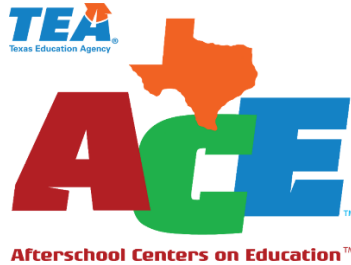


Faith Family Academy 21st Century ACE Program



Cycle 10 – Year Three Final Report 2021



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This report meets the reporting requirements required by the Texas Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) grant in accordance with the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grants.

Executive Summary

General

Despite the extraordinary obstacles presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, the ACE program at Faith Family Academy was able to maintain operations and provide programming and support for students and parents at each of its two Centers. While CDC guidelines, local health department guidelines, and county protocols prevented Faith Family staff, students, and parents from gathering at times, the grantee continued to progress toward their stated goals. During periods when students either could not come to school or their parents chose to keep them home, Faith Family staff made periodic phone calls to ACE students to check on their progress and offer support. Staff placed particular emphasis on students known to be at home alone during the months when school was virtual rather than face to face. During summer school, the afterschool program continued to operate and gain new participants.

As the ACE program continues into the 2021-2022 school year, Faith Family Academy has begun building capacity by hiring two permanent staff members who will serve as Site Coordinators and manage the enrichment component of the programming. This will enable them to develop activities and events that are tailored specifically to Faith Family students, as well as afford more communication and interaction between key personnel in both the academic and enrichment components. This action eliminated the need for a partnership with the YMCA and furthered Faith Family Academy's progress toward a sustainable afterschool program.

Based upon data outlined in the full report, recommended next steps for this ACE Program might include the following:

1. Monitor and communicate student at school attendance data and ensure that student at school attendance is improving.
2. Monitor and communicate student at school discipline data and ensure that student at school behavior is improving.

3. Investigate the disparity in perception between students and their parents regarding the extent to which the ACE program increases their understanding about college.
4. Strengthen protocols for ongoing evaluation and communication.

Overview of Centers

The Faith Family Academy 21st Century ACE Program serves over 250 students in two different locations in North Texas. Center 1 serves the Oak Cliff area of Dallas, and Center 2 serves the Waxahachie area. According to the definitions in the state of Texas, most of the students (98%) are economically disadvantaged, and more than 95% are considered at-risk. Through educational and enrichment activities after school, students receive one hour of academic instruction and two 45-minute events five days per week. These lessons include social/emotional content, art, health & wellness, character development, culinary training, STEM activities, and academic-based activities.

At each campus, hours of operation were 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on each school day during the regular school year. The program extended to summer school as well, operating 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on weekdays June 8 – July 17, 2021. Principals at each of the Centers chose qualified tutors from among their personnel who provided academic instruction and support each afternoon. Academic activities focused on literacy and numeracy with a student to teacher ratio of 10 students per teacher.

Faith Family Academy formed partnerships with the YMCA and The Concilio to provide programming beyond academic support. The YMCA provided Site Coordinators for each Center who planned and facilitated enrichment activities, such as Capture the Flag, culinary lessons, and art lessons. For the enrichment component, the student to teacher ratio was maintained at 15 students to one adult. The Concilio planned and provided activities for parents, such as culinary instruction, gardening activities, English language instruction, and GED preparation. As stated above, by the end of the 2020-2021 school year, Faith Family was able to build capacity within its own district to the extent that it dissolved its partnership with the YMCA.

Implementation

As outlined in the *Texas ACE Blueprint* provided by the Texas Education Agency, targeted students in quality ACE programs attend at least 45 days during the designated grant period. The Faith Family Academy ACE program set a goal of 200 targeted students at Center 1 (Waxahachie) and 50 targeted students at Center 2 (Oak Cliff). Because of the disruption of the Covid-19 pandemic, Project Directors were informed that those requirements would be relaxed for the 2020-2021 school year. Even with the pandemic, Faith Family Academy approached those goals:

Center	Target	Achieved	School Enrollment
1 Oak Cliff Campus	200	194	2,328
2 Waxahachie Campus	50	57	338

Parent participation varied by semester, as expected given the external factors related to the Covid-19 pandemic. In the fall semester of 2020, The Concilio reported serving a total of 58 parents once weekly for nine weeks through their Parents Advocating for Student Excellence (PASE) program. At the Advisory Committee meeting held on May 3, 2021, Faith Family Academy ACE program Parent Engagement Specialist reported providing English language classes and GED classes to approximately 180 parents.

