



MEDIA ALERT
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Multi-Year Study Exploring Participation, Unmet Demand for Summer Learning Programs To Be Released Wednesday

State-by-State & National Data on Unmet Demand for Summer Learning Programs, Barriers Families Face Can Inform Summer Programming This Year

With so many students experiencing isolation, learning loss, and social and emotional challenges during the pandemic, the programs and opportunities available to children and youth this summer will be vitally important. A new study, to be released Wednesday, can inform the design of 2021 summer experiences by revealing which children have had access to enriching, engaging summer enrichment programs and which have been missing out. *Time for a Game-Changing Summer* provides insights into what the summers of 2019 and 2020 looked like for children and youth. It is based on responses from nearly 30,000 U.S. families to a household survey examining the summer of 2019, as well as surveys of parents and providers that shed light on how the pandemic shaped summer experiences in 2020.

Commissioned by the Afterschool Alliance and conducted by Edge Research, the new study reveals significant inequities in terms of summer opportunities. It can inform how new federal funds allocated to summer and other out-of-school-time programs can help young people re-engage, recharge, and rebound from the pandemic.

The study will be released at a briefing on **Wednesday, May 19 at 1 pm EDT**. Speakers will be:

- **Jodi Grant**, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance
- **Gigi Antoni**, Director of Learning and Enrichment, The Wallace Foundation
- **Jennifer McCombs**, Senior Policy Researcher, RAND
- **Sergio Garcia**, Senior Manager of Learning Systems, Big Thought, Dallas, Texas
- **Teresa Dothard-Campbell**, Nita M. Lowey 21st CCLC Site Coordinator, Lights ON for Learning, Glenview Middle School, East Moline, Illinois

Register for the briefing [here](#).

The national report and data for each state and the District of Columbia will be available Wednesday at 1 pm at www.afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM. Media may request an embargoed copy from [Lisa Lederer](#) on Tuesday, May 18. *Time for a Game-Changing Summer* is funded by The Wallace Foundation.

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