



Afterschool Progress Report and Consumer Guide: Ohio

How Ohio is Helping to Keep the Lights on After School

Afterschool in Ohio

Ohio is succeeding in terms of overall satisfaction with afterschool programs and is a national leader in satisfaction with the quality of afterschool care. These successes, coupled with a 5 percent increase in afterschool program participation from 2004 to 2009, have proven that Ohio is taking great strides toward increased program availability. However, as is the case in most other states, Ohio self-care rates are increasing. With state TANF funding for afterschool recently eliminated, Ohio youth could greatly benefit from increased state policy maker attention to the availability of quality afterschool offerings.



Growth in Afterschool Participation

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

Ohio	2004	2009
Percentage of Kids in Afterschool Programs	7%	12%
Percentage of Kids in Self Care	28%	30%
Percentage of Parents Extremely/Somewhat Satisfied with Afterschool Program	95%	98%
Percentage of Kids Who Would Participate if an Afterschool Program were Available	23%	30%
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 (21st CCLC) can serve 40,591 students in Ohio. However, that is only a small fraction of the 733,613 kids in Ohio who are eligible to participate in a 21st CCLC program, if more funding were available.



Developments in State Afterschool Policy and Funding

For an explanation of specific policy activities in Ohio check out "State Policy and Funding" on the [Afterschool in Ohio 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

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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

"In the city of Columbus, we have the Capital Kids program where we have thousands of young people, where we teach them, we love them, we feed them and provide them self confidence. And every one of these young people does better in school and in life as a result of this afterschool effort."

- Mayor Michael B. Coleman, City of Columbus



Advancements in Afterschool Leadership

To see more partners leading the fight for afterschool in Ohio 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

- State Representative Tracy Maxwell Heard
- State Representative Vernon Sykes
- Mayor Michael B. Coleman, City of Columbus

State Network



[Ohio Afterschool Network](#)

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Rep. Tim Ryan



Rep. Betty Sutton



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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.
- Ohio 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:
 - [Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services - Step Up To Quality](#)
 - [Ohio Afterschool Network Resources](#)
 - [Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association](#)

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, \$292,137 was donated through jcpenny's pennies from heaven campaign in Ohio.



Join the Afterschool Alliance's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. More than 152 programs in Ohio 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, 148 people in Ohio 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.