



## Lewis-Cobb Empowerment Academy 21st CCLC Program Fact Sheet

### Who is Empowerment Academy Inc?

Empowerment Academy is a 501c3 community based nonprofit agency that is a Community Economic Development Corporation. The agency improves the community through creating affordable housing, educational initiatives, providing financial literacy, and engaging in community entrepreneurship. EA is fulfilling its mission to improve education outcomes through a partnership with the Florida Department of Education to provide 21st CCLC programming to local middle and high schoolers in the Jacksonville Community of Sherwood Forest.

### What is the 21stCCLC Program?

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) initiative is a key component of the No Child Left Behind Act. Authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the specific purposes of the federal law are to:

- Provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, to meet state and local student academic achievement standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and mathematics.
- Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, such as youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music, and recreation programs, technology education programs and character education programs, that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students.
- Offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

### When does the program meet?

The program meets Monday-Wednesday during the school year from 2:30p to 6:15p. It is an after school program, so students will not be required to miss any academic hours during their school day. Summer programming will be provided Monday-Friday from 9:30a to 3:15p starting June 4, 2018.

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Where does the program meet?

The program meets at the City of Jacksonville's Lewis-Cobb Community Center located at 4511 Portsmouth Ave, in the Sherwood Forest community.

Why is the program meeting at the Lewis-Cobb center instead of at neighborhood schools?

The 21stCCLC program does have the ability to convene at local schools, however, the program is a community based effort, and is not provided by the public school system. The FDOE provides services through a partnership with local nonprofits and other community based organizations. The program uses certified teachers to oversee its academic services. All staff and volunteers are required to pass a Level II Federal Background Check to ensure the safety of students and families.

How will the program help students?

EA will meet with students to provide tutoring, college readiness, homework assistance, state test prep, credit reviews to ensure graduation requirements are met, ACT/SAT prep, and a variety of personal enrichment activities. Additionally, parents will be assisted by learning ways to help their child fully benefit from the academic opportunities provided by their child's school and the county school system and other family enrichment activities. All program activities are provided at no-cost.

What are the target schools and demographics?

EA's priority objective is to serve 55 students from Jean Ribault Middle School and William M. Raines High School. Both schools are Title 1 with over 65% of the students receiving free/reduced lunch. EA's primary target population is students in low to moderate income households, attending one of the listed schools. However, middle and high school students from private schools who live or attend school in the vicinity, may be admitted into the program on a first-come first-serve basis.

How can I get additional information about the program?

Interested parties can obtain additional information by calling our office, submitting an email, or visiting our website. Parents are also welcome to come to the CCLC site at the Lewis-Cobb Community Center during program hours.

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