

Leveraging Resources & Infrastructure Planning

As you consider funding needs and streams, consider your needs in light of what is available and what will enable you to build the long-term sustainability of your program. Grant funds often expire, so consider ways in which you can leverage those funds for long-term impact. Here are prompts to guide you in considering four primary areas in which to invest.

Considerations for Physical Space:

- What is your vision for physical space? What facilities infrastructure do you need to work well with your students and families?
- Will you work on-site at each school, or in a central office, or some combination of both?
- What space is available for programming or services, e.g. for a clothes closet or for tutoring students or meeting with families?
- How could you secure additional space through funding or partnerships?
- What steps can help you bring that vision of physical space to life?



Physical
Space

Considerations for Technology:

- What is your vision for technology? What technology infrastructure do you need to work well with your students and families?
- What kind of documentation do you need for your work with students and families?
- Will you use hard files or online files? What makes the most sense for your budget and your needs?
- Are there technology resources or apps already in use by your district or LEA that can be used for record-keeping?
- How could you secure additional resources, through funding or partnerships?
- What steps can help you bring that vision of technology to life?



Technology

Considerations for Programs & Services:

- What is your vision for programming? What infrastructure do you need to work well with your students and families?
- What kind of programs and services do you currently offer? What do you need to continue to make those happen?
- What other kinds of programs and services do you wish you could offer? What other needs exist that are currently unmet? What structures or logistical support could make those happen?

Programs & Services

- Are there other services provided by your LEA, city, or community that would be beneficial for your students and families?
- How could you secure additional resources through funding or partnerships?
- What steps can help you bring that vision of programming to life?

Considerations for Staffing:

- What is your vision for staffing? What positions do you need to work well with your students and families?
- Who is currently a part of your team of support? Consider those who work FT in your program as well as those in other departments or locations that support your work?
- How can additional staffing increase the support for your students and families? How can it relieve the burden on any overworked team members?

Staffing

- Are there opportunities for unpaid staff to contribute through volunteers or internships?
- How could you secure additional resources through funding or partnerships?
- What steps can help you bring that vision of staffing to life?