



MEDIA ALERT  
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**Advocates from All 50 States Will Be in D.C. This Week to Urge Congress to Reject Trump Administration Proposal to End Federal Funding for Afterschool Programs**

More than 200 afterschool providers, community leaders, educators, parents and youth from every state will be on Capitol Hill Wednesday afternoon and Thursday to educate Congress about the urgent need to increase – rather than eliminate – federal funding for afterschool and summer learning programs in Fiscal Year 2019. The administration is proposing no funds at all for [21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers](#) – the chief federal funding stream for afterschool and summer learning programs – next year. If Congress agrees to the administration’s proposal, nearly two million children and youth would lose their programs.

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual [Afterschool for All Challenge](#) will kick off with an Afterschool Showcase featuring the innovative programming afterschool programs across the country offer, from STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) to fitness to community service to health to the arts. The event will be at:

**5 pm, Wednesday, April 18  
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room #106**

**Speakers Expected:**

**U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)**

**Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA)**

**Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI)**

**Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD)**

**Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance**

On Thursday, afterschool supporters will meet with members of Congress throughout the day to talk about the ways afterschool programs support students, families, schools and communities. They will remind elected officials that quality afterschool and summer learning programs keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and give working parents peace of mind. Thousands of advocates are also joining a national Call-In Day for Afterschool Funding on Thursday from their homes.

Today, for every child in an afterschool program, there are two more whose parents say they would participate, if a program were available. One in five students in the country today is unsupervised after the school day ends.

*Note: To arrange an interview Thursday with an afterschool provider from a particular state, please contact [Luci Manning](mailto:Luci.Manning@afterschoolalliance.org) at 202/371-1999.*

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