Summer: The Great Equalizer
Mindfulness Moment

• Pause
• Breathe in and out three times slowly
• Draw a spiral with pen or finger
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Agenda

• Welcome
• Planning for Equitable Summer Learning Opportunities
• NCASE Resource Library
• Panel Discussion
• Consumer Education
• Wrap-Up and Feedback
Your Role & Summer

• What is your role?

• How are you or your department/organization involved in planning for summer programming?
  » Participate in a statewide planning committee
  » Promote and increase provider funding opportunities
  » Collaborate across sectors
  » Facilitate summer programs
  » Other, please specify in chat
4 I’s of Summer

**Improvement**
Provide *both* students and staff opportunities to catch and keep up, develop and practice new skills.

**Innovation**
Empower staff and others to test and try out, measure new ideas, solutions, strategies before scaling

**Interconnectedness**
Break down silos in education and partner leaders and organizations in rare, new and lasting ways

**Impact**
Hands-on learning in summer programs is immediate, measurable and lasting. Make change on a personal, community and policy level. This is a solvable challenge.

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# Summer School vs. Summer Learning

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<td>• Remedial Education</td>
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Indicators of an Effective Summer Learning System

1. Shared Vision and Statewide Coordination
A shared vision for summer learning, which informs the creation of a statewide summer learning action plan, should be developed to guide and coordinate the efforts of a diverse group of collaborators and to support statewide collaboration.

2. Engaged Leadership
In conjunction with a state child care and education agency teams, summer learning work is led by a collaborator group that represents key OST education agencies existing at the state level. Collaborators share accountability for the development and implementation of action plans. State leaders act as champions and support local initiatives.

3. Data Management System
Model summer learning systems implement processes for data collection, sharing, and analysis across collaborators.

Indicators of an Effective Summer Learning System

4. Continuous Quality Improvement
Exemplary summer learning systems adopt a process for quality improvement at both the systemic and programmatic levels.

5. Sustainable Resources
State system-building around summer learning should consider the funding targets and strategies for program development and growth and system capacity building.

6. Marketing And Communications
Exemplary summer learning systems identify statewide strategies to understand the demand for summer learning, to build an awareness of need and available resources, and to support culturally and linguistically diverse student recruitment and enrollment.

Summer Quality Improvement Cycle

Plan → Execute

Reflect → Assess

Visit the NCASE Resource Library
Panel Discussion

• Brief overview of the program/initiative
• How does this program/initiative address equity? (e.g. partner engagement, including families and community-based organizations; serving children in historically underserved communities)
• What strategies/approaches can you share for others interested in doing similar work? (e.g., cross-sector partnerships, long-term planning)
Consumer Education Websites:
Helping Families Learn About and Find Summer Care

National Webinar
March 24, 2022
Leverage Your Consumer Education Website

◆ Effective child care consumer education websites ensure that information about child care is easily accessible and transparent, providing families with the information they need to make informed child care decisions.

◆ CCDF Lead Agencies should aim to make their child care consumer education website the go-to source for child care information, including options for school age summer care.
Ensure Your Consumer Education Website Supports Families with School-Age Children

Help Families Find Summer Care

✦ Enhance child care search tools to include school-age child care and summer programs.

Help Families Learn About Their Options and Choose Care

✦ Provide helpful consumer education content.

✦ Include links to trusted consumer education resources.
Supporting School-Age-Friendly Child Care Search Tools

Best Practices and State Examples
Enhance Your Online Child Care Search Tool

- Include licensed and license-exempt school-age child care programs in your online search.
  - Work with partners to optimize data sharing and integration (for example, licensed-exempt school-age programs and summer programs)

- Enhance search filters.

- Highlight key program information in search results.
Integrate School-Age-Friendly Search Filters

- Include dynamic search filters (users can choose more than one item in a list)
- Age group (Infant, Toddler, Preschool, School-age)
- School-age-friendly care attributes
  - Program type (summer camps)
  - Annual schedules (school year only, year-round, summer care, school vacation care)
  - Transportation services
School-Age-Friendly Search Filters: Minnesota

Schedule
- Full-Time
- Part-Time
- Part Day

Ages
- Infant
- Toddler
- Preschool
- School Age

Yearly Schedule
- Full Year
- School Year
- Summer

Provide School-Age-Friendly Search Results

Clearly display information on your search results pages that show:

- Age ranges served
- Program type (summer and school vacation programs)
- Subsidy information
- Transportation
Providing Summer Care Resources on Your Consumer Education Website: Leverage Trusted Sources and Provide Helpful Content

✦ Cross-post trusted resources
  - ChildCare.gov
    - Overview of school-age child care options (including summer programs)
    - Look, Listen, and Ask: Tips for Choosing a Quality School Vacation or Summer Program
  - American Camp Association
    - Provides zip-code based search of ACA-accredited summer camps

✦ Develop web content citing existing resources
  - Selecting quality summer care
  - Understanding summer care options
Resources

• National Center on Afterschool and Summer Enrichment (2018). [Summer Learning Brief](#).
• National Center on Afterschool and Summer Enrichment (2019). [Summer Learning and Enrichment: Tips for School-Age Care Providers](#). Available in English and Spanish.
• National Center on Afterschool and Summer Enrichment (2019). [Summer Learning Fun: Tips for Parents and Caregivers](#). Available in English and Spanish.
• National Center on Afterschool and Summer Enrichment (forthcoming). [System Summer Learning Planning Guide](#).
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Thank You!

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