Final Remarks

Several extenuating circumstances affected the ACE Program Faith Family Academy during the 2020-2021 school year. Foremost among those circumstances was the Covid-19 pandemic which caused disruptions in programming, difficult complications and decisions for families, mental and physical health challenges for all stakeholders, and extraordinary strain on teachers and staff. Further, the Texas accountability system and grade reporting in general was altered significantly. The daily operations of schools changed, and priorities shifted. Consequently, typical measures of success, such as student grades and standardized test results, are less meaningful than they would be during a typical grant year. Owing to restrictions and guidelines issued by various health departments, evaluator visits and observations were suspended for this grant

year. Changes in personnel at two of Faith Family's partnering organizations caused slight disruptions in continuity as well. Regardless, the ACE Program under the exemplary leadership of Project Director Jose Moreno continued to benefit students and their families. The 17-member Advisory Council continued to meet, and open lines of communication remained a priority.

As is explicated in the full Annual Evaluation Report to be posted on the website, the Faith Family Academy ACE Program continues to make progress toward its goals guided by internal monitoring and evaluation, stakeholder feedback (see appendices), and external evaluation.

Appendix 1

2020 Fall Surveys

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
***Oak Cliff Campus* Results for Fall 2020**

I. Program Effectiveness: *What is the effectiveness of our program?*

FALL 2020
8 responses

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our program has measurable goals that align with the mission of our school and meet the needs of our students.	62.50%	37.50%	0.00%	0.00%
Our program is gathering information that informs the direction of the program.	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Our program is measuring student academic achievement and behavior.	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Our program identifies and shares best practices among staff.	62.50%	37.50%	0.00%	0.00%
Our program creates information about our progress and shares with our parents.	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
We have a method for assessing program activities.	42.86%	28.57%	14.29%	14.29%
We have a method for assessing staff performance.	50.00%	37.50%	0.00%	12.50%
We have a method for assessing student engagement levels.	57.14%	42.86%	0.00%	0.00%
We obtain feedback from our parents.	37.50%	50.00%	12.50%	0.00%
We use feedback to modify or improve our program.	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
Oak Cliff Campus Results for Fall 2020

II. Student Beliefs: *How do students feel about the program?*

FALL 2020
20 responses

Question	Yes	Somewhat	No
Has the <u>after school</u> program helped you become a better student?	95.00%	5.00%	0.00%
Have you improved turning your homework on time?	55.00%	25.00%	20.00%
Do you participate in class more?	85.00%	5.00%	10.00%
Are you more engaged in class?	70.00%	25.00%	5.00%
Do you ask the teacher for help when needed?	85.00%	10.00%	5.00%
Do you get along better with other students?	89.47%	10.53%	0.00%
Are you better prepared for the next grade level?	60.00%	15.00%	25.00%
Do you know more about college?	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%
Does your family understand more about college?	57.89%	21.05%	21.05%
Do you enjoy this program?	95.00%	5.00%	0.00%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
Oak Cliff Campus Results for Fall 2020

III. Parents Beliefs (Combined from both Parent Surveys): *How do parents feel about the program?*

Question	FALL 2020 18 responses			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
This afterschool program has helped my student improve academically.	61.11%	33.33%	5.56%	0.00%
This program has improved my student submitting their assignments on time.	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%	0.00%
My student now participates in class more since coming to this program.	47.06%	47.06%	5.88%	0.00%
My student feels more engaged in class.	52.94%	35.29%	5.88%	5.88%
This program helps my student understand when he/she needs to ask for help.	41.18%	52.94%	0.00%	5.88%
The program has helped to improve my child's behavior.	52.94%	41.18%	0.00%	5.88%
I am aware of how to prepare my student for the next grade level.	52.94%	47.06%	0.00%	0.00%
I understand more about college.	35.29%	47.06%	17.65%	0.00%
I understand how to assist my student in preparing for college.	52.94%	29.41%	17.65%	0.00%
I see the value in the afterschool program for my student.	64.71%	29.41%	0.00%	5.88%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
Oak Cliff Campus Results for Fall 2020

IV. Staff Beliefs: *How does our staff feel about the program?*

FALL 2020				
8 responses				
Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our program is improving student academic performance.	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Our program is improving student attendance.	62.50%	37.50%	0.00%	0.00%
Our program is improving student behavior.	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Our program will improve promotion rates due to the academic support provided to students and parents.	62.50%	37.50%	0.00%	0.00%
Our program improves parents & students' understanding of college and college readiness.	50.00%	25.00%	12.50%	12.50%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
***Waxahachie* Results for Fall 2020**

I. Program Effectiveness: *What is the effectiveness of our program?*

FALL 2020
13 responses

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our program has measurable goals that align with the mission of our school and meet the needs of our students.	15.38%	69.23%	7.69%	7.69%
Our program is gathering information that informs the direction of the program.	23.08%	53.85%	23.08%	0.00%
Our program is measuring student academic achievement and behavior.	30.77%	30.77%	30.77%	7.69%
Our program identifies and shares best practices among staff.	30.77%	46.15%	23.08%	0.00%
Our program creates information about our progress and shares with our parents.	7.69%	61.54%	30.77%	0.00%
We have a method for assessing program activities.	15.38%	69.23%	15.38%	0.00%
We have a method for assessing staff performance.	30.77%	61.54%	7.69%	0.00%
We have a method for assessing student engagement levels.	23.08%	38.46%	38.46%	0.00%
We obtain feedback from our parents.	23.08%	46.15%	23.08%	7.69%
We use feedback to modify or improve our program.	25.00%	33.33%	41.67%	0.00%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
***Waxahachie* Results for Fall 2020**

