Expanding learning and supports for an equitable recovery

This is Afterschool in Hawai‘i

In Hawai‘i, afterschool programs provide expanded learning opportunities to 37,572 students and are a lifeline for working families. In Hawai‘i, 85% of parents report that all young people deserve access to quality afterschool and summer programs. Yet, too many kids in Hawai‘i are being left out. In fact, for every child in an afterschool program, 2 more would participate if a program were available.

Helping young people learn, grow, and thrive

Students in afterschool programs in Hawai‘i are:

- Interacting with peers and building social skills 97%
- Getting homework help 77%
- Taking part in physical activities 90%

A 2020 evaluation of Hawai‘i’s 21st CCLC programs by IMPAQ International LLC found that 21st CCLC participants outperformed their non-participating peers, with a higher percentage of regularly attending 21st CCLC participants meeting or exceeding proficiency compared to those who did not attend the program in English language arts (52% vs. 42%), math (41% vs. 31%), and science (28% vs. 16%). Additionally, students regularly attending 21st CCLC programs were less likely to be chronically absent compared to non-participants (13% vs 24%).

Parents in Hawai‘i agree that afterschool programs:

- Provide opportunities to build life skills 81%
- Get kids excited about learning 71%
- Reduce the likelihood that youth will use drugs or engage in other risky behaviors 75%

Call and response: Afterschool programs stepping up during the pandemic

From the outset of the pandemic, afterschool programs have adapted and expanded their services to best meet the needs of the children and families they serve. Kamā‘aina Kids (O‘ahu, Maui, Kauai and Big Island) and the YMCA (Maui and O‘ahu) operate community learning hubs at their centers, malls, and even in tents so students have somewhere to learn virtually. About 400 students participate in distanced sports and Zumba, as well as do STEM activities and arts and crafts after school hours. Also in O‘ahu and the Hawai‘i Island, the Pacific American Foundation and After-School All-Stars Hawai‘i provide virtual afterschool programming to nearly 3,000 students.

A 2021 national survey of afterschool providers finds programs continue to provide:

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<td>Time to interact with peers</td>
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<td>Physical activity</td>
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<td>Check-ins with student and families</td>
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<td>In-person services during virtual school days*</td>
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Looking toward the summer, 79% of providers will be offering summer programming.

*Among program providers that report that they are offering in-person services.
Support is strong and bipartisan

Parents in Hawai’i are behind public investment in afterschool programs

90% of parents favor public funding of afterschool programs to expand opportunities for kids in underserved communities.

A lifeline for working families

A national survey of parents in the fall of 2020 found that as the pandemic continued to disrupt school schedules, most parents were concerned about their child’s social and emotional well-being and connection to peers, as well as their own ability to continue to provide learning support and/or care for their child as virtual school and distance learning extends into 2021.

Based on the 2020 America After 3PM household survey, parents in Hawai’i agree that afterschool programs:

- Build positive relationships between children and adults 72%
- Keep kids safe and out of trouble 78%
- Help working parents keep their jobs 84%
- Provide working parents peace of mind 84%

A smart investment

Research spanning several states shows that every $1 invested in afterschool programs saves at least $3 by:

1. Increasing kids’ earning potential
2. Improving kids’ performance at school
3. Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency

Additionally, Community Learning Centers leverage diverse partners to meet community needs. A typical program receives $67,000 from partners to supplement its federal funding. Nationwide, partner contributions totaled more than $1 billion between 2006 and 2010.