

The 2020 Afterschool for All Challenge: Part 2: Making the Case

March 4, 2020



Afterschool Alliance

Webinar Agenda

- Refresher: what is the *Afterschool for All Challenge*?
- Making the case for 3 afterschool/summer policy priorities:
 - Increase support for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)
 - Strengthen Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
 - Sponsor the Summer Meals Act
- Using social media to continue to make the case
- QUESTIONS!





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States

Hundreds

of afterschool advocates on Capitol Hill

Thousands

Raising their voices in support of afterschool and summer programs

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and the Afterschool for All Challenge

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Afterschool For All Challenge: March 18, 2020

We're heading to Capitol Hill to make the case for the programs America's kids and families count on. Join us — reach out and encourage your elected officials to support afterschool.

[✉ Email Congress Now!](#)

REMINDER: The objectives

- Establish a relationship and yourself as a resource
- Get afterschool on the radar
- Emphasize the need to maintain and increase federal support for 21st CCLC, CCDBG, and afterschool/summer meals
- Three ways to reach out:
 - Come to DC and meet with Hill offices
 - Call or email
 - Tell a friend!



What is 21st CCLC

- ✓ 1.7 million children and youth served in pre-K through 12th grade
- ✓ 10,249 school-based and community centers
- ✓ Programs stay open (on average):
 - ✓ 13.8 hours per week
 - ✓ 5 days per week
 - ✓ 32 weeks per year



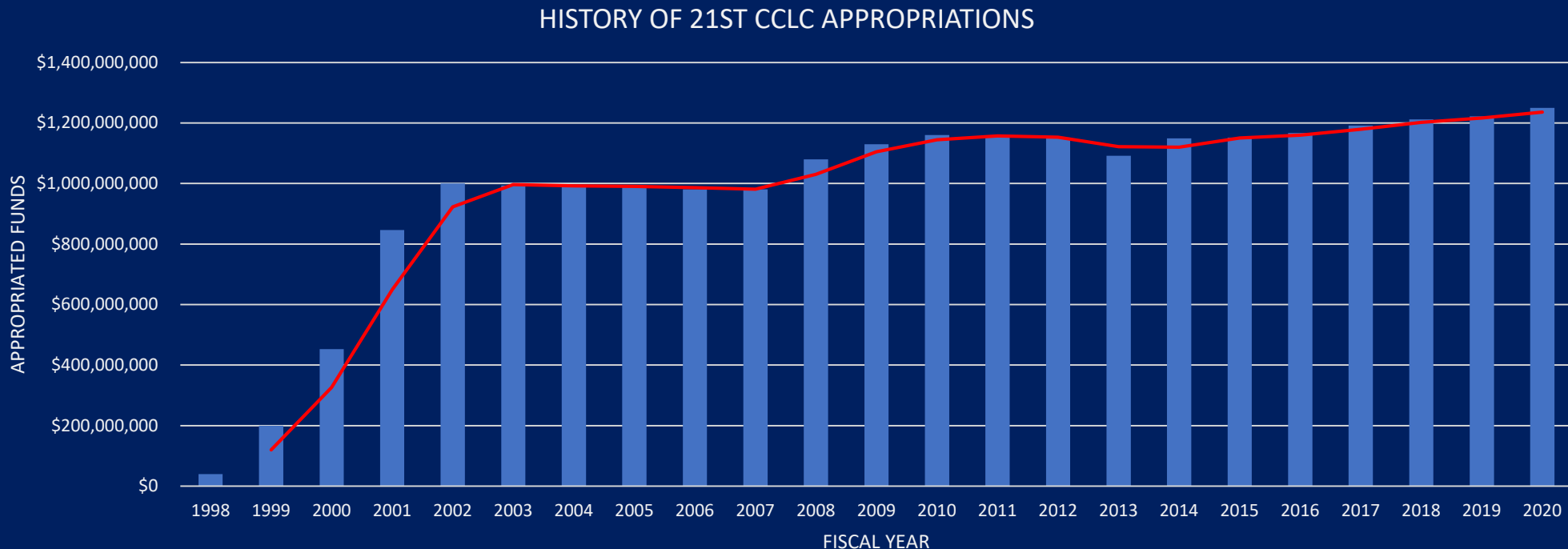
Current status of 21st CCLC

- Proposed for elimination in President's FY21 budget proposal
- Proposal this year would block grant and cut funding
- Bipartisan support increased funding by \$28 million last year
- Spending caps are tight



