



## Afterschool Progress Report and Consumer Guide: Wisconsin

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

#### Afterschool in Wisconsin

In recent years Wisconsin has made progress in ensuring that more kids have quality afterschool opportunities. But Wisconsin children are still not faring as well as children in other states during the after school hours. Fortunately, work has been done to better ensure that programs are of high quality, which is reflected in parent satisfaction. With increased resources and attention from state leaders, Wisconsin's quality afterschool programs can become more widely available, and fewer children will have to fend for themselves after the school day ends.



#### Growth in Afterschool Participation

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

Wisconsin	2004	2009
Percentage of Kids in Afterschool Programs	10%	11%
Percentage of Kids in Self Care	31%	33%
Percentage of Parents Extremely/Somewhat Satisfied with Afterschool Program	90%	96%
Percentage of Kids Who Would Participate if an Afterschool Program were Available	22%	31%
Percentage of Kids in Summer Learning Programs	--	31%

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 14,032 students in Wisconsin. However, that is only a small fraction of the 264,994 kids in Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin check out "State Policy and Funding" on the [Afterschool in Wisconsin 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



②  
More Effort Necessary Despite Some Progress



③  
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

*"After school programs provide an advantage for thousands of Milwaukee students who enroll in them throughout the school year. Our children benefit, but we benefit the most when we make their well-being, safety and education our priorities as a society."*  
- Herb Kohl, U.S. Senate



## **Advancements in Afterschool Leadership**

To see more partners leading the fight for afterschool in Wisconsin 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**

- Superintendent Tony Evers, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- Mayor Tom Barrett, City of Milwaukee
- Diane Rogers, Capstone National Partners

## **State Network**



[Wisconsin Afterschool Network](#)  
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Marshfield, WI 54449  
715-221-8404

## **Afterschool Caucus Member(s):**

Sen. Herb Kohl



Rep. Tammy Baldwin



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## **Consumer Guide: Wisconsin**

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.
- Wisconsin 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:
  - [National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies](#)
  - [Supporting Families Together Association](#)
  - [Wisconsin After School](#)
  - [Wisconsin AfterSchool Association](#)

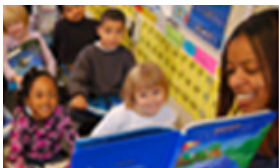
## What You Can Do to Support Afterschool in Your State:



**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, \$141,814 was donated through jcpenny's pennies from heaven campaign in Wisconsin.



**Join** the Afterschool Alliance's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. More than 94 programs in Wisconsin 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, 44 people in Wisconsin 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).