

This is Afterschool in Hawai'i

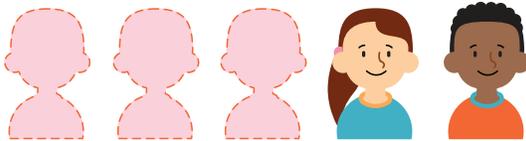


Hawai'i parents value afterschool programs for keeping kids safe and providing them opportunities to learn, connect, and build foundational life skills. Programs also help parents keep their jobs, boost productivity, and reduce stress. But too many families are missing out. In Hawai'i, more than 74,000 children whose parents want afterschool programs do not have access to them.

Demand for Afterschool Programs in Hawai'i is Enormous



More than 3 in 5 Hawai'i children are missing out.



Afterschool Programs Support Hawai'i Children's Learning and Development

Hawai'i parents give programs high marks for quality and for supporting their child with:



Afterschool Works in Hawai'i

Statewide evaluations of Hawai'i's 21st CCLC programs found that students participating in 21st CCLC programs made both academic and behavioral gains, including:

Stronger test scores: A 2023 evaluation found that centers reported that their students improved on the state's English language arts (ranging from 23% to 100% of students) and math assessments (ranging from 14% to 100%).

Reduced chronic absenteeism: A 2021 evaluation found that regularly participating students were less likely to be chronically absent than their peers who attended fewer than 30 days.

Improved behavior: The 2021 evaluation also found that regular attendees received fewer behavioral referrals than their non-regularly attending counterparts.

Hawai'i Parents Stand Behind Afterschool Programs

84%

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



93%

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

Hawai'i parents report that their child's afterschool program:

79%

Helps them keep their job



87%

Leads to less stress



94%

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?

"It would impact me a lot more since I am a single mother. The afterschool program allows me to work just a little bit more, so I can make the money we need to do these activities and put food on the table."

— HAWAI'I MOM

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 HAWAI'I:

11,867

children are served by a 21st CCLC program

55

communities served

Demand for programming in Hawai'i is so great that more than **1 out of every 2** 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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