The Ask: Increase 21st CCLC funding

- Increase 21st CCLC in FY21 by \$100 million, allowing an additional 100,000 children to participate



The Ask: Increase 21st CCLC funding

- Research and evidence base: Most recent evaluation
- Demand: Nearly 2 million served but 10 million eligible for free and reduced price lunch cannot access or afford programs
- Not enough local, state, or private resources to meet the need

Among students regularly attending a Community Learning Center:⁴



1 in 2
**improved their
math and Language
Arts grades**



More than 2 in 3
**improved their
homework completion
and class participation**



3 in 5
**improved their
behavior in class**



The Ask: Increase 21st CCLC funding

- Academic support
- Helps students develop life skills
- Reduces chronic absenteeism
- STEM concepts and engagement
- Protective factor against risky behaviors
- Employability skills
- Financial literacy
- Entrepreneurial skills
- Physical activity and healthy lifestyles



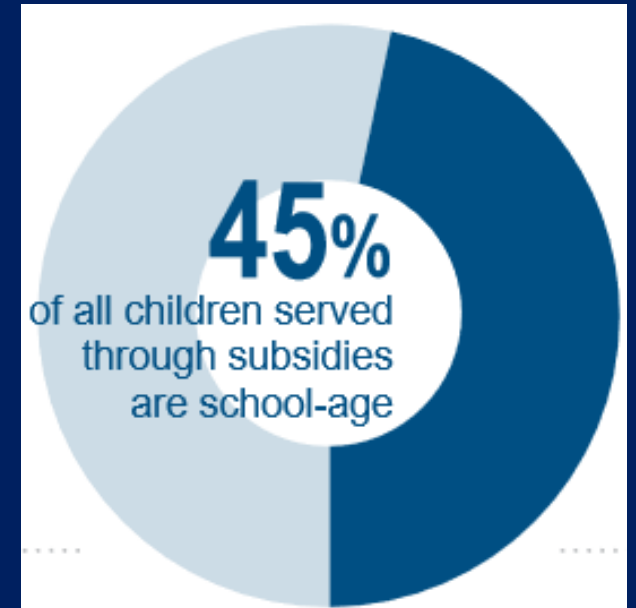
Child Care Development Block Grant

- First created in 1990
- Now called:
 - Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014
 - Also Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)
- Administered by Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families, Office of Child Care



Support CCDBG

- 45% of all children served are school age
- Average of 635,402 school age (5-13) children served each month
- 70% of school age children in center based care
- Opportunity for systems of and support for quality



Child Care Development Block Grant



- Block grant to state for subsidized child care to eligible families
 - Requirements to participate
 - States set payment rates
 - Caregivers have a co-pay
- States create plan – subsidy rates, income thresholds, quality systems
 - Recent plans 2019-2021
- Funds distributed by state through
 - vouchers (direct to caregiver)
 - grants and contracts (to programs/sites)



Child Care Development Block Grant

Potential for School Aged Focus (5-13)

School-Age Child Care Facility Handbook



May 2019

This handbook is incorporated by reference in rule 65C-22.008, Florida Administrative Code.

