



Afterschool in Connecticut

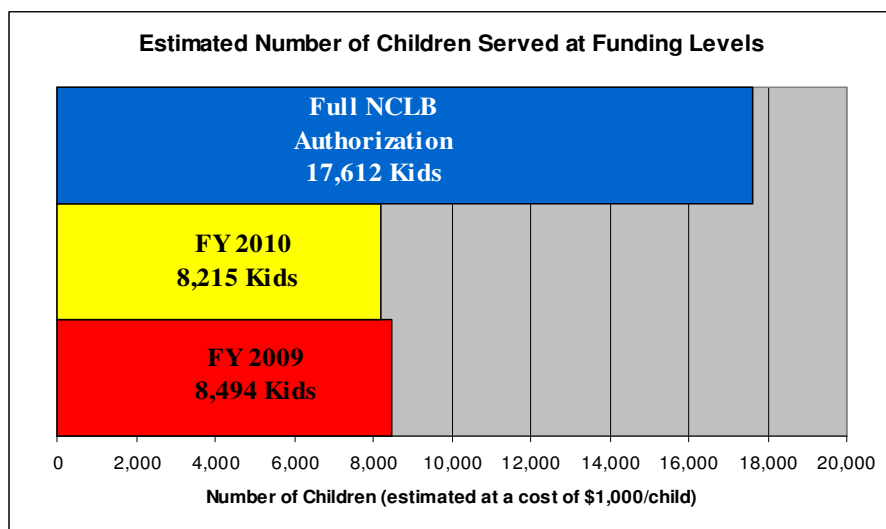
The need or demand for afterschool among the 622,445 school-age children in Connecticut:

- **28% (172,417)** of Connecticut’s K-12 children are responsible for taking care of themselves after school.
- **18% (112,663)** of Connecticut’s K-12 children participate in afterschool programs.
- **33% (168,228)** of all children not in afterschool would be likely to participate **IF** an afterschool program were available. [Afterschool Alliance, *America After 3 PM*, 2009]

Current funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers and Child Care and Development Block Grant is not meeting the need:

In Connecticut, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), the only federal program dedicated to afterschool, provides funds for afterschool programs that serve primarily Title I students. Eligible applicants include schools, community-based organizations, and public, private, or faith-based organizations. A total of 43 grantees serve 92 afterschool centers with students from 155 feeder schools. In its last competition, the 21st CCLC program awarded only 6 grants out of a total of 27 applicants.

[U.S. Department of Education, 2009]



Full NCLB Authorization:	\$17,611,622
FY 10:	\$8,215,230
FY 09:	\$8,493,697

Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) provides vouchers or subsidies for low-income parents to pay for childcare, including preschool, before-school, afterschool and summer care for school-age children (ages 5-12). CCDBG had been level funded until this year which brought increases through the *American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009*, of which Connecticut will qualify for \$13,685,624, and the FY09 Budget. These increases to CCDBG will provide some immediate assistance, but will not suffice to fill the long-standing gaps in the affordability and quality of the child care system. Further investments in this federal funding source will be necessary to promote access to quality afterschool.

Total FY 2009 CCDBG funds in Connecticut	Federal Share	Percentage of children receiving subsidies who are school-age
\$101,996,850	\$65,080,461	41.5%

[Child Care Bureau, Afterschool Investments Project, 2009]

What leaders in Connecticut are saying about afterschool:

“In the U.S., the average parent misses eight work days [a year] because of the absence of after-school programs... Developing after-school programs is not just a good investment, it’s a smart investment.”

-Christopher Dodd, U.S. Senate