self-care for staff, (3) sample household assessment tools that can be used by frontline staff as they work with residents in this crisis, and (4) communications tools being used by frontline staff.

Resources that practitioners have provided are shared in the spirit of peer exchange, and are not intended as guidance or recommended as best practices. As this health crisis evolves, and we get additional guidance from policymakers and regulators, organizations will continue to adapt their tools and policies.

Resources last updated 4/6/2020

- Guidance for Frontline Staff
- Frontline Staff Support & Self Care
- Household Assessments
- Communications Tools for Staff

Resources for Residents

Visit www.coresonline.org/covid-19-resources
Thank You!

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