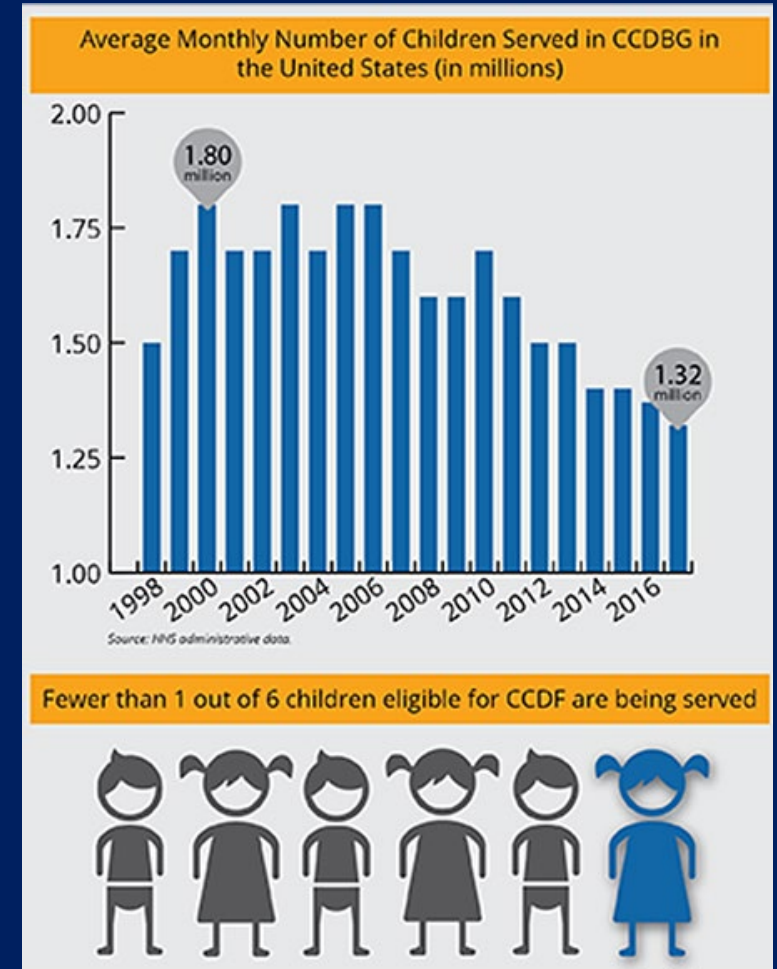
Quality

Consumer Education Database

Training

Child Care Development Block Grant

- 1 in 6 eligible children served in 2016
- For years,
 - Mostly stagnant funds
 - trend toward declining numbers of children served



Support CCDBG

Discretionary Funding – Recent Past

Historic increase to meet requirements of new law and help with waiting lists, etc.

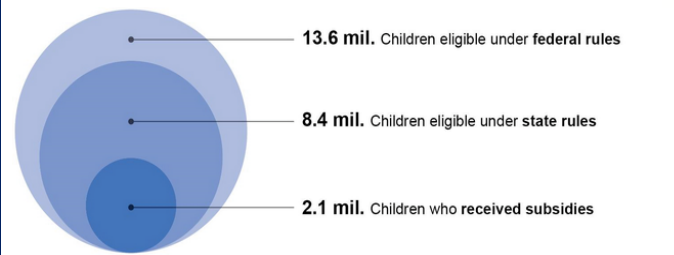
**\$2 -\$2.3 billion from
2002 to 2017**



**\$5.2- \$5.8 billion in
2018 2019 2020**

Support CCDBG

Health and Human Services' Estimated Number of Children Eligible Under Federal and State Rules and Estimated Number Receiving Child Care Subsidies, Fiscal Year 2015



- Reduce waiting lists
- Support new background checks and health and safety
- Incentivize non-traditional hours
- Raise reimbursement rates
- Quality, professional development, TA



Support CCDBG

Currently:

- President's FY 2021 Budget Proposal:
 - **Level Funding**
 - \$1 billion one-time mandatory investment for States to build the supply of care and stimulate employer investment in child care
- House Appropriations Level:
 - **No action yet**
- Senate
 - **No action yet**



The Ask: CCDBG

Ensure the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) has the essential discretionary funding it needs for FY 2021, **by maintaining or increasing the current funding levels.**



Child Nutrition: Summer Meals Act

Background & Making the case

- About 1.2 million students receive a reimbursable afterschool meal daily, while 20 million receive a free school lunch
- About 3 million students participate in the summer nutrition program
- Many students are not being reached; reauthorization gives us an opportunity to increase student access to healthy meals afterschool and in the summer

