



## Afterschool Progress Report and Consumer Guide: Washington

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

#### Afterschool in Washington

Since 2004, Washington has increased the of children participating in afterschool programs from 8 to 12 percent. While this participation rate still trails the national average of 15 percent, the state is making progress in increasing the number of children who benefit from afterschool programs. In addition, Washington boasts a low overall afterschool program cost and is succeeding in ensuring that a high percentages of children who qualify for the National School Lunch Program participate in afterschool programs. However, with recent cuts to state funding for afterschool, Washington risks losing ground and finding more kids without safe, engaging afterschool opportunities.



#### Growth in Afterschool Participation

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

Washington	2004	2009
Percentage of Kids in Afterschool Programs	8%	12%
Percentage of Kids in Self Care	31%	31%
Percentage of Parents Extremely/Somewhat Satisfied with Afterschool Program	100%	87%
Percentage of Kids Who Would Participate if an Afterschool Program were Available	24%	27%
Percentage of Kids in Summer Learning Programs	--	21%

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 14,597 students in Washington. However, that is only a small fraction of the 298,973 kids in Washington 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 Washington check out "State Policy and Funding" on the [Afterschool in Washington 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

*"Through afterschool education programs for Spokane's students, we can also improve graduation rates and make new, promising opportunities available to at-risk students."*  
- Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senate



## **Advancements in Afterschool Leadership**

To see more partners leading the fight for afterschool in Washington 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 Tracey Eide
- State Representative Marcie Maxwell
- State Representative Connie Ladenburg

## **State Network**



[Washington Afterschool Network](#)

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

Rep. Tammy Baldwin



Rep. Norm Dicks



Rep. Rick Larsen



Rep. Jim McDermott



Rep. Adam Smith



Sen. Maria Cantwell



Sen. Patty Murray



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## Consumer Guide: Washington

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.
- Washington 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:
  - [Child Care Resources](#)
  - [Washington Child Care Resource & Referral Network](#)
  - [Schools Out Washington](#)
  - [After School Learning](#)

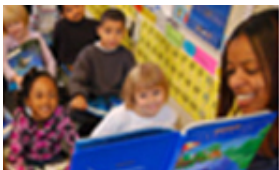
### What You Can Do to Support Afterschool in Your State:



**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, \$180,442 was donated through jcpenny's pennies from heaven campaign in Washington.



**Join** the Afterschool Alliance's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. More than 72 programs in Washington 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, 96 people in Washington 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).