

This is Afterschool in North Dakota



North Dakota 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 North Dakota, nearly 41,000 children whose parents want afterschool programs do not have access to them.

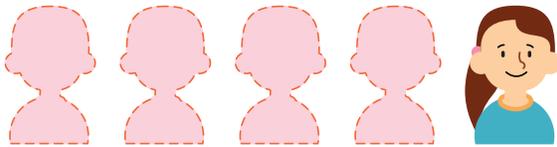
Demand for Afterschool Programs in North Dakota is Enormous

Parents of **52,706** children want afterschool programs

✓ **11,845** children are in afterschool programs

✗ **40,861** children are **not** in programs, but would be if a program were available

Nearly 4 in 5 North Dakota children are missing out.



Afterschool Programs Support North Dakota Children’s Learning and Development

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



Afterschool Works in North Dakota

A 2025 statewide evaluation of 21st CCLCs found that programs helped:

- Reduce chronic absenteeism:** Two-thirds of chronically absent participants demonstrated improved attendance.
- Build students’ academic and social skills:** 79% of teachers reported that programs addressed students’ academic needs, while elementary and middle/high school students agreed that programs helped them get along better with peers (81% and 69%, respectively). Additionally, 70% of parents said that their child’s attitude toward school improved because of the program and 84% of school leaders reported programs improved students’ social and behavioral outcomes.
- Help working families:** 92% of parents agreed that afterschool programs help them keep their jobs.

Evaluators estimated the economic value of the state’s 21st CCLC programs to be as much as \$33 million.

North Dakota 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

North Dakota parents report that their child's afterschool program:

78%

Helps them keep their job



100%

Leads to less stress



90%

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?

"[There would be a] dramatic change in my work schedule that would adversely affect my entire family."

— NORTH DAKOTA 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 NORTH DAKOTA:

9,135

children are served by a 21st CCLC program

88

communities served

Citations

1. Afterschool Alliance. (2025). *North Dakota After 3PM*, fifth edition [Data set]. <https://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/data/north-dakota/demand>.
2. Arcaira, E., Brown, T., & Grady, J. (2025). *21st Century Community Learning Centers state of North Dakota state evaluation SY 2023-2024*. Alvarez & Marsal.
3. Afterschool Alliance estimate based on findings from state-level return on investment studies, including California, Georgia, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Vermont.
4. North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. (2025). [Number of children and communities served by ND 21st CCLCs, 2024-2025] [Unpublished raw data].

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



afterschoolalliancedc



afterschool4all



afterschool-alliance



afterschool4all



Afterschool Alliance