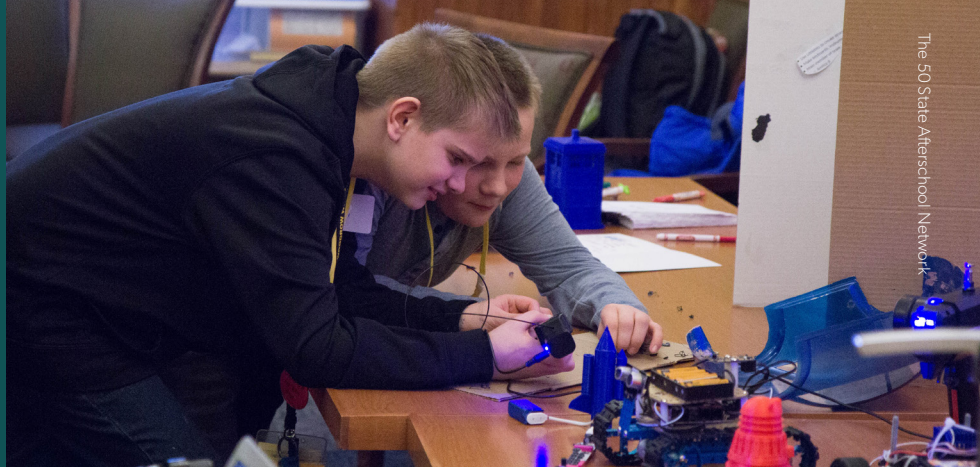


afterschool WORKS!

IN WYOMING

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The 50 State Afterschool Network

Afterschool and summer learning programs prepare young people for the jobs of tomorrow and help working parents keep their jobs. Investing in these programs will help build Wyoming's future workforce and ensure that our businesses can succeed and grow.

Afterschool programs support Wyoming's working parents and economy. Businesses benefit.

Families across America report that the gap between work and school schedules can be up to 25 hours per week. Parental concerns about afterschool care result in missed work time and decreased productivity that costs U.S. business up to \$300 billion annually.

Among Wyoming parents:

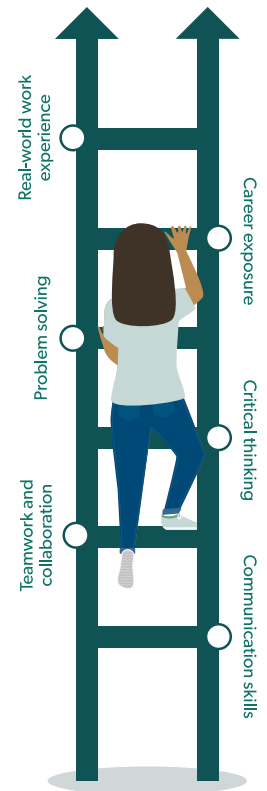
- 69% say afterschool programs help working parents keep their jobs
- 74% agree afterschool programs help give working parents peace of mind about their kids while they are at work

Afterschool programs prepare students to meet Wyoming's workforce demands.

Afterschool and summer learning programs can expose kids to new academic and professional opportunities, especially in the STEM fields—science, technology, engineering and math—which are growing 1.5 times faster than other jobs.

In Wyoming:

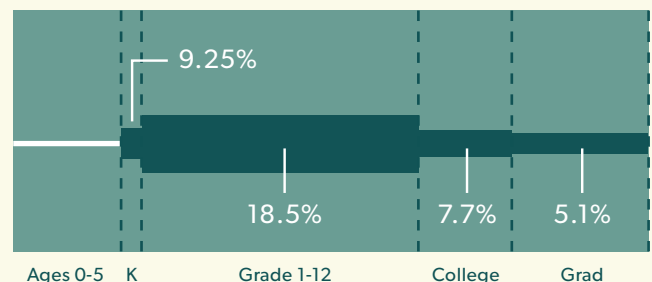
- 72% of parents say afterschool helps young people gain workforce skills
- 70% of parents agree that afterschool programs can help kids gain STEM-related interests and skills



Afterschool and summer learning programs provide scaled opportunities for students to gain foundational skills that employers desire in their future hires.

Learning doesn't just happen in school

For students in elementary through high school, **more than 80%** of their time is spent **learning outside of school**—at afterschool and summer programs, in libraries, museums, science centers, or at home or in the community. **Just 20%** of their 16 waking hours are **spent in school**.



Time spent in formal learning environments, including school and higher education
Time spent in informal learning environments, or settings outside of school

Source: The LIFE Center's Lifelong and Lifewide Diagram. Find it [here](#).



Afterschool and summer learning is a smart investment in Wyoming's workforce and future generations.

Today's students are our future leaders and we need to ensure they have the skills required to tackle the problems of tomorrow. Investing in afterschool not only provides critical support for our parents and businesses, it will help prepare our kids for future jobs and connect them with opportunities that will encourage them to stay in Wyoming and build a prosperous economy for all of us.

Every \$1 invested in afterschool programs saves at least \$3 by:



- 1 Increasing kids' earning potential
- 2 Improving kids' performance at school
- 3 Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency

As Wyoming moves forward developing strategies to support the workforce now and to develop the workforce of the future, we recommend the following:

- **Afterschool is part of the solution.** Team up with afterschool professionals and programs in the planning process by inviting the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance to sit on relevant taskforces or to participate in relevant discussions.
- Encourage connections between business, industry, chambers of commerce and afterschool programs.
- Promote afterschool programs as an amenity when attracting new businesses to Wyoming.
- Join our *Innovations in Learning* initiative to ensure that students are ready for the workforce. Call 307-335-9922.

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