



Afterschool in Connecticut

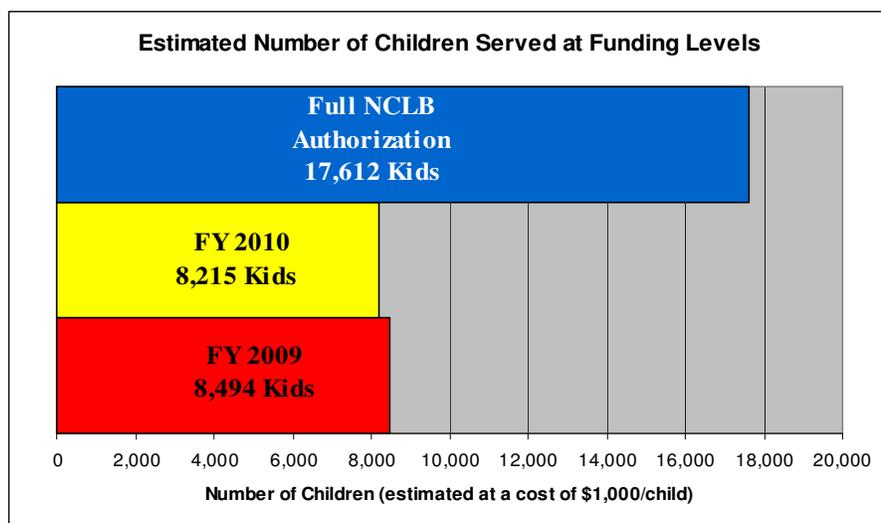
The need or demand for afterschool among the 622,445 school-age children in Connecticut:

- **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]



21 st CCLC Distribution of Funds in Connecticut:	
Full NCLB Authorization:	\$17,611,622
FY 11 (President's Proposed):	\$8,098,900 (8,099 Kids)
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 2009, when the *American Reinvestment and Recovery Act* brought an increase in funding and Connecticut qualified for \$13,685,624. CCDGB was level-funded again in 2010, but for FY11, President Obama proposed a \$1.6 billion national increase to CCDBG, which will help to improve the availability of school-age care across the country. However, even with the President's proposed increase, further investments in this federal funding source will be necessary to promote access to quality afterschool programs.

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:

"It is education that makes opportunity real for kids, and nowhere is this more true than with afterschool programs."

- Rosa DeLauro, U.S. House of Representatives (3rd)