



## Afterschool Progress Report and Consumer Guide: Texas

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

#### Afterschool in Texas

Texas has made good progress in afterschool availability for children and families, especially among high-need households. More than half of the state's afterschool participants (53 percent) qualify for reduced priced lunches. In addition, Texas parents are extremely satisfied with both the quality of care (85 percent) and the variety of activities offered (84 percent) in their children's afterschool programs. This combination of parent satisfaction and serving a high-need population in addition to the newly-formed statewide afterschool network that will bring statewide leadership to afterschool-sets Texas up for further progress in ensuring afterschool opportunities for all. There is a rising number of kids in Texas who would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, and they are counting on future progress.



#### Growth in Afterschool Participation

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

Texas	2004	2009
Percentage of Kids in Afterschool Programs	10%	15%
Percentage of Kids in Self Care	24%	26%
Percentage of Parents Extremely/Somewhat Satisfied with Afterschool Program	88%	91%
Percentage of Kids Who Would Participate if an Afterschool Program were Available	30%	51%
Percentage of Kids in Summer Learning Programs	--	24%

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 102,766 students in Texas. However, that is only a small fraction of the 2,082,234 kids in Texas 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 Texas check out "State Policy and Funding" on the [Afterschool in Texas 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**

 ①  
Much More Work to Be Done

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More Effort Necessary Despite Some Progress

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Making Progress Yet Considerable Work Still to Be Done

 ④  
Despite Unmet Need, Showing Great Progress

 ⑤  
Leading State for Afterschool with Room to Grow

"Every child deserves a chance to succeed. As a former board member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dallas, I have seen first-hand the difference after-school and outreach programs can make in the life of an at-risk child."

- Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senate



## Advancements in Afterschool Leadership

To see more partners leading the fight for afterschool in Texas 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 Eric Johnson
- State Senator Kirk Watson
- Mayor Annise Parker, City of Houston
- Mayor Julian Castro, City of San Antonio

## State Network



[Texas Partnership for Out of School Time](#)  
512-441-0452

## Afterschool Caucus Member(s):

Rep. Henry Cuellar



Rep. Lloyd Doggett



Rep. Charles Gonzalez



Rep. Al Green



Rep. Gene Green



Rep. Ruben Hinojosa



Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee



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## Consumer Guide: Texas

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.
- Texas 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:
  - [Texas Department of Family and Protective Services - Texas Child Care](#)
  - [Dallas Afterschool Program Locator](#)
  - [Afterschool Centers on Education](#)

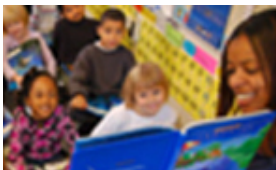
### What You Can Do to Support Afterschool in Your State:



**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, \$591,921 was donated through jcpenny's pennies from heaven campaign in Texas.



**Join** the Afterschool Alliance's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. More than 404 programs in Texas 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, 339 people in Texas 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).