Sponsor the Summer Meals Act S. 1908/HR 2818

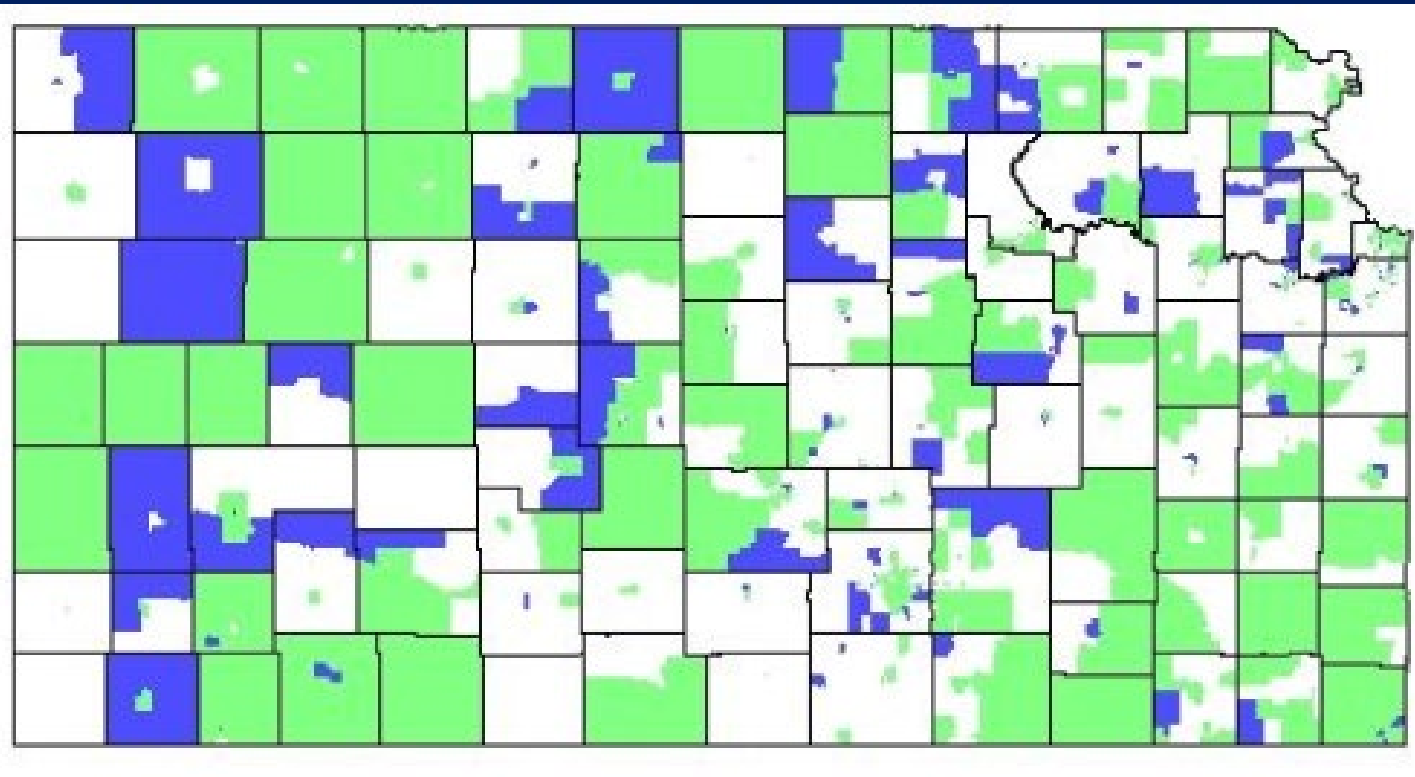
- Change area eligibility from 50% of children eligible for free and reduced price meals to 40%
- Streamline summer and afterschool meals to make year round out of school time meals easier
- Rural transportation grants
- Third meal in the summer

HR 2818: Reps. Young (R-Alaska) and Larsen (D-Wash.)

S. 1908: Sens. Murkowski (R-Alaska and Gillibrand D-NY)

Child Nutrition: Consistent with 21st CCLC

Kansas — 50% to 40% change adds blue-shaded communities



50% communities in
green

40% communities in
blue

Sponsor the Summer Meals Act

- Nourish mind and body, increase number of students served
- Meals but also more: while attending an afterschool or summer learning program, students have access to academic enrichment they need during the school year, combat summer learning loss, and stay safe
- Consistency across federal programs will increase the number of communities and students served



Key Resources

- ✓ Afterschool for All Challenge Participant Tools
- ✓ Digital Action Toolkit



Questions?

Please bear with us as we resolve audio difficulties.



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