

Afterschool in Massachusetts

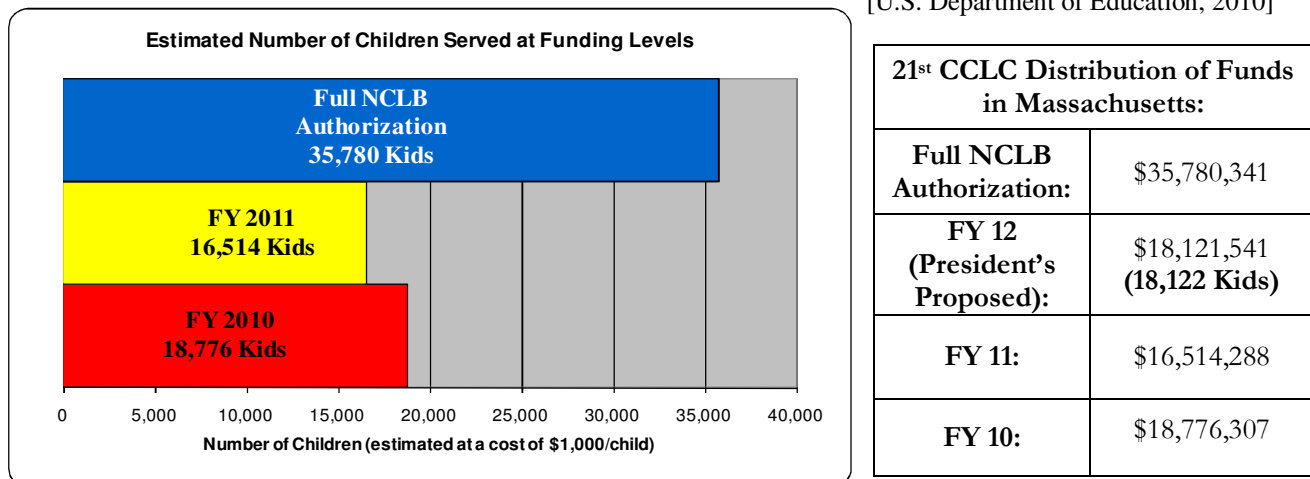
The need and demand for afterschool programs among the 1,066,834 school-age children in Massachusetts:

- **26% (274,176)** of Massachusetts’s K-12 children are responsible for taking care of themselves after school.
- **18% (186,696)** of Massachusetts’s K-12 children participate in afterschool programs.
- **36% (316,850)** of all children not in afterschool would be likely to participate if an afterschool program were available in their community. [Afterschool Alliance, *America After 3 PM*, 2009]

Current funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers and the Child Care and Development Fund in Massachusetts:

In Massachusetts, 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 41 grantees serve 197 afterschool centers in Massachusetts. In its last recorded competition, the 21st CCLC program awarded 25 grants out of 32 applicants in Massachusetts.

[U.S. Department of Education, 2010]



The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) provides vouchers or subsidies for low-income parents to pay for childcare, including pre-school, before-school, afterschool and summer care for school-age children (ages 5-12). In 2011 CCDF received a total of \$5.15 billion, and for FY12, President Obama proposed an additional \$1.3 billion national increase to CCDF, which will help improve the availability of school-age care across the country. However, some current Congressional proposals recommend cuts to CCDF, so even with the President’s proposed increase, further support for this federal funding source will be necessary to promote greater access to quality afterschool programs.

Total FY 2010 CCDF funds in Massachusetts	Federal Share	Percentage of children receiving subsidies who are school-age
\$180,063,107	\$102,679,542	41.6%

[Child Care Bureau, 2010, Afterschool Investments Project, 2009]

What leaders in Massachusetts are saying about afterschool:

“I know we can have safer neighborhoods. But it will take more community-based patrols, afterschool and enrichment programs, summer job and volunteer opportunities for young people...”

- Deval Patrick, Governor