

Strategies for Success:

Communicate

Several established partnerships acknowledge that getting to know their CBO partners makes a big difference in the success of the after-school program. There is no one-way to do this. Use these examples and find an approach or two that works for you.

Invite CBO staff and parents to be on an advisory board
as a way to establish a sense of shared ownership and create a seamless relationship.

Post after-school positions in the principal's office and throughout the community
to give teachers at the school and CBO staff an opportunity to apply.

Take your partners to lunch.
Get to know them on a personal level.

Set up quarterly meetings
between superintendent, principal, CBO executive director and after-school director to get a quick recap of how the program is doing.

Choose one PTA meeting,
invite CBO partners and after-school staff and publicly acknowledge their good work.

Once a week, talk informally with the after-school director.
Ask questions: "How are things going?" "What can I do help?"