

This is Afterschool in Indiana

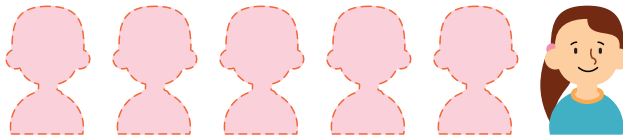


Indiana parents value afterschool programs for keeping kids safe and providing them opportunities to learn, connect, and build foundational life skills. Programs also help parents keep their jobs, boost productivity, and reduce stress. But too many families are missing out. In Indiana, approximately 412,000 children whose parents want afterschool programs do not have access to them.

Demand for Afterschool Programs in Indiana is Enormous



5 in 6 Indiana children are missing out.



Afterschool Programs Support Indiana Children's Learning and Development

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



Afterschool Works in Indiana

A 2024 evaluation by the Diehl Consulting Group of Indiana's 21st CCLC programs found that participation in programs improved students':

Academic performance:

Approximately 3 in 4 regular attendees earned at least a B grade or showed improvement in English/language arts (73%) and math (76%). More than half (52%) improved on the state's math assessment.

School-day attendance: Regular attendees had a school-day attendance rate of 95%.

Engagement in learning: Among students identified as needing to improve, teachers reported that a majority who regularly attended programs improved their participation in class (60%), homework completion (58%), and ability to finish assignments, even when challenging (55%).

Evaluators reported that students attending programs more regularly showed greater academic and behavioral gains.

Indiana Parents Stand Behind Afterschool Programs

87%

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



89%

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

Indiana parents report that their child's afterschool program:

84%

Helps them keep their job



95%

Leads to less stress



80%

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?

"If there were no afterschool program available, it would impact my family by making it more difficult to work full-time and be assured our daughter was being supervised and was safe."

— INDIANA 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 INDIANA:

17,536

children are served by a 21st CCLC program

198

communities served

Demand for programming in Indiana is so great that more than **2 out of every 3** 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



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