



Take Action in Your Community with *Afterschool for All*

Afterschool for All, is a national petition and searchable database designed by the Afterschool Alliance to bring together the diverse individuals and organizations who believe in quality, affordable afterschool programs for all children. **More than 25,000 partners from all 50 states—representing more than 30 million Americans—have joined *Afterschool for All*.**

Use the *Afterschool for All* advocacy toolkit to help grow and strengthen your advocacy efforts for afterschool. Here are just a few of the ways you can build support and raise awareness for afterschool using the *Afterschool for All* advocacy toolkit.

Download the sample invitation letters, emails and afterschool talking points to jumpstart your advocacy outreach with high-level state, city and community stakeholders at: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/a4aPartnerTools.cfm>

Successful partnerships with Mayors:

The National League of Cities made a call to action for more city leaders to join the *Afterschool for All* effort. As a result, we're pleased to report that more than forty city leaders, including several mayors, council members and superintendents signed on to become *Afterschool for All* partners.

Are your city and state leaders represented on the national list of *Afterschool for All* partners? To see whether your mayor, council member, senator or governor has signed on, simply search the *Afterschool for All* database at: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/a4aPartners.cfm>

Use the *Afterschool for All* community petition at your events to help mobilize parents, teachers, youth and community leaders for afterschool. A sample petition is available at: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/a4aPartnerPetition.cfm>

Success story from Kansas:

The Kansas Enrichment Network (KEN) hosted a successful community outreach for their state campaign, *Afterschool for All Kansas*, to build awareness among local college students. Marcia Dvorak, Director of the Kansas Enrichment Network, organized a petition drive in a student cafeteria at the Johnson County Community College. Marcia says: "Successes came from venturing away from the booth, clipboards in hand, to the tables and work stations. Little resistance was found among this population. Most of the students had been associated with a program, some had worked in an afterschool environment, and almost all quickly agreed with the need to provide safe places for younger youth."



Help lead state-wide *Afterschool for All* efforts in your community in partnership with your State-wide Afterschool Network. Nine states have partnered with the Afterschool Alliance to launch co-branded state campaigns: *Afterschool for All* Kansas, Wyoming, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, New Hampshire, Iowa, South Carolina, Oregon and New Jersey. These campaigns represent a collective effort by state partners to build awareness and increase support for afterschool in their communities.

Success story from New Jersey:

NJSACC, the network for New Jersey's afterschool communities, launched an effort to collect 10,000 signatures from New Jerseyans who support quality, affordable afterschool programs for all New Jersey children. Advocates in the state have teamed up with *Afterschool for All* to lend a national angle to a state-wide advocacy effort that is already underway, "New Jersey Celebrate Afterschool Outdoors in the Garden State." By partnering with the *Afterschool for All* effort, advocates leveraged the project's national reach and utilized our advocacy tools including a dedicated website with a searchable database, sample petitions, letters, talking points and other materials that can help make the case for greater support for afterschool. They also received ongoing technical assistance from the Afterschool Alliance's national team to help build capacity and increase the number of supporters for afterschool in New Jersey.

Community mobilization is crucial to building support for afterschool with key sectors and stakeholders. Contact the Afterschool Alliance if you would like to launch a state-wide *Afterschool for All* campaign in your state.

Don't be shy about showing your support for afterschool.

- Invite your friends, colleagues and community leaders to join *Afterschool for All*. Sign on at: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/a4aJoin.cfm>
- Display the *Proud Partner of Afterschool for All* web banner on your website.
- Use *Afterschool for All* talking points to make the case for afterschool programs.

***Afterschool for All* tools and resources can be found on the *Afterschool for All* website at: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/a4a.cfm>.**

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Petition for Afterschool

[date]

[addressee]

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Dear [Elected Official, Candidate for Office]:

The purpose of this petition is to show that I support quality, affordable afterschool programs for all youth who need them and to ask for your help in making more afterschool activities available in [insert city/district/county]. Afterschool programs combat juvenile crime, help working families and provide our youth with enriching opportunities to grow into successful adults. Kids in afterschool programs do better in school, and are less likely to get in trouble. However, there are not nearly enough afterschool programs in our communities to serve all of the youth who need them.

I am proud to be part of *Afterschool for All*, a national group of more than 25,000 individuals and organizations representing more than 30 million Americans who believe in the importance of afterschool programs for our communities. *Afterschool for All* partners include governors, mayors, police chiefs, prosecutors, colleges and universities, parents, educators, youths and advocates as well as prominent organizations representing a broad array of sectors including the YMCA of the USA, the NAACP, the National Council of La Raza, the National PTA, the National League of Cities, AARP, Time Warner, IBM, the NBA, NFL, MLB and the NHL.

**Please print your name, zip code, city, email and sign your signature below.
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