

HEMPSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008-2013 21st Century Community Learning Centers

F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Program Abstract

The **21st Century Community Learning Center grant was awarded to the Hempstead School District for five years beginning July 2008 through June 2013.** Our grant is entitled **F.R.I.E.N.D.S.** [Fostering Recreational, Intellectual, Educational and Needed Youth Development Skills] and will address the funding priorities: School In Need of Improvement (SINI) students and their families, Family Literacy, High School “*Non-Completers*”, Middle School students, Youth Development, Academic Enrichment, Inclusion of ELL and Students with Disabilities.

The **F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Advisory Committee** represents experienced community organizations who will share their expertise as we implement a child-centered, community-based system for providing comprehensive afterschool services. **F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Advisory Committee members:** Hempstead School District, the Nassau County Youth Board, the Hempstead Community Action Program (CAP)-Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Circulo de la Hispanidad, the Long Island Educational Opportunity Center (LIEOC) and the Long Island Regional Student Support Service Center..

F.R.I.E.N.D.S. partners and service providers include: Family and Children’s Association, the Hempstead CAP, Circulo de la Hispanidad, LIEOC, Hempstead Boys and Girls Club, Hempstead Police Activity League (P.A.L.), S.T.R.O.N.G, Hispanic Counseling Center (HCC).

The **F.R.I.E.N.D.S.** school-based and community services for targeted youth and families:

- Providing extended day academic assistance and summer programming in Reading, Math and Computer Technology: *Hempstead CAP, LIEOC, Hempstead Boys and Girls Club.*
- Providing in-depth career awareness, vocational opportunities and after school job opportunities and internships for middle school and high school students who have dropped out or who are significantly at risk of not meeting the graduation requirement to earn a diploma: *Circulo de la Hispanidad, S.T.R.O.N.G., Family and Children’s Association, LIEOC.*
- Addressing access to additional tutorial services and homework assistance with collaborations with community based services that meet the needs of our culturally and language diverse students and families: *Hempstead Boys and Girls Club, CAP, P.A.L., Hispanic Counseling Center.*
- Increasing youth leadership and conflict resolution skills to enable youth to make choices that will increase high school graduation, decrease gang involvement and increase their safety in our schools and community: *P.A.L., S.T.R.O.N.G., LIEOC.*
- Exposing students to healthy physical recreation activities through organized sports and recreational activities during the summer months: *CAP, P.A.L.*
- Increasing parents’ and guardians awareness of youth development, community resources, access to family literacy programs and strategies for supporting youth toward successful outcomes: *Hispanic Counseling Center, Circulo de la Hispanidad, S.T.R.O.N.G., LIEOC, CAP.*