If you support afterschool programs and have not joined Afterschool for All, we would like to recognize your support by including your name on our list of partners. The list of Afterschool for All partners is being shared with the public, media and decision-makers as a testament to the broad support that exists for afterschool. Partners will receive an electronic update six times a year with afterschool news. There are no commitments, financial or otherwise, to become a partner of Afterschool for All.

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America's Leaders Agree
We Need Afterschool Programs

[Image]

In America today, more than 14 million young people are alone and unsupervised in the hours after school, before parents return home from work. Many are at risk for juvenile crime, substance abuse, teen pregnancy and other problems. This unproductive, untenable and unacceptable situation would be remedied if our nation invested more fully in afterschool programs that keep kids safe, support working families and help young people succeed in school and in life.

Americans of all backgrounds are supporting afterschool programs by signing on to Afterschool for All. They are delivering a united, powerful message. Take 30 seconds to join them. Sign on at: www.afterschoolalliance.org
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14 million children are alone after school

- The hours between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. are the peak hours for juvenile crimes and experimentation with drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and sex.
- Police chiefs agree that afterschool programs are needed to reduce youth violence and crime.
- Teens who do not participate in afterschool programs are nearly three times more likely to skip classes or use drugs.

"The success of our young people depends on being able to be involved in high-quality after-school programs. These programs enhance their learning and help them grow and develop into the future leaders that our city, state and country need." - Mayor David N. Cicilline, Providence, RI

Healthy Living
Afterschool programs can and do play an important role in promoting healthy lifestyles for youth. Many programs offer health education, physical activities and even provide healthy snacks. A study of afterschool programs shows that the prevalence of obesity was significantly lower for program participants (21%) compared to non-participants (33%).

"As I always say, all our kids can be winners if we adults give them the tools they need to succeed and strong afterschool programs are one of the best tools around." - Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (October 2006)

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Afterschool for All

Partners of Afterschool for All support the vision that all children and youth deserve access to quality, affordable afterschool programs. Partners agree that afterschool programs:
- Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.
- Work in collaboration with schools and community resources to offer children and youth an array of accessible and diverse services and opportunities.
- Promote positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults.
- Engage children, youth, families, schools and community partners in ongoing design, implementation and evaluation of activities.
- Invest in diverse, skilled and committed staff.

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