



Afterschool Works for Wyoming

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More than 14,000 kids and families across Wyoming participate in afterschool and summer learning programs that partner with schools, youth-focused organizations, and faith-based centers.¹ These programs secure critical resources for our communities, provide new learning opportunities, and are proven to help kids avoid risky behaviors and give parents peace of mind.

The Wyoming Afterschool Alliance is dedicated to more and better out-of-school time opportunities for all of Wyoming's young people.

The Alliance collaborates with the Wyoming Department of Education and the state-administered federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant program, which is the only federal funding source dedicated exclusively to afterschool and summer learning programs. In FY 2016:²

- ▶ 21st CCLC centers served more than 8,500 Wyoming students
- ▶ There were 87 21st CCLC centers across 21 of the state's 23 counties

The Alliance plays a critical role in building systems to support Wyoming's afterschool and summer learning providers, including 21st CCLC grantees. The Alliance leverages professional learning for providers and funding from outside sources.

In the last decade, the Alliance has:

- ▶ Developed quality practices and implemented an assessment system that provides afterschool programs with tools and strategies for continuous improvement
- ▶ Implemented a statewide initiative to offer high quality science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) enrichment activities in afterschool programs
- ▶ Provided leadership training for 21st CCLC directors and coordinators in both school and community-based afterschool programs
- ▶ Implemented the only annual statewide afterschool conference available for afterschool programs, reaching more than 200 participants each year since it began in 2008.

Every \$1 granted to the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance from the Wyoming Department of Education is matched with \$2 in grants and private gifts to increase access to high-quality afterschool programs statewide.

2017 Matched Funding for the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance

\$75,000	C.S. Mott Foundation	To support statewide, regional and local partnerships that build and sustain high-quality programs
\$20,000	Newell B. Sargent Foundation	To reduce the 'school to prison' pipeline by targeting at-risk youth with prevention and early intervention programs
\$20,000	Albertsons Companies Foundation	To reduce childhood hunger by providing nutritious breakfast and weekend backpack programs
In-kind services	National Girls Collaborative	To train and provide resources for staff to offer STEM learning to girls in Science Action Clubs
\$20,000	Wyoming Community Foundation	To provide organizational and operational support to the Alliance, which is a Foundation priority fund

By supporting afterschool and summer learning programs in Wyoming, we're preparing our future leaders for tomorrow and helping our families, businesses, and communities thrive.

Equipping kids for success in school

Afterschool and summer learning programs offer enriching activities—from coding and circuitry to producing stage plays and growing gardens—that spark kids' interest in school and learning. Teachers say students in afterschool programs show more interest in class, behave better, and are more likely to complete their homework assignments.

Studies show students who regularly participate in quality afterschool:³

- ▶ develop strong work habits, make better decisions, and build social skills
- ▶ attend school more often and improve their behavior at school
- ▶ make gains in reading and math, earn better grades, and are more likely to graduate

Preparing young people for college and career

Through hands-on learning, internships, mentoring experiences, community projects, and summer jobs, afterschool and summer learning programs give students new opportunities to explore possible careers, connect with local businesses, and gain employability skills.

Among Wyoming parents:¹



72% say afterschool helps young people gain workforce skills, including teamwork, leadership, and critical thinking



70% agree that students can gain STEM skills from afterschool programs

Helping parents work and keeping communities safe

The gap between families' work and school schedules can be up to 25 hours per week.⁴ Afterschool is a safe haven that helps kids avoid risky behaviors—online and offline—from 3 to 6 p.m., which is when juvenile crime and victimization peaks.⁵ Afterschool gives parents peace of mind, allows them to work a full schedule and be more productive on the job. **In Wyoming:**



69% of parents say afterschool programs help working parents keep their jobs¹

19,800

children and teens (22% of kids) are alone and unsupervised after school¹

Wyoming Needs More Afterschool

For every Wyoming student in afterschool, 3 more would participate if a program were available.



ENROLLED:
14,026 students



WAITING:
34,827 students

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