



## Afterschool in Iowa

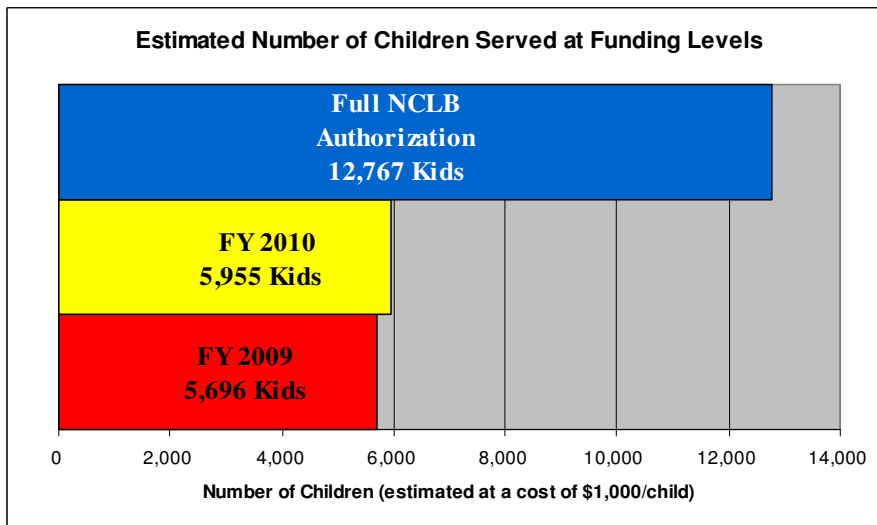
**The need or demand for afterschool among the 518,951 school-age children in Iowa:**

- **32% (166,583)** of Iowa’s K-12 children are responsible for taking care of themselves after school.
- **11% (58,123)** of Iowa’s K-12 children participate in afterschool programs.
- **35% (161,290)** of all children not in afterschool would be likely to participate **IF** an afterschool program were available. [Afterschool Alliance, *America After 3 PM*, 2009]

**Current funding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers and Child Care and Development Block Grant is not meeting the need:**

**In Iowa, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC)**, the only federal program dedicated to afterschool, provides funds for afterschool programs that serve primarily Title I students. Eligible applicants include schools, community-based organizations, and public, private, or faith-based organizations. A total of 20 grantees serve 51 afterschool centers with students from 106 feeder schools. In its last competition, the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program awarded only 5 grants out of a total of 25 applicants.

[U.S. Department of Education, 2009]



21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC Distribution of Funds in Iowa:	
Full NCLB Authorization:	\$12,767,047
FY 11 (President’s Proposed):	\$5,871,069 (5,871 Kids)
FY 10:	\$5,955,399
FY 09:	\$5,695,690

**Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)** provides vouchers or subsidies for low-income parents to pay for childcare, including preschool, before-school, afterschool and summer care for school-age children (ages 5-12). CCDBG had been level-funded until 2009, when the *American Reinvestment and Recovery Act* brought an increase in funding and Iowa qualified for \$18,120,842. CCDBG was level-funded again in 2010, but for FY11, President Obama proposed a \$1.6 billion national increase to CCDBG, which will help to improve the availability of school-age care across the country. However, even with the President’s proposed increase, further investments in this federal funding source will be necessary to promote access to quality afterschool programs.

Total FY 2009 CCDBG funds in Iowa	Federal Share	Percentage of children receiving subsidies who are school-age
\$76,416,084	\$61,791,297	41.3%

[Child Care Bureau, Afterschool Investments Project, 2009]

**What leaders in Iowa are saying about afterschool:**

*“Afterschool programs... build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults.”*

- Governor Chet Culver