LOCATION
Considerations & Tips

As many shared buildings and schools have been closed due to COVID-19, some afterschool and summer programs have been left without a location to provide activities.

Use the below considerations and tips to help you find a location to host your summer program.

- Carefully review all CDC, state, and Child Care Licensing recommendations as you think about what space could work for you. Some considerations include:
  - What is the level of mitigation in the area? Programs should not open in higher risk areas.
  - Is there appropriate space to maintain social distancing during activities and transitions?
  - Will the space be easily cleaned often?
  - Is there a space youth may be isolated if they become sick?

- Contact local religious institutions, local or city recreation facilities, private or charter schools, and other similar facilities to utilize unused space.

- Consider offerings that may already be in place in the community you aim to serve. If you are unable to find your own location, you may be able to partner to provide activities that complement and supplement what is in place. For example: partner with a sports league looking to implement academic and social & emotional support to the youth they serve.

CDC Considerations for Youth and Summer Camps

As some communities in the United States begin to convene youth camps, CDC offers the following considerations for ways in which camp administrators can help protect campers, staff, and communities, and slow the spread of COVID-19.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html

CDC Decision Tree

The CDC has provided a simple decision tree to guide you assess your preparedness to open.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Camps-Decision-Tree.pdf

Connecticut's Health Guidance System

Connecticut's COVID-19 resource page consists of statewide updates, resources, and general guidance.

https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus

Child Care and COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions for Providers

A collection of answers to Frequently Asked Questions provided by the Office of Early Chilldhood which covers safety measures, staffing and ratios, and other essential practices for youth camps.

https://www.ctoec.org/covid-19/youth-camps-covid-19-faq/

American Camp Association Summer Planning Guide

The American Camp Association (ACA) and the YMCA of the USA (Y-USA) provide educational resources to both day and overnight camps, state and local health departments, and parents/guardians and campers.

https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/camp-operations-guide-summer-2020

Found in the Quality Tool

http://ctafterschoolnetwork.org/program-quality-tools/

The following indicators in the Quality Self-Assessment Tool support finding and running a safe program space.

Be Safe:
3- Environment
    6- Program space is clean and safe.
    9- Program's space meet or exceed local health and safety codes.
5- Safety
    1- Staff should be aware of all requirements regarding health and safety procedures.