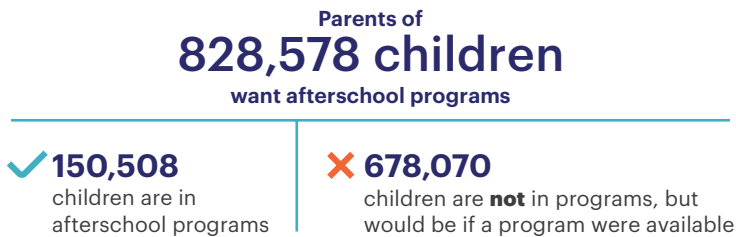


This is Afterschool in Michigan

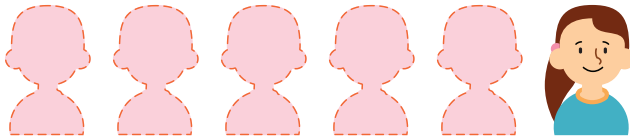


Michigan parents value afterschool programs for keeping kids safe and providing them opportunities to learn, connect, and build foundational life skills. Programs also help parents keep their jobs, boost productivity, and reduce stress. But too many families are missing out. In Michigan, approximately 678,000 children whose parents want afterschool programs do not have access to them.

Demand for Afterschool Programs in Michigan is Enormous



Approximately 5 in 6 Michigan children are missing out.



Afterschool Programs Support Michigan Children’s Learning and Development

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



Afterschool Works in Michigan

A 2025 evaluation of Michigan’s 21st CCLC programs by Michigan State University found that programs helped:

- ▲ **Boost academic performance:** Approximately one-third of students in grades 7 through 8 and 10 through 12 who needed improvement demonstrated GPA growth (33%). Among 4th through 7th graders, more than one-third made gains on their state test scores in English language arts (36%) and math (36%).
- ▲ **Improve engagement and behavior:** Based on teacher reports, students needing improvement made progress on their classroom behavior (68%), social-emotional development (68%), and homework completion (60%).
- ▲ **Build skills and confidence:** More than 5 in 6 students agreed that the program helped them to learn new skills (86%) and encouraged them to be the best they can be (88%).

Michigan Parents Stand Behind Afterschool Programs

87%

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

Michigan parents report that their child's afterschool program:

81%

Helps them keep their job



95%

Leads to less stress



85%

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?

"Not having an after school program available would impact my family because I wouldn't get to work as many hours. My child wouldn't gain the benefit of the program and all the different things she would get to learn."

— MICHIGAN 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 MICHIGAN:

23,302
children are served by
a 21st CCLC program

227
communities
served

Demand for programming in Michigan is so great that more than **2 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

