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America's Leaders Agree We Need Afterschool Programs

In America today, more than 14 million young people are alone and unsupervised in the hours after school, before parents return home from work. Many are at risk for juvenile crime, substance abuse, teen pregnancy and other problems. This unproductive, untenable and unacceptable situation would be remedied if our nation invested more fully in afterschool programs that keep kids safe, support working families and help young people succeed in school and in life.

Americans of all backgrounds are supporting afterschool programs by signing on to **Afterschool for All**. They are delivering a united, powerful message. Take 30 seconds to join them. Sign on at: www.afterschoolalliance.org



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Thousands of Afterschool for All partners representing over 30 million Americans have joined since the effort launched in 2004. Current partners include governors, mayors, police chiefs, parents, educators, youth advocates and business leaders. A broad array of sectors are represented by organizations such as the YMCA of the USA, the NAACP, the National Council of La Raza, the National PTA, the National League of Cities, AARP, 100 Women in Hedge Funds, Time Warner, IBM, the NBA, NFL, MLB, NHL and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

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14 million children are alone after school

- ▶ The hours between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. are the peak hours for juvenile crimes and experimentation with drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and sex.
- ▶ Police chiefs agree that afterschool programs are needed to reduce youth violence and crime.
- ▶ Teens who do not participate in afterschool programs are nearly three times more likely to skip classes or use drugs.

"The success of our young people depends on being able to be involved in high-quality after-school programs. These programs enhance their learning and help them grow and develop into the future leaders that our city, state and country needs."

- Mayor David N. Cicilline, Providence, RI

Working families

The parents of 28 million children work outside of the home. The lack of after school care causes parents to miss an average of 8 days of work each year. Decreased worker productivity related to parental concerns about after school care costs businesses up to \$300 billion per year.

Community, Families and Work Program at Brandeis University, 2004; Catalyst & Brandeis University, December 2006



"Offering young people the tools and opportunities they need to reach their full potential is the centerpiece of Time Warner's philanthropic mission. That is why we support afterschool initiatives, particularly college preparation, youth media and arts programs."

- Lisa Quiroz, Vice President, Office of Corporate Responsibility, Time Warner, Inc.

¹University of California Irvine, 2001; ²Brandeis University, 2004; ³Fight Crime Invest in Kids, 2002; ⁴Fight Crime Invest in Kids, 2002; ⁵YMCA of the USA, March 2001; ⁶U.S. Conference of Mayors, January 2003

Learning

Research shows that children in afterschool programs have improved school attendance and performance, as well as greater expectations for the future. Students in an afterschool program in California showed greater gains in reading and math scores than their peers. The program **cut the high school drop out rate by 20%**.



"I know we can have better schools to support that emerging economy, and to prepare today's and tomorrow's citizens. But we will need high expectations for our kids at home as well as at schools, more flexibility in the classrooms and even in what we consider to be a classroom, early education and after-school programs, and public colleges and universities every bit as well-supported and honored as their private counterparts. Let's reach for that."

- Governor Deval Patrick, Massachusetts, Inaugural Speech, January 2007

Healthy Living

Afterschool programs can and do play an important role in promoting healthy lifestyles for youth. Many programs offer health education, physical activities and even provide healthy snacks. A study of afterschool programs shows that the prevalence of **obesity was significantly lower for program participants (21%) compared to non-participants (33%)**.

Mahoney, J., Lord, H., & Carryl, E., Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 2005

"As I always say, all our kids can be winners if we adults give them the tools they need to succeed and strong afterschool programs are one of the best tools around."

- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (October 2006)

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Partners of Afterschool for All support the vision that all children and youth deserve access to quality, affordable afterschool programs. Partners agree that afterschool programs:

- ▶ Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.
- ▶ Work in collaboration with schools and community resources to offer children and youth an array of accessible and diverse services and opportunities.
- ▶ Promote positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults.
- ▶ Engage children, youth, families, schools and community partners in ongoing design, implementation and evaluation of activities.
- ▶ Invest in diverse, skilled and committed staff.



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