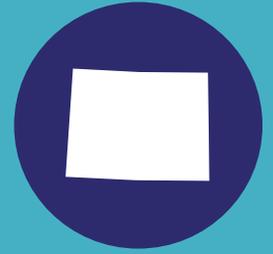


This is Afterschool in Wyoming



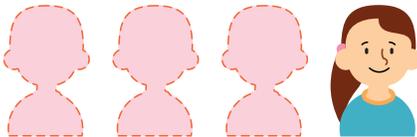
Wyoming parents value afterschool programs for keeping kids safe and providing them opportunities to learn, connect, and build foundational life skills. Programs also help parents keep their jobs, boost productivity, and reduce stress. But too many families are missing out. In Wyoming, more than 41,000 children whose parents want afterschool programs do not have access to them.

Demand for Afterschool Programs in Wyoming is Enormous

Parents of **54,501** children want afterschool programs



Approximately 3 in 4 Wyoming children are missing out.



Afterschool Programs Support Wyoming Children's Learning and Development

Wyoming parents give programs high marks for quality and for supporting their child with:



Afterschool Works in Wyoming

A 2025 statewide evaluation brief of Wyoming's 21st CCLC programs by Utah Education Policy Center found that participation in the program helped:

- ▲ **Improve school engagement:** 74% of students in 1st through 5th grade improved their teacher-reported engagement in learning and 88% of students said that they enjoyed and were engaged in the program.
- ▲ **Reduce chronic absenteeism:** 79% of students who were chronically absent the previous school year improved their school-day attendance.
- ▲ **Boost academic performance:** Among summer participants, 70% of students met their English Language Arts academic goals, and 68% met their math academic goals during the school year.
- ▲ **Build foundational skills:** Program staff reported that 64% of participants frequently demonstrated strong problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

Wyoming Parents Stand Behind Afterschool Programs

91%

Agree that all young people deserve access to quality afterschool and summer programs.



89%

Are in favor of public funding for afterschool programs. Support for public funding is also high across political affiliations.



Afterschool Programs Help Working Families and Strengthen the Economy

Wyoming parents report that their child's afterschool program:

78%

Helps them keep their job



89%

Leads to less stress



85%

Boosts productivity



Additionally, research spanning several states shows that **every \$1 invested** in afterschool programs **saves at least \$3** by:



Increasing kids' earning potential as adults



Improving kids' performance at school



Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency



If there were not an afterschool program available, what, if any impact would it have on your family?

"It would put a tremendous strain on our family, since both parents work full-time, and we also rely on these services for our son's disabilities."

— WYOMING MOM

21st Century Community Learning Centers

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative (21st CCLC) is the only federal funding dedicated to afterschool and summer programs, enabling states to award funds to local programs that meet community needs. 21st CCLC programs engage students in hands-on learning activities aimed at supporting their academic growth, provide a variety of enrichment activities to complement school-day learning, and offer educational and support services to the families of participating children.

IN WYOMING:

6,400
children are served by
a 21st CCLC program

79
communities
served

Demand for programming in Wyoming is so great that **1 out of every 3** applications were not funded during the most recent competition.

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About the Afterschool Alliance

The Afterschool Alliance is working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. Learn more at: www.afterschoolalliance.org

