

Afterschool in New Mexico

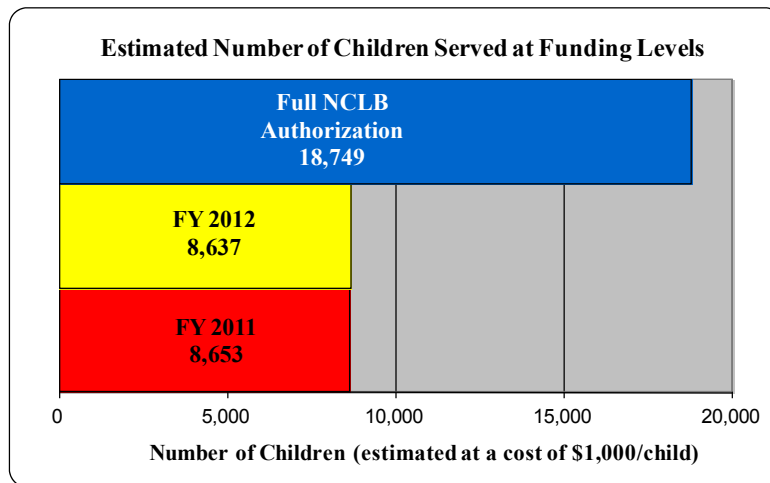
The need and demand for afterschool programs among the 340,109 school-age children in New Mexico:

- **22% (75,844)** of New Mexico’s K-12 children are responsible for taking care of themselves after school.
- **17% (57,138)** of New Mexico’s K-12 children participate in afterschool programs.
- **40% (113,188)** 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 federal funding for afterschool in New Mexico:

In New Mexico, 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 27 grantees serve 109 afterschool centers in New Mexico. In its last recorded competition, the 21st CCLC program awarded 29 grants out of 51 applicants in New Mexico.

[U.S. Department of Education, 2011]



21 st CCLC Distribution of Funds in New Mexico:	
Full NCLB Authorization:	\$18,748,654
FY13: (Requested Increase)	\$9,386,873 (9,387 Kids)
FY12: (Also Obama's FY13 Proposal)	\$8,636,926
FY11:	\$8,653,281

As the chart above illustrates, FY2012 funding allows 8,653 students to participate in 21st CCLC programs in New Mexico. However, that is only a small fraction of the 159,851 kids in New Mexico who are eligible to participate in a 21st CCLC program if more funding were available.

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) provides vouchers or subsidies for low-income parents to pay for child care, including pre-school, before-school, afterschool and summer care for school-age children (ages 5-12). In 2012 CCDF received a total of \$5.21 billion, and for FY13, President Obama proposed an additional \$825 million national increase to CCDF, which will help to 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 FY11 CCDF funds in New Mexico	Federal Share	Percentage of children receiving subsidies who are school-age
\$47,797,977	\$39,789,528	30%

[Child Care Bureau, 2011, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2010]

What leaders in are saying about afterschool in New Mexico:

“We have an obligation to our children to make sure that their learning environment is as safe and healthy as possible... I support finding resources to renovate school buildings, improving school nutrition and physical education standards and programs, supporting afterschool activities and encouraging schools to be part of the fabric of a community.”

- Tom Udall, U.S. Senate