



June 10, 2024

Welcome to the *Afterschool for All Challenge!*

Thank you for making your voice heard. This is a critical time to call for increasing federal investment in afterschool. As funds from the American Rescue Plan come to an end, many youth stand to lose their afterschool and summer programs if new funding is not secured. Many providers would benefit from additional resources to help recruit and retain staff, as the field faces critical staffing challenges.

When states and local communities have adequate resources for afterschool and summer programs, they can help every young person thrive. Programs are key to support students' academic growth and well-being. Youth in programs build work and life skills, perform better in school, and are more engaged in learning.

In your meetings, share the impact of afterschool and summer programs in your community. Use data and personal stories. Review your members' bios so that you can present the issue as relevant and critical. Post thank-you messages and photos with #AfterschoolWorks, and share feedback on your meetings via the AdvocacyDay conference app!

To make sure you have all the info you need, you must attend our Hill Prep Session on Monday afternoon, June 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. You will review members' bios and leave-behind packets for your meetings and plan/role play your meetings with others from your state. You'll have additional time to prepare for your meetings on Tuesday morning at breakfast in Grand Ballroom.

Your perspective matters. Thank you for taking the time to be here.

Sincerely,

Jodi Grant
Executive Director
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#AFTERSCHOOLWORKS

PARTICIPANT FOLDER MATERIALS:

Tips for Congressional Visits

Talking Points and Related
Background on Legislation

21st CCLC Funding Chart

Members Who Have Taken
Action for Afterschool

Fact Sheets on Afterschool and
American Rescue Plan

State Fact Sheets on 21st CCLC
and CCDF

New this year:

Hill Visit feedback forms are on our AdvocacyDay app! Fill it out right on your phone.

Conference materials are also available on the app, or at afterschoolalliance.org/challenge.cfm

Save the Date:
Lights On Afterschool
Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024