



This is Afterschool

Afterschool and summer programs from Juneau, Alaska, to Miami, Florida, are keeping kids safe, accelerating learning, and helping working families. Programs:



HELP YOUTH BUILD FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS like communications, teamwork, and problem-solving, which they need to thrive in the classroom, in the workplace, and in life.



OFFER A LIFELINE FOR FAMILIES. Nearly 9 in 10 voters say that quality, affordable afterschool and summer programs help parents work and strengthen the economy.



PROVIDE A STRONG RETURN ON INVESTMENT. 85% of voters want their newly elected federal, state, and local leaders to provide more funding for afterschool programs.

Yet too many children are missing out. **Nearly 25 million children would be in an afterschool program if one were available.**

DATA FROM RESEARCHERS, PARENTS, AND VOTERS REACH THE SAME CONCLUSION:

Investing in afterschool and summer programs is a smart way to help young people reach their full potential.

THE RESEARCH SAYS:

SAFETY

Students in afterschool programs report:

- ✓ Being **treated fairly** by staff
- ✓ **Feeling safe** in their program
- ✓ Feeling like they **belong and matter** in the program

LEARNING

Compared to students not in afterschool programs, afterschool program participants have:

- ↑ Higher math grades
- ↑ Higher English grades
- ↑ Higher science grades
- ↑ Higher overall GPAs
- ↓ Lower likelihood of dropping out of school

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Students in afterschool programs:

- ✓ Show **leadership skills**
- ✓ **Improve conflict resolution skills**
- ✓ Develop **skills that they can use later in life**
- ✓ Gain skills that **prepare them for college and career**

PARENTS SAY THAT KIDS IN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS:

- **Connect with caring adults** (79%)

- Work on **reading and writing skills** (80%)
- Get **homework help** (79%)
- Engage in **STEM learning opportunities** (67%)

- Interact with peers and **build social skills** (91%)
- Gain **life skills** (78%)

VOTERS AGREE THAT AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS:

- **Provide parents peace of mind** knowing that their children are safe and supervised (91%)

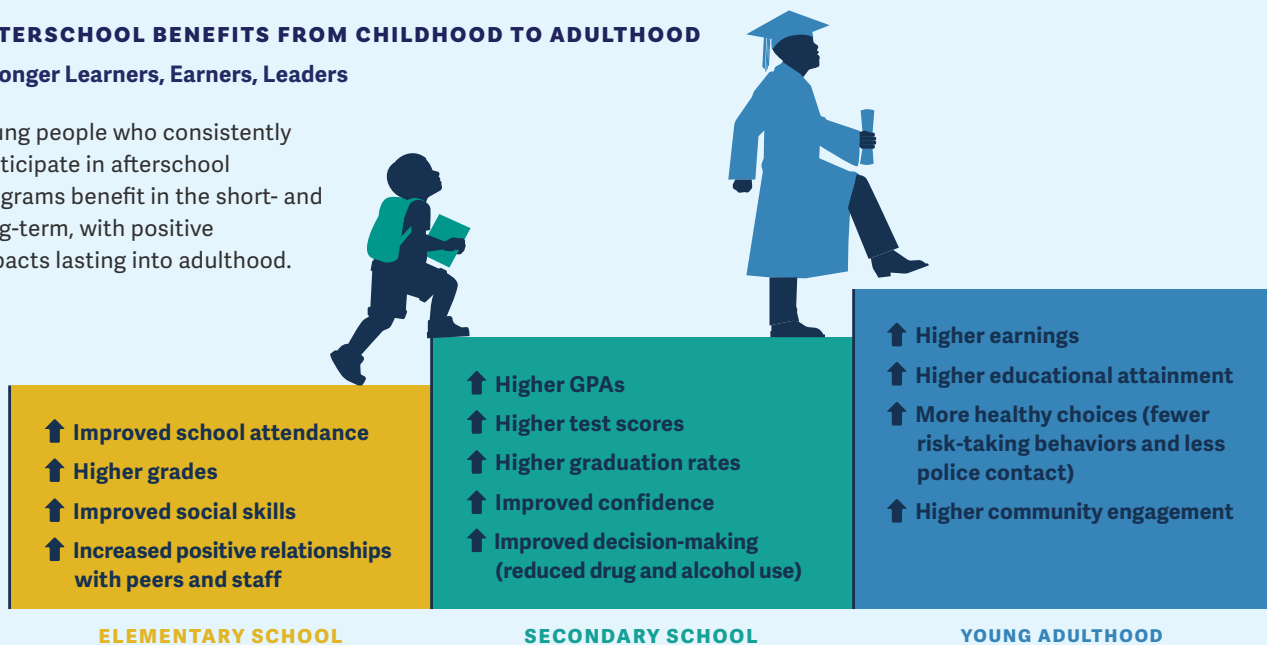
- Help young people **catch up academically and socially** (90%)

- Help young people **gain foundational skills**, like teamwork and communication (89%)

AFTERSCHOOL BENEFITS FROM CHILDHOOD TO ADULTHOOD

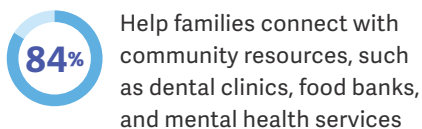
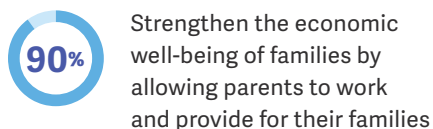
Stronger Learners, Earners, Leaders

Young people who consistently participate in afterschool programs benefit in the short- and long-term, with positive impacts lasting into adulthood.



STRONGER ECONOMY, COMMUNITIES

Voters agree that programs are important to:



Research spanning several states shows that **every \$1 invested** in afterschool programs **saves at least \$3** by:

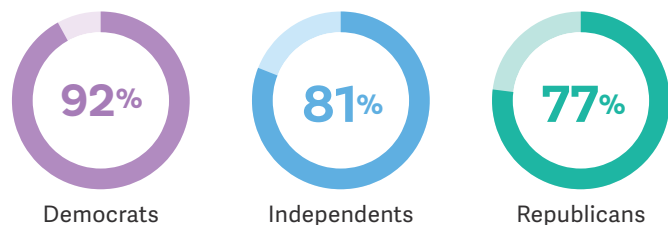
- ✓ Increasing kids' earning potential as adults
- ✓ Improving kids' performance at school
- ✓ Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency

PUBLIC SUPPORT HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER

Nearly 9 in 10 voters say that afterschool programs are an absolute necessity for their community (87%), and an overwhelming majority across political affiliations say that they want their federal, state, and local leaders to provide more funding for afterschool programs.

9 in 10 parents rate the quality of their child's afterschool program as excellent or very good

Support for increased funding for afterschool programs is high across political affiliations.



FEDERAL FUNDS EARN STRONG RETURNS

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) initiative is the only federal funding stream dedicated solely to local before-school, afterschool, and summer learning programs.

Programs supported by these funds:

- ✓ Serve 1.4 million youth and 400,000 families across 10,000 communities
- ✓ Are driven by local needs and shaped by the community
- ✓ Leverage additional funds, securing \$1 billion in additional funds over 4 years

21ST CCLC PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

Students showed:

- ↑ More engagement in learning
- ↑ Improved GPA, reading, and math scores
- ↓ Decreased school absences
- ↓ Decreased in-school suspensions

NEARLY 25 MILLION YOUTH are waiting for an afterschool program. Learn more about the state of afterschool in America and how you can help more families participate: www.afterschoolalliance.org



The Afterschool Alliance is working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs.