



## Afterschool Progress Report and Consumer Guide: Utah

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

#### Afterschool in Utah

More work needs to be done to ensure greater access to afterschool programs for Utah's children. Just 9 percent of Utah's K-12 youth participate in an afterschool program, while 28 percent of the state's children are responsible for taking care of themselves after the school day ends. The state has been working hard to ensure that existing afterschool offerings are of high quality, and with increased funding and resources, more children should be able to enjoy Utah's quality afterschool programs and make academic and social gains.



#### Growth in Afterschool Participation

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

Utah	2004	2009
Percentage of Kids in Afterschool Programs	5%	9%
Percentage of Kids in Self Care	23%	28%
Percentage of Parents Extremely/Somewhat Satisfied with Afterschool Program	70%	86%
Percentage of Kids Who Would Participate if an Afterschool Program were Available	22%	35%
Percentage of Kids in Summer Learning Programs	--	16%

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 5,654 students in Utah. However, that is only a small fraction of the 128,570 kids in Utah 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 Utah check out "State Policy and Funding" on the [Afterschool in Utah 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

*"The prevalence of juvenile crime continues to be among the greatest criminal justice challenges faced by our nation, and a major concern to every parent. These [afterschool] programs offer education and community activities to deter children from drugs, gangs, and other opportunities to engage in criminal behavior."*

- Orrin Hatch, U.S. Senate



## **Advancements in Afterschool Leadership**

To see more partners leading the fight for afterschool in Utah 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**

- State Senator Karen Morgan
- State Senator Luz Robles
- Former State Representative Sheryl Allen
- State Representative David Litvack

## **State Network**



[Utah Afterschool Network](#)

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## **Afterschool Caucus Member(s):**

Sen. Orrin G. Hatch



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## **Consumer Guide: Utah**

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.
- Utah 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:
  - [Utah Afterschool Network Parent's Guide](#)
  - [Utah Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies](#)
  - [Utah 21st CCLC](#)

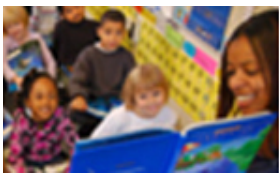
## What You Can Do to Support Afterschool in Your State:



**Donate:** The store's [pennies from heaven](#) campaign allows jcpenny shoppers to roundup their purchases to the nearest whole dollar, donating the difference to support afterschool efforts. In 2010, \$43,253 was donated through jcpenny's pennies from heaven campaign in Utah.



**Join** the Afterschool Alliance's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. More than 133 programs in Utah 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, 77 people in Utah 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 jcpenny. 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 jcpenny, 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).