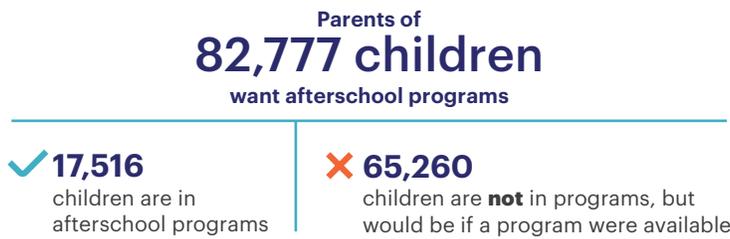


This is Afterschool in Alaska

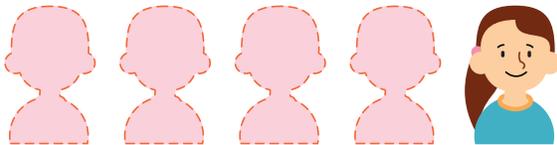


Alaska parents value afterschool programs for keeping kids safe and providing them opportunities to learn, connect, and build foundational life skills. Programs also help parents keep their jobs, boost productivity, and reduce stress. But too many families are missing out. In Alaska, more than 65,000 children whose parents want afterschool programs do not have access to them.

Demand for Afterschool Programs in Alaska is Enormous



Approximately 4 in 5 Alaska children are missing out.



Afterschool Programs Support Alaska Children’s Learning and Development

Alaska parents give programs high marks for quality and for supporting their child with:



Afterschool Works in Alaska

A 2020 evaluation of Alaska’s 21st CCLC programs by Education Northwest found that students who participated more regularly in programs saw greater academic and behavioral gains. Teachers surveyed reported that an overwhelming majority of students attending the programs for at least 60 days:

- ▲ Boosted their academic performance (**74%**)
- ▲ Improved class participation (**73%**) and class behavior (**60%**)
- ▲ Formed relationships with adults (**73%**)
- ▲ Worked collaboratively with peers (**71%**)

Students who attended programs for more than 90 days made the most significant improvements over the year.

Alaska Parents Stand Behind Afterschool Programs

86%

Agree that all young people deserve access to quality afterschool and summer programs.



92%

Are in favor of public funding for afterschool programs. Support for public funding is also high across political affiliations.



Afterschool Programs Help Working Families and Strengthen the Economy

Alaska parents report that their child's afterschool program:

80%

Helps them keep their job



88%

Leads to less stress



92%

Boosts productivity



Additionally, research spanning several states shows that **every \$1 invested** in afterschool programs **saves at least \$3** by:



Increasing kids' earning potential as adults



Improving kids' performance at school



Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency



If there were not an afterschool program available, what, if any impact would it have on your family?

"Not having an afterschool program would leave my family in disarray, with plans to be reorganized from scratch, and added expenses in every area."

— ALASKA DAD

21st Century Community Learning Centers

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative (21st CCLC) is the only federal funding dedicated to afterschool and summer programs, enabling states to award funds to local programs that meet community needs. 21st CCLC programs engage students in hands-on learning activities aimed at supporting their academic growth, provide a variety of enrichment activities to complement school-day learning, and offer educational and support services to the families of participating children.

IN ALASKA:

3,158

children are served by a 21st CCLC program

44

communities served

Demand for programming in Alaska is so great that nearly **3 out of every 5** applications were not funded during the most recent competition.

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About the Afterschool Alliance

The Afterschool Alliance is working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. Learn more at: www.afterschoolalliance.org



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