

The 2013 Challenge: Policy Basics

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Afterschool Alliance

Webinar agenda

- What are the key policy issues?
- In depth: Our asks for Congress
- Discussion

We must raise our voice loud and clear.

- Fiscal cliff
- Sequestration
- Long-term funding decisions
- State and local cut-backs
- New Congress
- New opportunities



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- • • • • Support funding for 21st CCLC and CCDF in FY2013 and FY2014
- • • • • Support reintroduction of the bi-partisan *Afterschool for America's Children Act*
- • • • • Join the House and Senate Afterschool Caucuses



Support funding for 21st CCLC and CCDF

- Current funding for 21st CCLC covers the costs for 1.1 million children.
- Additional support is needed
- Make sure sequestration does not result in fewer students having access to quality programs
- We support a FY2013 budget increase of \$825 million for CCDF

Co-sponsor reintroduction of *Afterschool for America's Children Act*

- ❑ Reauthorizes 21st CCLC & supports quality afterschool, before-school and summer learning programs
- ❑ Builds strong community & faith-based partnerships
- ❑ Promotes professional development
- ❑ Provides accountability measures
- ❑ Maintains current formula grants to states

Join the Afterschool Caucus

- Join more than 100 Members of the House and Senate
- Membership signifies a commitment to afterschool, before-school and summer learning program opportunities.