AFTER SCHOOL & WEEKEND COLLABORATIVE 2014-2015 REPORT

GET ACTIVE!

CHANGE THE GAME!

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The After School & Weekend Collaborative served over 100 students from grades K-12 across a range of Hartford area schools. Working with the Community Renewal Team, the Hartford Catholic Worker, Parker Memorial Community Center in collaboration with The Village for Families and Children and The Salvation Army, Husky Sport was able to provide homework help, enrichment in math, science, reading and writing, structured physical activity, free play and education in nutrition and healthy lifestyle habits. Continuing to build upon collaborative relationships between Husky Sport and the people and partners of the Hartford North End, the After School and Weekend Collaborative aligns with the objectives and practices of Hartford and UConn stakeholders.
THE COLLABORATIVE

At each of the collaborative locations, Husky Sport assigned Program Leaders to create and implement lesson plans that were tailored to the students in their program, the style of the program and that incorporated the Husky Sport pillars.

**Community Renewal Team**  
Carolina Franco & Joshua Rosa-Sanchez

**Hartford Catholic Worker**  
Cassandra Therriault

**Parker Memorial Center and The Village for Families & Children**  
Isaiah Jacobs & Joshua Rosa-Sanchez

**The Salvation Army Hartford North End Corps**  
Amanda “Rae” McLean & Mariam “Wura” Olusekun

**Lesson Plan Pillars**
- Physical Activity
- Nutritional Education
- Academic Enrichment
- Life Skills

6 Days a week – 7 Van trips of college student volunteers

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In June 2015, Husky Sport hosted 22 Hartford youth in grades 5 – 12 at UConn for a College Awareness Trip. Initiated by our Community Renewal Team partner, Husky Sport created an agenda that fulfilled requests to provide students from the After School & Weekend Collaborative with a campus tour and goal setting activity, in addition to including the Husky Sport pillar of physical activity. Broken into three groups, students rotated through 40-minute stations that allowed them to experience the University from the Husky Sport perspective. Students were also able to enjoy the unlimited nutritious benefits of the University dining hall.

Station A - Campus Tour
Tour starting at Laurel Hall (Lecture Hall & Classroom)
→ Homer Babridge Library (Q Center, Writing Center)
→ Gampel Pavilion (basketball facilities)
→ Recreation Center (Guided Tour by Rec Staff)
→ Student Union (Theater, 1 Cultural Center, Food Court)

Vision Board Activity - Josh & Isaiah share personal stories (10 minutes), then Vision Board activity (30 minutes) → Magazines are displayed and students choose 3 magazines that “speak to them” then students create a vision board based on the items in the magazine that represent their futures goals.

Station C - Physical Activity in the Quad
Agility Relays (in two teams) - Sportsmanship
Three-legged Race (in pairs) - Teamwork
Minefield Activity (students are paired and one student [blind folded] must be guided through the minefield to retrieve objects) - Teamwork, Sportsmanship, Communication, Trust

Final Station – All students to South Dining Hall

While on the campus tour, students make a quick pit stop to rub the nose of Jonathan the Husky looking to gain “good luck” in their future endeavors!
Testimonials

Positive Relationships

• “My favorite thing about Husky Sport is that they are supportive and helpful.” – 1st Grade Milner Student

• "My favorite thing about Husky Sport is that we get to learn about other people.” - 3rd Grade Clark Student

• “I just like you all, y’all are the best! Talented, nice, and peaceful!” - 3rd Grade Milner Student

• "I like that they are always here, it gives me someone to talk to." - 12th Grade East Catholic Student

• “It’s great to see how the after school programs create a safe environment to make new friends and build relationships” - Student Intern

• “It’s really great seeing the kids both In School and After School, it creates a stronger relationship between the Program Leaders and the students!” - Husky Sport Public Ally

Nutrition Education

• “My favorite things about Husky Sport are the snacks; they keep your body healthy.” - 4th Grade Clark Student

• “Witnessing the youth learn what’s healthy to eat and translating it to their everyday life, is fulfilling to see” - Husky Sport Public Ally
LOOKING AHEAD

Husky Sport will:

• Better align with teachers and program staff on students’ homework and curriculum
• Further integrate PBIS standards and language into the collaborative
• Build stronger communication between Husky Sport and community partners
• Increase family and community engagement

Going into the 2015 - 2016 school year, Husky Sport’s After School & Weekend Collaborative hopes to continue making strides of improvement. We look to build on positive relationships with students, families and partners in the North End community by maintaining a consistent presence of college students, young leaders and role models.

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