

Community Connectors Program
Grant Application
Letter of Support
March 4, 2015

Please accept this letter of support for the Community Connectors Grant Program. OSU Sports Medicine recognizes the importance of increasing workforce diversity and is willing to commit staff to the mentoring efforts outlined in the application. Our multidisciplinary program employs health care professionals from many specialties, including physicians, surgeons, physical therapists, athletic trainers, physician assistants, nurses, sports nutritionists and sports psychologists. In addition, we have robust programs in research, outreach and education. Our position as the sports medicine provider for Columbus City Schools (CCS) should allow us to readily promote professional health care careers and provide mentoring support to students in the district. We currently have a daily presence at 16 CCS high schools. OSU Sports Medicine is fully engaged and will continue to support this forward thinking opportunity to provide a consistent presence in the lives of young children.

In addition to our physicians and athletic trainers in the schools, our large (100+) rehabilitation staff can offer mentoring and observation in physical, occupational and speech therapies.

We are dedicated to the success of this initiative and our staff looks forward to making a difference in the lives of the many young people who will be touched by this generous grant. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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