



MEDIA ALERT
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Advocates from 42 States Will Be on Capitol Hill Tuesday and Wednesday 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 around the nation will be on Capitol Hill next Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11 and 12, to educate Congress about the urgent need to increase – rather than eliminate – federal funding for afterschool and summer learning programs in Fiscal Year 2020. The administration is proposing no funds at all for [21st Century Community Learning Centers](#) – the chief federal funding stream for afterschool and summer learning programs – next year. If Congress agrees, nearly 2 million children and youth would lose their programs.

The 18th annual [Afterschool for All Challenge](#) will kick off with an Afterschool Showcase featuring the innovative activities afterschool programs across the country offer, from STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) to health and wellness, from community service to music and the arts, from job readiness to family support. Students from afterschool programs based in **Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, Forth Worth and Greenville, Texas, as well as DC, Maryland and Virginia** will share their experiences. The Showcase will be at:

5:30 pm, Tuesday, June 11
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room #106

Speakers Expected:

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

Reps. David Cicilline (D-RI), Donna Shalala (D-FL), Steve Womack (R-AR), Don Young (R-AK)

Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance

On Wednesday, June 12, afterschool supporters from around the country will meet with members of Congress throughout the day to talk about the ways afterschool programs support students, families, schools, communities and our future workforce. 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 will be participating via email and social media, as well.

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.

The Afterschool Alliance is grateful to Capital One for its sponsorship of the 2019 Afterschool for All Challenge.

Note: To arrange an interview with an afterschool provider from a particular state, please contact [Lisa Lederer](#) at 202/371-1999.

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The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.