II. Student Beliefs: *How do students feel about the program?*

FALL 2020
48 responses

Question	Yes	Somewhat	No
Has the <u>after school</u> program helped you become a better student?	72.92%	18.75%	8.33%
Have you improved turning your homework on time?	81.25%	12.50%	6.25%
Do you participate in class more?	79.17%	14.58%	6.25%
Are you more engaged in class?	62.50%	25.00%	12.50%
Do you ask the teacher for help when needed?	75.00%	10.42%	14.58%
Do you get along better with other students?	62.50%	27.08%	10.42%
Are you better prepared for the next grade level?	66.67%	25.00%	8.33%
Do you know more about college?	18.75%	16.67%	64.58%
Does your family understand more about college?	64.58%	22.92%	12.50%
Do you enjoy this program?	83.33%	12.50%	4.17%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
***Waxahachie* Results for Fall 2020**

III. Parents Beliefs (Combined from both Parent Surveys): *How do parents feel about the program?*

Question	FALL 2020			
	14 responses			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
This afterschool program has helped my student improve academically.	42.86%	50.00%	7.14%	0.00%
This program has improved my student submitting their assignments on time.	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%	0.00%
My student now participates in class more since coming to this program.	28.57%	64.29%	7.14%	0.00%
My student feels more engaged in class.	21.43%	64.29%	14.29%	0.00%
This program helps my student understand when he/she needs to ask for help.	28.57%	64.29%	7.14%	0.00%
The program has helped to improve my child's behavior.	28.57%	42.86%	28.57%	0.00%
I am aware of how to prepare my student for the next grade level.	35.71%	57.14%	7.14%	0.00%
I understand more about college.	14.29%	78.57%	7.14%	0.00%
I understand how to assist my student in preparing for college.	35.71%	50.00%	14.29%	0.00%
I see the value in the afterschool program for my student.	64.29%	35.71%	0.00%	0.00%

Appendix 2

2021 Spring Surveys

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
Oak Cliff Campus Results for Spring 2021

I. Program Effectiveness: *What is the effectiveness of our program?*

SPRING 2021
17 responses

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our program has measurable goals that align with the mission of our school and meet the needs of our students.	35.29%	52.94%	11.76%	0.00%
Our program is gathering information that informs the direction of the program.	29.41%	47.06%	23.53%	0.00%
Our program is measuring student academic achievement and behavior.	17.65%	58.82%	23.53%	0.00%
Our program identifies and shares best practices among staff.	35.29%	52.94%	5.88%	5.88%
Our program creates information about our progress and shares with our parents.	11.76%	58.82%	29.41%	0.00%
We have a method for assessing program activities.	23.53%	52.94%	17.65%	5.88%
We have a method for assessing staff performance.	17.65%	52.94%	23.53%	5.88%
We have a method for assessing student engagement levels.	17.65%	58.82%	17.65%	5.88%
We obtain feedback from our parents.	11.76%	52.94%	29.41%	5.88%
We use feedback to modify or improve our program.	11.76%	70.59%	11.76%	5.88%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
***Oak Cliff Campus* Results for Spring 2021**

II. Student Beliefs: *How do students feel about the program?*

SPRING 2021
51 responses

Question	Yes	Somewhat	No
Has the <u>after school</u> program helped you become a better student?	78.00%	14.00%	8.00%
Have you improved turning your homework on time?	60.78%	23.53%	15.69%
Do you participate in class more?	62.00%	26.00%	12.00%
Are you more engaged in class?	68.63%	25.49%	5.88%
Do you ask the teacher for help when needed?	64.00%	20.00%	16.00%
Do you get along better with other students?	82.00%	14.00%	4.00%
Are you better prepared for the next grade level?	66.66%	27.45%	5.88%
Do you know more about college?	40.00%	18.00%	42.00%
Does your family understand more about college?	41.18%	25.49%	33.33%
Do you enjoy this program?	86.00%	12.00%	2.00%
Did the <u>after school</u> program continue to offer you support during the Covid-19 pandemic?	58.82%	17.56%	23.53%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
Oak Cliff Campus Results for Spring 2021

