Summer Matters Sacramento – 
Professional Learning Community Kick-Off!

SUMMER MATTERS MINI-GRANTS ARE AWARDED TO PROMOTE A REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT SUCCESSFUL MODELS OF HIGH QUALITY SUMMER PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS EQUITY ISSUES AND IMPROVE THE LEARNING, ENRICHMENT, AND HEALTH OF YOUTH

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The Summer Matters Sacramento Mini-grantees, convened for the first time in what will be an ongoing professional learning community aimed at supporting high quality summer programs. The goal of the professional learning community (PLC) is to build quality practices to improve the success of summer programs in the Sacramento region. The PLC mini-grantees will focus efforts on delivering high quality summer learning programs connected to the National Summer Learning Associations - Comprehensive Assessment Summer Programs (CASP).

“Sacramento’s regional prosperity depends on eliminating the achievement gap. We are excited to support the efforts of the UC Davis School of Education – Center for Community School Partnerships Summer Matters Sacramento team. This effort aligns with the mission of the Sierra Health Foundation to support community educational and health equity through high quality summer learning programs,” said Matt Cervantes Sierra Health Foundation - Program Officer.

The Summer Matters Sacramento Mini-Grant PLC convenes at a moment of urgency against a backdrop of deep cuts to education and prevention programs in the region. This is a time of “growing our own and building our own,” said Esther Rosario, Summer Matters Sacramento grantee.

There is also a growing understanding of the challenges and the need for action connected to quality summer programming when many students in disenfranchised communities face a unique and significant set of barriers attributed to summer learning loss.

“We are at risk of losing the talents and skills of an entire generation. We have to use summer to change education outcomes for the youth that need it the most.” said Kindra Montgomery-Block, Director of Training and Community Relations UC Davis School of Education – Center For Community School Partnerships.

The PLC activities will include digital video diaries that highlight high quality summer program as aligned to self-selected activity indicators in the CASP to demonstrate successful models of learning programs. Participants will showcase their summer program efforts at the Summer Matters Sacramento “Summer Debrief” September 28, 2012 at the Sacramento County
Summer Matters Sacramento Mini-Grantees Include:

1. Grant Lead: Greg King  
   Organization: Always Knocking

2. Grant Lead: Carrie Black  
   Organization: The Learn Project/Healthy Kids

3. Grant Lead: David Gaines  
   Organization: Native Voices

4. Grant Lead: Frankie Jones  
   Organization: Project Stand Together

5. Grant Lead: Esther Rosario  
   Organization: Riverbank Project ACTION

6. Grant Lead: Jan Bernard, Jaccara Moody, Imani Lucas  
   Organization: Roberts Family Development Center

7. Grant Lead: David Hersh, Tiffany Tan, Stephen Fernandez  
   Organization: Sacramento READS!

8. Grant Lead: Rolanda Wilkins  
   Organization: Our World Culture Center

9. Grant Lead: Julius Ausfine
Organization: MASTERS Program

10. Grant Lead: Blanca Gallardo
Organization: Summer of Fun Exploration Change

Summer Matter Sacramento Mini Grantee Team Building "Marshmallow Activity"