

# Afterschool Works for Students, Families, and the Economy

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Afterschool boosts student success, keeps kids safe, and helps parents keep their jobs. The demand for afterschool and summer learning opportunities far exceeds the supply and too many young people are being left out.

11,512 communities nationwide benefit from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers initiative, including 62 communities that serve 9,166 students across the state of New Hampshire. This initiative is the only federal funding source dedicated exclusively to afterschool and summer programs that keep young people engaged and on track for high school graduation, college, and careers.

## Afterschool works for students

Students participating in quality afterschool programs attend school more often, do better in school, and are more likely to graduate.

- ▶ Students improve their grades and test scores and make gains that help narrow the achievement gap between students from high- and low-income families.
- ▶ A statewide evaluation of New Hampshire's 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC afterschool programs found that participants showed improvements in their academic performance during the school day. Teachers reported that 64% of student participants were more successful in finishing their homework and 60% increased their level of class participation. 98% of principals reported that 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs improve students' attitudes toward school and 93% believe the programs boost students' motivation to learn.
- ▶ A nationwide study of students who regularly attend 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers found:
  - ✓ 65% improved their class participation and homework completion
  - ✓ 57% improved their classroom behavior
  - ✓ nearly half improved their math and Language Arts grades

## New Hampshire Needs More Afterschool

For every **New Hampshire student** in afterschool, **2 more would participate** if a program were available.

  
Enrolled:  
35,302 students



  
Waiting:  
60,756 students

  
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## Afterschool works for families



**87%** of New Hampshire parents support public funding for afterschool programs.



**84%** of New Hampshire parents say afterschool programs help working parents keep their jobs.



**72%** of New Hampshire parents believe afterschool reduces the likelihood that kids will engage in risky behaviors.

## Afterschool works for the economy

- ▶ On-the-job productivity drops when parents are worried about their kids in the after school hours. This costs U.S. businesses up to \$300 billion per year.
- ▶ STEM jobs are among the fastest-growing and highest-paying jobs in America. In New Hampshire, 65% of parents report that their kids have STEM learning opportunities in their afterschool program and 66% agree that afterschool programs can help children gain STEM-related interests and skills.
- ▶ Afterschool provides a solid return on investment. Research shows that every \$1 invested in afterschool programs saves at least \$3 by:
  - ✓ Increasing kids' earning potential
  - ✓ Improving kids' performance at school
  - ✓ Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

bring together diverse partners to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Partners of each grantee contribute an average of \$67,000 to support programs. Between 2006 and 2010, partner contributions totaled more than \$1 billion.

### Nationally, children attend Community Learning Center programs in:

- ▶ Public school districts: 9,446
- ▶ Community based organizations: 1,125
- ▶ Charter schools: 463
- ▶ Faith-based organizations: 160

## Afterschool works, but not all kids can benefit

**In New Hampshire, 2 out of every 5** applications for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers cannot be funded, leaving communities without the supports they need for children and youth in the hours after school and during the summer.