III. Parent Beliefs (Combined from both Parent Surveys): *How do parents feel about the program?*

SPRING 2021
20 responses

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
This afterschool program has helped my student improve academically.	55.00%	45.00%	0.00%	0.00%
This program has improved my student submitting their assignments on time.	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%	0.00%
My student now participates in class more since coming to this program.	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
My student feels more engaged in class.	45.00%	55.00%	0.00%	0.00%
This program helps my student understand when he/she needs to ask for help.	45.00 %	50.00%	5.00%	0.00%
The program has helped to improve my child's behavior.	45.00%	55.00%	0.00%	0.00%
I am aware of how to prepare my student for the next grade level.	60.00%	35.00%	5.00%	0.00%
I understand more about college.	25.00%	60.00%	10.00%	5.00%
I understand how to assist my student in preparing for college.	30.00%	60.00%	10.00%	0.00%
I see the value in the afterschool program for my student.	65.00%	35.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
***Oak Cliff Campus* Results for Spring 2021**

IV. Staff Beliefs: *How does our staff feel about the program?*

SPRING 2021
17 responses

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our program is improving student academic performance.	23.53%	70.59%	0.00%	5.88%
Our program is improving student attendance.	17.65%	64.71%	11.76%	5.88%
Our program is improving student behavior.	17.65%	17.65%	17.65%	17.65%
Our program will improve promotion rates due to the academic support provided to students and parents.	29.41%	29.41%	29.41%	29.41%
Our program improves parents & students' understanding of college and college readiness.	11.76%	58.82%	23.53%	5.88%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
***Waxahachie* Results for SPRING 2021**

I. Program Effectiveness: *What is the effectiveness of our program?*

SPRING 2021
14 responses

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our program has measurable goals that align with the mission of our school and meet the needs of our students.	21.43%	42.86%	28.57%	7.14%
Our program is gathering information that informs the direction of the program.	35.71%	35.71%	28.57%	0.00%
Our program is measuring student academic achievement and behavior.	21.43%	35.71%	35.71%	7.14%
Our program identifies and shares best practices among staff.	21.43%	57.14%	14.29%	7.14%
Our program creates information about our progress and shares with our parents.	21.43%	35.71%	42.86%	0.00%
We have a method for assessing program activities.	28.57%	50.00%	21.43%	0.00%
We have a method for assessing staff performance.	28.57%	57.14%	14.29%	0.00%
We have a method for assessing student engagement levels.	28.57%	35.71%	28.57%	7.14%
We obtain feedback from our parents.	21.43%	50.00%	28.57%	0.00%
We use feedback to modify or improve our program.	28.57%	35.71%	35.71%	0.00%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
***Waxahachie* Results for SPRING 2021**

II. Student Beliefs: *How do students feel about the program?*

SPRING 2021
25 responses

Question	Yes	Somewhat	No
Has the <u>after school</u> program helped you become a better student?	68%	16%	16%
Have you improved turning your homework on time?	76%	16%	8%
Do you participate in class more?	76%	16%	8%
Are you more engaged in class?	52%	36%	12%
Do you ask the teacher for help when needed?	72%	16%	12%
Do you get along better with other students?	60%	20%	20%
Are you better prepared for the next grade level?	64%	24%	12%
Do you know more about college?	36%	20%	8%
Does your family understand more about college?	48%	12%	40%
Do you enjoy this program?	76%	16%	8%
Did the <u>after school</u> program continue to support you during the Covid-19 pandemic?	60%	24%	16%

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
Waxahachie Results for SPRING 2021

III. Parents Beliefs (Combined from both Parent Surveys): *How do parents feel about the program?*

*Responses are reported by count rather than percentage because of the low number of respondents.

Question	SPRING 2021 4 responses*			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
This afterschool program has helped my student improve academically.	4	0	0	0
This program has improved my student submitting their assignments on time.	4	0	0	0
My student now participates in class more since coming to this program.	2	2	0	0
My student feels more engaged in class.	3	1	0	0
This program helps my student understand when he/she needs to ask for help.	4	0	0	0
The program has helped to improve my child's behavior.	3	1	0	0
I am aware of how to prepare my student for the next grade level.	3	1	0	0
I understand more about college.	2	2	0	0
I understand how to assist my student in preparing for college.	3	1	0	0
I see the value in the afterschool program for my student.	4	0	0	0

Faith Family Academy & YMCA Dallas ACE Program
***Waxahachie* Results for SPRING 2021**

IV. Staff Beliefs: *How does our staff feel about the program?*

SPRING 2021
14 responses

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our program is improving student academic performance.	14.29%	64.29%	14.29%	7.14%
Our program is improving student attendance.	14.29%	42.86%	35.71%	7.14%
Our program is improving student behavior.	7.14%	42.86%	35.71%	14.29%
Our program will improve promotion rates due to the academic support provided to students and parents.	7.14%	57.14%	28.57%	7.14%
Our program improves parents & students' understanding of college and college readiness.	7.14%	42.86%	35.71%	14.29%