



## Afterschool Progress Report and Consumer Guide: Arizona

### How Arizona is Helping to Keep the Lights on After School

#### Afterschool in Arizona

Compared to national averages, Arizona boasts strong statistics related to afterschool participation. The rate of participation in programs slightly exceeds the national average and has been on the rise. Additionally, the percentage of children in self-care is lower than average and has been on the decline. With more funding and focused attention from state leaders, Arizona could be in a good position to further advance afterschool opportunities for all children and families.



#### Growth in Afterschool Participation

For more on afterschool availability in Arizona check out [Arizona After 3PM](#).

Arizona	2004	2009
Percentage of Kids in Afterschool Programs	12%	16%
Percentage of Kids in Self Care	30%	22%
Percentage of Parents Extremely/Somewhat Satisfied with Afterschool Program	86%	86%
Percentage of Kids Who Would Participate if an Afterschool Program were Available	30%	34%
Percentage of Kids in Summer Learning Programs	--	22%

Based on the FY2011 funding level and an average per student cost of \$1000, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) can serve 23,186 students in Arizona. However, that is only a small fraction of the 483,595 kids in Arizona who are eligible to participate in a 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program, if more funding were available.



#### Developments in State Afterschool Policy and Funding

For an explanation of specific policy activities in Arizona check out "State Policy and Funding" on the [Afterschool in Arizona webpage](#).

- State Offices Administering 21st Century Community Learning Center and Child Care Development Fund Federal Grants
- Current Law that Directly Supports Afterschool Programs
- State Level Councils, Studies, Pilots or Legislative Activity Intended to Advance Afterschool
- Current State Funding for Afterschool Programming
- An Initiative Promoting Quality Afterschool Programming

#### KEY



Much More Work to Be Done



More Effort Necessary Despite Some Progress



Making Progress Yet Considerable Work Still to Be Done



Despite Unmet Need, Showing Great Progress



Leading State for Afterschool with Room to Grow

"Beyond the safety factor, afterschool programs are a logical, strategic and vital extension of in-school education in supporting learning and achievement."

- Mayor Hugh Hallman, City of Tempe



## Advancements in Afterschool Leadership

To see more partners leading the fight for afterschool in Arizona check out [Afterschool for All](#).

- Governor Proclamation Supporting *Lights On Afterschool* in 2010
- Statewide Afterschool Network
- Governor's/State Agency Taskforce
- A Member of the U.S. House of Representatives in the House Afterschool Caucus
- A Member of the U.S. Senate in the Senate Afterschool Caucus

## Afterschool Champions

- Mayor Sara Presler, City of Flagstaff
- Mayor Robert Walkup, City of Tucson
- Mayor Hugh Hallman, City of Tempe
- Greg Stanton, Former Deputy Attorney General

## State Network



[Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence](#)

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## Consumer Guide: Arizona

For many adults in America, thinking about the hours after the school day ends conjures up memories of doing homework, playing pick-up basketball, taking guitar or dance lessons or going home to Mom and a snack. But for millions of children today, those images are nothing like their reality. In fact, each day in America, more than 15 million children—some as young as 5 years old—are without supervision at home or on the streets.

The Afterschool Alliance has a host of resources that can help ensure that your child can enjoy the safe environment and proven academic and social gains that afterschool programs can afford.

- The [How to Find an Afterschool Program Guide](#) offers tips to find the best afterschool options for your child.
- The Afterschool Alliance has resources that describe [what to look for in a quality afterschool program](#) with a list of quality characteristics for programs serving each age group.
- For the ambitious parent or community member, the Afterschool Alliance offers a guide on [How to Start an Afterschool Program](#) including links to various best practices, funding resources and child care guidelines.
- Arizona has a host of resources to support families, program staff and employers in their pursuit of quality afterschool programs that are both available and affordable:
  - [Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence](#)
  - [Arizona Child Care Resource & Referral](#)

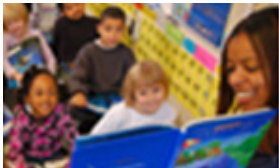
## What You Can Do to Support Afterschool in Your State:



**Donate:** The store's [pennies from heaven](#) campaign allows jcpenny shoppers to roundup their purchases to the nearest whole dollar, donating the difference to support afterschool efforts. In 2010, \$158,563 was donated through jcpenny's pennies from heaven campaign in Arizona.



**Join** the Afterschool Alliance's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. More than 96 programs in Arizona participated in [Lights On Afterschool](#) in 2010. Check out *Lights On Afterschool* to find out how to become involved and see which programs are participating in your area.



**Sign On:** Currently, 182 people in Arizona have signed the Afterschool Alliance [petition to preserve funding for afterschool programs](#). Join them to promote [afterschool for all](#).



**Write** to your Members of Congress and [tell them why afterschool is a crucial resource](#) to the children in your community.

### Methodology:

The 2011 State-by-State Progress Reports and Consumer Guides are sponsored by jcpenny. Scores for the Progress Reports were devised using a range of factors falling under three major categories: Growth in Afterschool Participation, Developments in State Afterschool Policy and Funding and Advancements in State Afterschool Leadership. Data from the America After 3PM survey, also sponsored by jcpenny, was used in assessing the afterschool participation portion of the Progress Reports. Between March and May 2009, 29,754 parents/guardians were surveyed for America After 3PM. The remainder of the Progress Reports and Consumer Guides were created utilizing up to date policy and leadership developments obtained from afterschool leaders in the states, most notably the forty statewide afterschool networks. The 2011 State-by-State Progress Reports and Consumer Guides reflect the data and resources available at the time of their release in October 2011.

For more information on the 2011 State-by-State Progress Reports and Consumer Guides visit: [afterschoolalliance.org/Progress-Reports-Main.cfm](http://afterschoolalliance.org/Progress-Reports-Main.cfm).