# **Afterschool Works!**

What you need to know about your child's afterschool and summer program

## Afterschool and summer programs build stronger learners, earners, and leaders!

Afterschool and summer learning programs
are designed to keep kids safe, engaged, and
learning. Kids benefit at every age, and the
gains last into adulthood.

 Higher GPAs
 Higher ducational attainment
 More healthy choices (fewer risk-taking behaviors and less police contact)

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** 

**↑** Increased positive relationships

1 Improved social skills

with peers and staff

SECONDARY SCHOOL

(reduced drug and alcohol use)

1 Improved confidence

1 Improved decision-making

YOUNG ADULTHOOD

Thigher community engagement

#### Benefits for families and the economy

Families rely on afterschool programs and support has never been stronger.

### 9 in 10

voters say afterschool programs are important for strengthening the economic wellbeing of families by allowing parents to work and provide for their families.

#### \$1+\$3

Every \$1 invested in afterschool programs saves at least \$3 by increasing kids' earning potential as adults, improving kids' performance at school, and reducing crime and juvenile delinquency.

### 87%

of voters say afterschool programs are an absolute necessity for their community, and an overwhelming majority—across political affiliation—say they want their federal, state, and local leaders to provide more funding for afterschool programs.

Learn more about afterschool, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, and what the funding loss could mean for your state at https://www.afterschoolalliance.org/policyStateMap.cfm



#### Did you know federal funds provide resources that keep thousands of local programs open and serving youth nationwide?

21st Century Community Learning Center grants are the only federal funds dedicated to afterschool and summer learning programs. For more than 25 years, these community learning centers have been helping young people realize their full potential and supporting working families.

- → 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers serve 1.4 million children in grades K-12 across 10,000 communities, from urban to rural, from Florida to Alaska.
- → Students who participate are more engaged in learning, have better school attendance, and improve their GPA, reading, and math scores.
- → Programs offer academic enrichment, STEM learning opportunities, health and wellness activities, and hands-on experiences that help students prepare for careers.



If federal funding goes away, kids in every state and D.C. stand to lose afterschool and summer programs!

#### With 25 million children waiting

for an afterschool program, we can't afford to lose a single one. Having afterschool options helps students learn and grow, supports working parents, and strengthens our economy.