



## Afterschool Progress Report and Consumer Guide: Louisiana

### How Louisiana is Helping to Keep the Lights on After School

#### Afterschool in Louisiana

There is huge demand for afterschool in Louisiana, where more than half of all youth not currently in afterschool are likely to participate if a program were available. Among the few children and families (13 percent) who are lucky enough to have access to a program, 60 percent are extremely satisfied with the afterschool program. Recent cuts to state afterschool funding will result in children having access to even fewer safe, engaging afterschool opportunities. Hopefully, Louisiana can regain some ground over the next several years and ensure that all children have high-quality afterschool opportunities.



#### Growth in Afterschool Participation

For more on afterschool availability in Louisiana check out [Louisiana After 3PM](#).

Louisiana	2004	2009
Percentage of Kids in Afterschool Programs	15%	13%
Percentage of Kids in Self Care	21%	23%
Percentage of Parents Extremely/Somewhat Satisfied with Afterschool Program	96%	90%
Percentage of Kids Who Would Participate if an Afterschool Program were Available	30%	52%
Percentage of Kids in Summer Learning Programs	--	30%

Based on the FY2011 funding level and an average per student cost of \$1000, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) can serve 22,832 students in Louisiana. However, that is only a small fraction of the 325,780 kids in Louisiana who are eligible to participate in a 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program, if more funding were available.

#### Developments in State Afterschool Policy and Funding



For an explanation of specific policy activities in Louisiana check out "State Policy and Funding" on the [Afterschool in Louisiana webpage](#).

- State Offices Administering 21st Century Community Learning Center and Child Care Development Fund Federal Grants
- Current Law that Directly Supports Afterschool Programs
- State Level Councils, Studies, Pilots or Legislative Activity Intended to Advance Afterschool
- Current State Funding for Afterschool Programming
- An Initiative Promoting Quality Afterschool Programming

#### KEY



Much More Work to Be Done



More Effort Necessary Despite Some Progress



Making Progress Yet Considerable Work Still to Be Done



Despite Unmet Need, Showing Great Progress



Leading State for Afterschool with Room to Grow

"Participating in an after school program growing up made a priceless impact on me and my brother. The unforgettable experiences that we shared helped me become the person I am today. It's a blessing to be part of this city, as we continue to come together and build stronger communities for our youth."

- Chris Paul, All-Star Point Guard for the NBA's New Orleans Hornets



## Advancements in Afterschool Leadership

To see more partners leading the fight for afterschool in Louisiana check out [Afterschool for All](#).

- Governor Proclamation Supporting *Lights On Afterschool* in 2010
- Statewide Afterschool Network
- Governor's/State Agency Taskforce
- A Member of the U.S. House of Representatives in the House Afterschool Caucus
- A Member of the U.S. Senate in the Senate Afterschool Caucus

## Afterschool Champions

- Gina Warner, Partnership for Youth Development
- Sal Milello, Founder and Chairman, Fully Devoted Developer of Children (FDDOC) Winners Circle, Inc.
- Gaylynne Mack, Big Buddy Program

## State Network



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## Afterschool Caucus Member(s):

Sen. Mary L. Landrieu



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## Consumer Guide: Louisiana

For many adults in America, thinking about the hours after the school day ends conjures up memories of doing homework, playing pick-up basketball, taking guitar or dance lessons or going home to Mom and a snack. But for millions of children today, those images are nothing like their reality. In fact, each day in America, more than 15 million children—some as young as 5 years old—are without supervision at home or on the streets.

The Afterschool Alliance has a host of resources that can help ensure that your child can enjoy the safe environment and proven academic and social gains that afterschool programs can afford.

- The [How to Find an Afterschool Program Guide](#) offers tips to find the best afterschool options for your child.
- The Afterschool Alliance has resources that describe [what to look for in a quality afterschool program](#) with a list of quality characteristics for programs serving each age group.

- For the ambitious parent or community member, the Afterschool Alliance offers a guide on [How to Start an Afterschool Program](#) including links to various best practices, funding resources and child care guidelines.
- Louisiana has a host of resources to support families, program staff and employers in their pursuit of quality afterschool programs that are both available and affordable:
  - [Louisiana Dept of Education Afterschool and Extended Learning Programs](#)
  - [Department of Children & Family Services - Service Providers](#)
  - [Louisiana 4-H Afterschool](#)

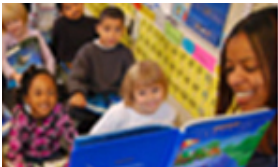
## What You Can Do to Support Afterschool in Your State:



**Donate:** The store's [pennies from heaven](#) campaign allows jcpenney shoppers to roundup their purchases to the nearest whole dollar, donating the difference to support afterschool efforts. In 2010, \$87,101 was donated through jcpenney's pennies from heaven campaign in Louisiana.



**Join** the Afterschool Alliance's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. More than 44 programs in Louisiana participated in [Lights On Afterschool](#) in 2010. Check out *Lights On Afterschool* to find out how to become involved and see which programs are participating in your area.



**Sign On:** Currently, 89 people in Louisiana have signed the Afterschool Alliance [petition to preserve funding for afterschool programs](#). Join them to promote [afterschool for all](#).



**Write** to your Members of Congress and [tell them why afterschool is a crucial resource](#) to the children in your community.

### Methodology:

The 2011 State-by-State Progress Reports and Consumer Guides are sponsored by jcpenney. Scores for the Progress Reports were devised using a range of factors falling under three major categories: Growth in Afterschool Participation, Developments in State Afterschool Policy and Funding and Advancements in State Afterschool Leadership. Data from the America After 3PM survey, also sponsored by jcpenney, was used in assessing the afterschool participation portion of the Progress Reports. Between March and May 2009, 29,754 parents/guardians were surveyed for America After 3PM. The remainder of the Progress Reports and Consumer Guides were created utilizing up to date policy and leadership developments obtained from afterschool leaders in the states, most notably the forty statewide afterschool networks. The 2011 State-by-State Progress Reports and Consumer Guides reflect the data and resources available at the time of their release in October 2011.

For more information on the 2011 State-by-State Progress Reports and Consumer Guides visit: [afterschoolalliance.org/Progress-Reports-Main.cfm](http://afterschoolalliance.org/Progress-Reports-Main.cfm).