



Remembering John Lewis

Civil Rights Movement: Content for Grades 5-12

Raised on a cotton field in rural Alabama, Rep. John Lewis served on the frontline of the Civil Rights Movement to end systematic racial segregation. From speaking at the March on Washington to enduring severe beatings as he participated in the Freedom

Rides, John Lewis continued the fight for equality as a U.S. Congressman.

Check out this great video with supporting questions to engage your 5th -12th grade students!

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Lights On Afterschool 2020

Join us to reflect, celebrate, and call attention to the afterschool programs that are so critical to youth and families during the 21st annual [Lights On Afterschool](#). We know it's been a hard year, and Lights On will look very different this year. We've got new ways for everyone to take part.

[Registration is open!](#) Even if you are not doing a typical event, register! We will have new offerings and developments that all can take part in, no matter your circumstances or operating status.

Afterschool programs are rising to the moment to support youth and families during the pandemic — from innovative virtual programming to meals to caring for children of essential workers to wellbeing check-ins. We need to celebrate and recognize your efforts, and call attention to the importance of afterschool supports as our nation moves ahead. Here's what the Lights On team are planning:

- [A new tool](#) to help you identify activities and promotion strategies right for you
- [Activity ideas for virtual or in-person](#), small group settings
- [Tools to showcase your program](#) and student work virtually, on social media, or in your community via lightings, art installations, and more
- Plus, they're bringing back the [Lightbulb Challenge](#) on social media for its biggest year ever!

Registration kicks off with a giveaway from 4-H's STEM Challenge. [Register your program](#) to enter our drawing for 25 free [Mars Base Camp kits](#)!

[Register Today!](#)

Since the first statewide stay at home orders were issued in mid-March, individuals across the United States have found their lives and livelihoods upended by the coronavirus. As states enact safety measures and transition between phases of reopening to combat the virus, families are struggling with school closures, job losses, food insecurity, and more. Afterschool programs are joining local efforts to address the urgent needs of children and families while facing an uncertain future themselves.

Throughout the crisis, many afterschool providers have been innovating to stay connected with students and keep them safe, healthy and engaged in learning, even while struggling to keep their own doors open. Many programs face budget shortfalls and will need additional staff and professional development, as well as more space and resources to provide consistent care for children and families as school schedules shift.

In the first in a series of surveys that take the pulse of the afterschool field, it is clear that although afterschool programs remain a vital partner to help young people emerge from this crisis strong, resilient, and hopeful, they are in dire need of dire support.

The future of afterschool programs is in jeopardy

The Afterschool in the Time of COVID-19 survey finds that afterschool programs are severely affected by the hardships created by the

Afterschool in the Time of COVID-19

Survey Input Collected from Afterschool Programs Across the Country

In the first in a series of surveys that take the pulse of the afterschool field during the pandemic, it is clear that although afterschool programs remain a vital partner to

help young people emerge from this crisis strong, resilient, and hopeful, they are in dire need of support. In a survey conducted by Edge Research on behalf of the Afterschool Alliance between May 28-June 30, 7 in 10 program providers report serving students in some capacity since the pandemic began, however, 84% of programs report that they are concerned that they will not be able to provide services in the fall.

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New Issue Brief Available!

How Afterschool is Supporting Learning and Recovery During COVID-19

Individuals have found their lives upended by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and are facing unprecedented challenges in all corners of life. In response, communities have banded together to meet the immediate health, economic, and basic day-to-day needs of families. Joining local efforts, afterschool programs continue to be a source of support to the children and families in their community as they adapt to the challenging circumstances and stressors created by the pandemic. This issue brief, complemented by in-depth afterschool program profiles, explores the range of ways in which programs have responded to the needs of their community and placed the well-being and safety of children and families at the forefront of program efforts.

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Alabama Leaders in Afterschool Programs Sharing Resources

The Alabama Afterschool Task Force continues to convene afterschool providers from across the state for an online discussion to share resources and ideas to support families and students during this unprecedented time of virtual and remote learning.

Couldn't attend our past calls, but want to know more?

The video recordings from the last call can be found below! (Password: 8N=cj4da)

[Video Recording](#)

Register to join our next call on August 28th at 11:00 AM CST!

[Register to Join!](#)



Check Out the Summer Activity Guide

The **Summer Activity Guide** is a suite of fun and engaging activities and challenges designed specifically for this atypical summer.

We see youth development and summer learning providers across the country preparing for a summer filled with uncertainty and stepping up in innovative ways to support youth, families, and communities. We have heard your concerns about how to maintain engagement throughout an atypical summer, and we understand your anxieties as you navigate these uncharted territories.

To support your hard work, we have been developing a suite of fun and engaging activities and challenges designed specifically to accommodate COVID-19 summer.

Click below to learn more about the guide and to access the materials that have already been released!

[Summer Activity Guide](#)

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