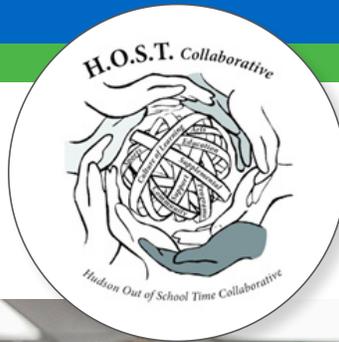


GREETINGS FROM HUDSON OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME COLLABORATIVE



ABOUT HOST

The HOST Collaborative emerged out of the Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood planning grant in 2012. It began as the “Transitions to Adulthood” working group, then merged into an “Out-of-School Time” action team, and in 2015 we were named the 10th Regional After-school Network in NYS by the New York State Network for Youth Success (The Network). The HOST Collaborative includes 30 organizations serving youth throughout Columbia County.

ABOUT THE NETWORK

The Network convenes partners and coordinates them around a common agenda focused on partnership development, policy development, and capacity building. The Network connects practice with policy across a broad range of state, regional, and local partners that represent the afterschool, expanded learning, community schools, and youth development fields broadly.

The Network supports the capacity-building of afterschool programs at the local level through regional afterschool networks. There are currently 15 regional networks throughout the state affiliated with the Network for Youth Success. Regional networks help share best practices and coordinate local professional development resources for programs and providers. Regional networks also provide effective means to distribute information and engage programs and parents on state and local policy issues.



OUR MISSION

The Hudson Out-of-School Time Collaborative (HOST) is a group of local organizations that provide out of school time experiences for school aged children and their families within the Hudson City School District. This collaborative is committed to providing positive growth and sustainable life skills to youth and families by providing high quality programs that foster a culture of learning within a safe and supportive environment. Each organization brings their own ideas and experiences and we work together as a collaborative to find common solutions and assistance for each other. To be successful in that, each organization has agreed to:

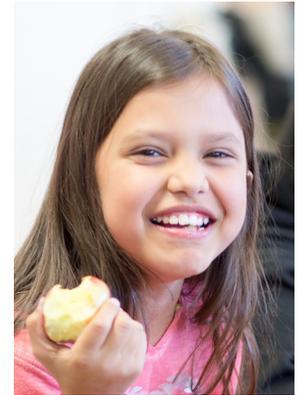
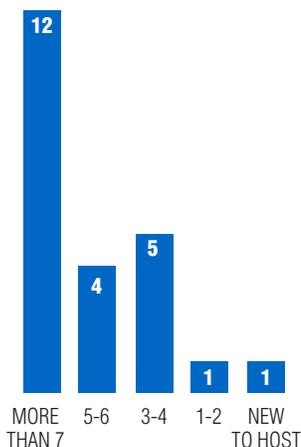
- ✓ Meet on a monthly basis
- ✓ Each organization hosts the monthly meeting on a rotating basis
- ✓ Share data, resources, and developments of the individual organizations
- ✓ Openly share successes and failures within the collaborative
- ✓ Actively participate in and assist the community programs held by the other organizations

We are one of 15 Regional Networks under the NYS Network for Youth Success. This gives us the support our new group needs to implement our programs and relay our message to the community, allows us to see what has worked in other regions, and provides training from professionals on planning and implementation of afterschool programs.

OUR PARTNERS

- Art Omi
- Bindlestiff Family Circus
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Columbia County Department of Social Services – Preventive Services
- Columbia County Mental Health Clinic
- Columbia Land Conservancy
- Friends of Hudson Youth
- Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood
- Hudson Area Library
- Hudson Area Time Bank
- Hudson Blue Hawk Nation ASP
- Hudson Department of Youth
- Hudson Hall at the Opera House
- Kite's Nest
- Operation Unite
- Perfect Ten
- Philmont Community Action Network
- Sylvia Center at Katchkie Farm
- Tim Smith Stonemasonry
- Tobacco Free Action of Columbia and Green Counties
- Upper Hudson Valley Planned Parenthood
- WiseBodies
- Youth Clubhouse/
Mental Health Association

How many connections have you made through HOST?



WHAT OUR PARTNERS THINK ...

What do you see as HOST's biggest victories over the past several years?

“Casting a wider net to other groups for more collaboration and partnerships instead of feeling like your group needs to take it all on or reinvent the wheel. HOST connects us so we can see if another group is already doing that work.”

What attracts you to HOST?

“Being surrounded by like minded people, the space to connect with organizations and resources in the county so that our organization is in the know and can then pass on that knowledge to our community of participants. This knowledge also helps us to work together rather than compete, and fill the gaps in what youth are offered rather than replicate.”

What have you learned from being a part of HOST?

“I have learned more than I can easily condense into one paragraph. I know so much more about my community than previously and how to best reach and serve local students. I feel much more connected to the vibrant social life in our community.”

How has HOST increased access to the youth/families in your area?

“I know about more relevant events and programs happening in the area and can pass along these opportunities to my staff, youth, and their parents.”

Are there any stories about HOST you would like to share?

“Being part of HOST allows me to feel much more connected to people in the community who are making a difference. When I look around the table at a HOST meeting, I see people who are connected to many segments of youth and family life and who are empowering others to make Hudson a better place for all. ... I see a long-term raising of the bar in terms of what is possible in Hudson.”

Any additional comments?

“We're grateful for the opportunity to participate and support the programs working in Hudson. Onward!”