

# Working to ensure every youth has the opportunity to realize their full potential

Youth spend 85% of their waking hours outside of school. Afterschool and summer learning programs present a critical opportunity for young people to gain work and life skills, discover new talents, and explore future paths.

Afterschool and summer learning programs keep kids safe, inspire them to learn, and help working families.

#### **What We Do**

The Afterschool Alliance is working to ensure that all children have access to affordable, quality afterschool and summer programs. As the nation's leading voice for afterschool, we are the go-to resource for opinion leaders, media, and the field. Our efforts have resulted in billions of dollars invested in local programs that serve millions of youth nationwide.

### **Our Expertise:**

Policy
Research
Communications
Field Development

#### **Our Focus:**



Provide Tools and Resources for Programs to Thrive



Advocate for Investments and Supportive Policies



Identify and Fuel Innovations

## Youth who regularly participate in quality afterschool programs grow socially and academically.

- Improved grades, school attendance, and engagement in learning
- ✓ Higher levels of education, jobs, and income
- ✓ Stronger life and work skills like communications, teamwork, problem-solving
- Protection from risky behaviors and negative influences

But too many youth—nearly 25 million—are missing out



For every child in afterschool, **4 are waiting** for an available program

#### **Assets**



Reach nationally and in local communities

**28,000** programs + **50** state network partners



Research and publications



Relationships with policymakers, media, cross-sector partners

#### **Our Contributions**

#### **Signature Programs**







Afterschool for All Challenge



**Youth Development Policy Table** 

**Youth Afterschool Ambassadors** 



**Credit for Learning** 

"Afterschool has shown me I can create a better future."

-AVA H. AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH AMBASSADOR ALUM



#### **Helped Expand Opportunities** for Millions of Youth

#### \$1.3 billion

in federal funding for local programs serving 1.4 million youth

#### \$5 billion

youth supported by pandemic relief funding for programs

#### \$5.3 billion

in afterschool and summer investments across 27 states

#### **Nurtured Strong and Broad Support**

#### 87%

of voters say afterschool is an absolute necessity

#### 85%

of voters want elected officials to invest more in afterschool programs

#### 60%

growth in demand for programs

**Bipartisan support in Congress** and across states

