

This is Afterschool in Oregon

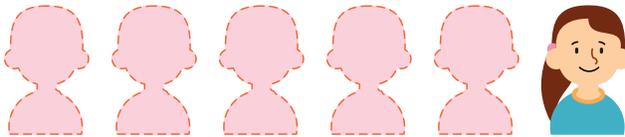


Oregon parents value afterschool programs for keeping kids safe and providing them opportunities to learn, connect, and build foundational life skills. Programs also help parents keep their jobs, boost productivity, and reduce stress. But too many families are missing out. In Oregon, approximately 273,000 children whose parents want afterschool programs do not have access to them.

Demand for Afterschool Programs in Oregon is Enormous



Approximately 5 in 6 Oregon children are missing out.



Afterschool Programs Support Oregon Children’s Learning and Development

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



Afterschool Works in Oregon

An evaluation by JEM & R, LLC of Oregon’s 21st CCLC programs found that programs support students academically and socially. Programs helped:

- ▲ **Support academic growth:** Students agreed that the program helped them feel academically supported (69%), understand what they’re learning in school (65%), and with their academic performance (56%). 84% of families were satisfied with the academic support provided by the program.
- ▲ **Improve behavior and connectedness:** According to teachers, 78% of students in need of improvement demonstrated positive behavioral changes, and most students in programs felt safe (92%) and a sense of belonging (81%) at the program.
- ▲ **Build confidence and social skills:** Approximately 3 in 4 students agreed that the program helped them to feel good about themselves (75%), get along with others (75%), and handle problems (72%).

Oregon Parents Stand Behind Afterschool Programs

90%

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

Oregon parents report that their child's afterschool program:

80%

Helps them keep their job



88%

Leads to less stress



83%

Boosts productivity



Research has found that **every \$1 invested** in Oregon afterschool programs leads to a return on investment of **approximately \$4.60** by:



Reducing high school student drop out rates



Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency



Reducing healthcare costs due to increased physical activity



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

"It would give my child fewer opportunities to engage with friends and peers, and it would give me fewer hours for work."

— OREGON 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 OREGON:

13,155

children are served by a 21st CCLC program

96

communities served

Demand for programming in Oregon is so great that more than **1 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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