

This is Afterschool in Georgia



Georgia parents value afterschool programs for keeping kids safe and providing them opportunities to learn, connect, and build foundational life skills. Programs also help parents keep their jobs, boost productivity, and reduce stress. But too many families are missing out. In Georgia, approximately 853,000 children whose parents want afterschool programs do not have access to them.

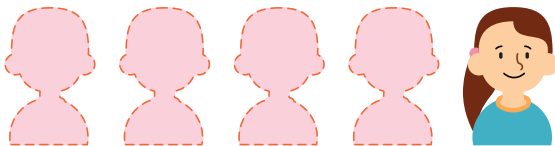
Demand for Afterschool Programs in Georgia is Enormous

Parents of more than
1 million children
want afterschool programs

✓ **236,308**
children are in
afterschool programs

✗ **853,224**
children are **not** in programs, but
would be if a program were available

Nearly 4 in 5 Georgia children are missing out.



Afterschool Programs Support Georgia Children’s Learning and Development

Georgia parents give programs high marks for quality and for supporting their child with:



Afterschool Works in Georgia

A 2022 report from the Georgia Department of Education found that students participating in 21st CCLC programs demonstrated academic and behavioral gains. Programs helped:

- Boost academic performance:** Among students needing improvement, more than half of 7th through 8th and 10th through 12th graders improved their GPAs (53%), and 1 in 5 students in grades 4 through 8 improved their math (21%) and reading and language arts state assessment scores (20%).
- Reduce chronic absenteeism:** Approximately 3 in 4 (76%) students who were chronically absent the previous school year improved their school-day attendance.
- Improve engagement:** 76% of 1st through 5th graders improved their teacher-reported engagement in learning.

Georgia Parents Stand Behind Afterschool Programs

89%

Agree that all young people deserve access to quality afterschool and summer programs.



88%

Are in favor of public funding for afterschool programs. Support for public funding is also high across political affiliations.



Afterschool Programs Help Working Families and Strengthen the Economy

Georgia parents report that their child's afterschool program:

81%

Helps them keep their job



97%

Leads to less stress



87%

Boosts productivity



Research has found that **every \$1 invested** in Georgia afterschool programs leads to a **return on investment of \$2.64** by:



Reducing grade retention



Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency



Reducing drug and alcohol addiction



If there were not an afterschool program available, what, if any impact would it have on your family?

"...for my child, it would definitely be detrimental, as kids today need outlets to explore their interests and be introduced to new ideas outside of their home."

— GEORGIA DAD

21st Century Community Learning Centers

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative (21st CCLC) is the only federal funding dedicated to afterschool and summer programs, enabling states to award funds to local programs that meet community needs. 21st CCLC programs engage students in hands-on learning activities aimed at supporting their academic growth, provide a variety of enrichment activities to complement school-day learning, and offer educational and support services to the families of participating children.

IN GEORGIA:

33,102
children are served by
a 21st CCLC program

280
communities
served

Demand for programming in Georgia is so great that **3 out of every 10** applications were not funded during the most recent competition.

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About the Afterschool Alliance

The Afterschool Alliance is working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. Learn more at: www.afterschoolalliance.org

