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As Congress Considers Eliminating Crucial Federal Afterschool Funding, Briefing Will Examine Data on Afterschool Programs, How They Help Children and Youth Succeed in School and in Life

For more than a decade, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) have played a critical role in providing young people with hands-on and engaging learning experiences that help them succeed in school and in life. Next week, the Senate Afterschool Caucus will host a briefing on the need for continued support for the 21st CCLC initiative. The Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee is scheduled to mark up its draft Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization bill, which proposes to eliminate 21st CCLC funding, in the coming weeks.

The briefing, “America After 3PM: Supporting Student Success Through Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs,” will be held:

Wednesday, February 18
U.S. Capitol Visitors Center SVC 200
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WITH

Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance
Marsha Edwards, President and CEO, Martha O’Bryan Center, Nashville, Tennessee
John Fischer, Deputy Secretary of Education, Vermont Agency of Education

Experts will discuss [America After 3PM](#), the Afterschool Alliance’s recent nationwide survey of 30,000 households that found 10.2 million children participate in afterschool programs, but the parents of 19.4 million children would enroll their child in a program, if one were available. Demand for afterschool programs is especially high among low-income, African American and Hispanic families.

NOTE: RSVP to Josh Westfall (jwestfall@wpllc.net) by February 16.

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The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.