The way in which today's student learns is constantly evolving, with 80% of learning time occurring during out-of-school time (OST). As OST providers develop and deliver programs and experiences to engage, educate, and empower students, the need to measure the effectiveness and impact of these experiences require innovative solutions.

Oftentimes, with the best intentions, providers lack helpful data measurement tools that can assist them in making systematic program decisions and improvements.

To help demystify data and the sometimes arduous collection process, Big Thought, Dallas Afterschool and SMU's Center on Research and Evaluation (CORE) collaborated to create the Expanded Learning Information System (ELIS) to assist program providers with this effort.

ELIS | EXPANDED LEARNING INFORMATION SYSTEM
www.elisdfw.org

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF ELIS

- Reduce data collection redundancies.
- Deliver actionable data frequently enough that improvements can be made.
- Drive positive outcomes by supporting data-driven decision making at scale.
- Provide better evidence about what works, where it works, and why it works.

THE BENEFIT OF ELIS TO PROVIDERS

- ELIS is an innovative and comprehensive tool developed to collect, share, evaluate and report out data.
- ELIS is a coordinated data system to support the OST ecosystem across Dallas County, creating efficiencies in the way data is collected and shared.
- ELIS helps OST providers quantify and qualify their program impact, and paint a more complete image and overview of program effectiveness and student achievement.
- Build organizational capacity to work with data.

HOW PROVIDERS UTILIZE ELIS

ENGAGE
Sign-up to participate in Dallas Afterschool's Program Quality Initative (PQI) and Big Thought's Dallas City of Learning (DCOL) Initiative

LIST
List programs on DCOL platform and submit program rosters and attendance.

IMPROVE
Participate in quality improvement activities including:
- AQuA
- 6DQ
- Stakeholder Surveys

SUCCEED
- Access the ELIS Dashboard and build capacity
- Access resources and trainings available through PQI and DCOL.
- Access to the ELIS Working with Data Training Series

OST Providers have the opportunity to participate in numerous aligned quality improvement activities through their engagement in PQI and DCOL. ELIS is a centralized location for OST Providers to view and use the data from these activities to inform their continual improvement.

Afterschool Quality Advancement (AQuA)
PQI (Dallas Afterschool)

Six Dimensions of Quality Teaching & Learning (6DQ)
DCOL (Big Thought)

Stakeholder Surveys
PQI & DCOL