



This is Afterschool in Idaho

Idaho 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 Idaho, more than 142,000 children whose parents want afterschool programs do not have access to them.

Demand for Afterschool Programs in Idaho is Enormous

Parents of **169,259** children want afterschool programs

✓ **26,958** children are in afterschool programs

✗ **142,302** children are **not** in programs, but would be if a program were available

Approximately 5 in 6 Idaho children are missing out.



Afterschool Programs Support Idaho Children’s Learning and Development

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



Afterschool Works in Idaho

In a 2024 U.S. Department of Education report on 21st CCLC programs nationally, Idaho students demonstrated both academic and behavioral gains. Programs helped:

Boost academic performance:

Approximately 2 in 5 students in grades 4 through 8 demonstrated growth on the state’s reading/language arts (42%) and math assessments (37%). One-third (34%) of 7th through 8th and 10th through 12th grade students who had a GPA below 3.0 the previous year improved their GPA.

Reduced chronic absenteeism:

76% of students who were chronically absent the previous school year improved their school-day attendance.

Improve engagement:

92% of 1st through 5th graders improved their teacher-reported engagement in learning, and 78% experienced fewer in-school suspensions than the previous year.

Idaho Parents Stand Behind Afterschool Programs

84%

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



86%

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

Idaho parents report that their child's afterschool program:

76%

Helps them keep their job



91%

Leads to less stress



96%

Boosts productivity



Additionally, 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



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

"It would create child care challenges, increase stress, affect work hours, and limit my child's social and educational opportunities."

— IDAHO MOM

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 IDAHO:

6,070
children are served by
a 21st CCLC program

77
communities
served

Demand for programming in Idaho is so great that **3 out of every 5** 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

