America After 3PM surveyed parents in Wyoming to examine how children spend the hours between 3 and 6 p.m.—the hours after school ends and before parents typically return home from work. It highlights the trends in afterschool program participation, documents the benefits associated with participation in afterschool programs, and measures public support for afterschool programs.

America After 3PM revealed that 14,026 children (15%) in Wyoming participate in an afterschool program, yet 34,827 children (45%) would be enrolled in a program if one were available to them.

With 67% of Wyoming’s parents satisfied with their child’s afterschool program and 74% agreeing that afterschool programs give working parents peace of mind, more work needs to be done to ensure that all children in Wyoming are able to take part in an afterschool program that keeps them safe, inspires learning and supports working parents.

OVERALL DEMAND FOR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

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22% of children are unsupervised after school in 2014 for an average of 6.82 hours per week.

On average, children spend 5.66 hours and 3.77 days per week in an afterschool program.
Wyoming Parents are Satisfied with their Child’s Afterschool Program

- 67% are satisfied with their child’s afterschool program overall.
- 68% are satisfied with their child’s afterschool program’s safe environment.
- 66% are satisfied with their child’s afterschool program’s quality of care.
- Wyoming parents cited as their top five reasons for selecting an afterschool program: quality of care (92%), their child enjoys the afterschool program (90%), the program is a safe haven (85%), knowledgeable and well-trained program staff (83%) and the hours meet their needs (79%).

Afterschool Programs Provide a Wide Range of Benefits to Wyoming’s Children and Families

- 77% of parents agree that afterschool programs can help excite children about learning.
- 72% of parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills, such as teamwork, leadership and critical thinking.
- 72% of Wyoming parents agree that afterschool programs can help reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors, such as commit a crime or use drugs, or become a teen parent.
- The top five activities Wyoming parents report are offered by their child’s afterschool program are opportunities for physical activity (97%), opportunities for reading or writing (72%), music or art (71%), beverages, snacks and/or meals (67%) and parent/family activities (62%).

Wyoming Parents Support Public Funding for Afterschool Programs

- 85% of Wyoming parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 5% report receiving government assistance with the cost of their child’s program.
- 74% of Wyoming parents agree that afterschool programs help give working parents peace of mind about their children when they are at work.
- 69% of Wyoming parents agree that afterschool programs help working parents keep their jobs.

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The percentages and projected numbers of children and families in America After 3PM are based on survey responses from parents. The Afterschool Alliance contracted with Shugoll Research to collect the data. Nationally, 30,720 households were screened, and 13,709 households completed in-depth interviews via an online survey using a blend of national consumer panels. At least 200 households completed interviews in every state and the District of Columbia, between Feb. 28 and April 17, 2014. In Wyoming 202 households and 409 children were screened for this study. Child-level statewide projections and total school enrollment numbers are based on 2011-2012 Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. Total school enrollment for Wyoming is 91,076. For additional information about America After 3PM, visit: http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM.

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