



The State of Afterschool in Colorado

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About the Colorado Afterschool Partnership



Established with the support of the The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Colorado Afterschool Partnership (CAP) is one of the 50 national afterschool networks dedicated to informing policy, developing partnerships, and shaping practices to sustain and increase the quality of afterschool programs nationwide.

50 State Afterschool Networks

5,000+ Partners

25,000+ Supporters

**IN EVERY STATE, AN
AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK IS
BROADENING OPPORTUNITIES
FOR YOUTH**

About the 50 Afterschool Networks

The 50 State Afterschool Network is the aggregate of 50 independent networks, sharing the collective impact and innovations in supporting and expanding afterschool and summer learning programs nationwide.

Seeking equitable outcomes for children to succeed in school and future jobs, a statewide afterschool network brings together cross-sector leaders with a common vision and coordinated strategy to advance quality afterschool and summer learning programs.

Roles of the Network



Support quality experiences where youth explore, learn, and grow



Identify funding for afterschool and summer learning programs



Drive investment in innovation in afterschool and summer programs



Champion policies that support youth and remove barriers to access



Build public will for afterschool opportunities



Design and coordinate supports to improve program quality



Our Mission & Vision

Mission:

CAP will advocate for the development, enhancement and sustainability of innovative, high quality, school-linked expanded learning programs and policies in Colorado.

Vision:

All Colorado children, youth and families will have access to high quality, school-linked expanded learning opportunities within their communities that support the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of the youth served.

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School-age kids spend **80 percent** of their waking hours outside of school. Afterschool and summer learning programs provide transformative learning experiences in unique settings that help young people discover what they love to do and reach their full potential.

Students who regularly participate in quality afterschool programs:

- Develop strong social skills
- Are excited about learning
- Improve work habits and grades
- Improve school day attendance
- Have higher graduation rates
- Explore career paths and gain workforce skills



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America Needs More Afterschool

For every student in afterschool, **2 more would participate** if



**STUDENTS
ENROLLED:
10.2 MILLION**



**STUDENTS
WAITING:
19.4 MILLION**

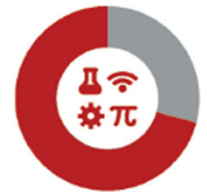
After going to afterschool programs:

68% of students improve their homework completion and class participation.

60% of students improve their behavior in class.

1 in 2 students improve their math and reading grades.

More than 70% of students in STEM afterschool programs express more interest in and knowledge about careers in science. They also build essential skills, such as perseverance and critical thinking.



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Supporting Colorado's Students

A 2019 evaluation of Colorado's 21st CCLC programs found that based on teachers surveyed, among students who needed improvement:

- 7 in 10 improved their academic performance (71%) and class participation (68%)
- 67% improved their motivation to learn
- 63% improved their ability to get along with others
- 62% improved their attentiveness in class

Among Colorado parents:



61% agree that afterschool programs help their kids get excited about learning.



73% report that their kids have learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in their afterschool program and 52% agree afterschool programs can help kids gain STEM-related interests and skills.



49% agree afterschool programs help kids gain teamwork, leadership, and critical thinking skills.



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Unmet Demand for Afterschool in Colorado

For every Colorado student in afterschool, **2 more would participate** if a program were available.



21st Century Community Learning Center grants are the only dedicated federal funding source that support local communities' afterschool and summer programs. Demand for programs is so great that **1 out of every 10 applications cannot be funded.**



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Supporting Colorado's Families

Families across America report that the gap between work and school schedules can be up to 25 hours per week. Parents lose 8 days of work, and businesses lose up to \$300 billion a year due to parental concerns about afterschool care.

Among Colorado parents:

- 71% say afterschool programs give them peace of mind.
- 72% agree afterschool programs help them keep their jobs. 71% believe afterschool reduces the likelihood that kids will engage in risky behaviors.
- 79% support public funding for afterschool programs.

Afterschool provides a solid return on investment. Research spanning several states shows that 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

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MAPPING AFTERSCHOOL IN COLORADO



What is our goal?

To annually collect statewide data relevant to afterschool and summer learning in Colorado in order to identify strengths, opportunities, and gaps in the state landscape.

What will the data be used for?

- To provide families with a user-friendly, online resource to locate programs in their communities.
- To educate stakeholders, funders, and legislators of the unique Colorado afterschool landscape.
- To allow for future research specific to afterschool and summer learning in Colorado.

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Who is supporting this project?

Our Advisory Council Includes:

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Colorado
- Colorado Dept of Public Health and Education
- Colorado Dept of Education (21st CCLC)
- CSU Extension 4H
- Colorado Council for a Strong America
- Hunger Free Colorado
- Denver Office of Children's Affairs

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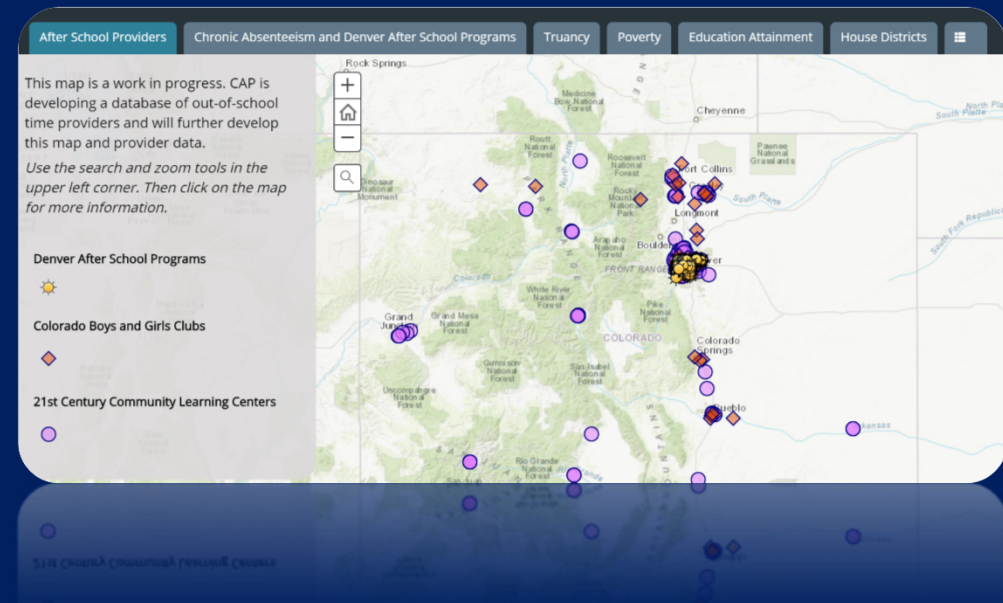
Progress to Date

Definition of Afterschool Established

Afterschool Programs are defined as programs that service school-age children; occur before or after school, on weekends, breaks and summer; operate approximately four (4) or more hours per week, and; are not single activity focused.

Map Population

200+ afterschool programs identified

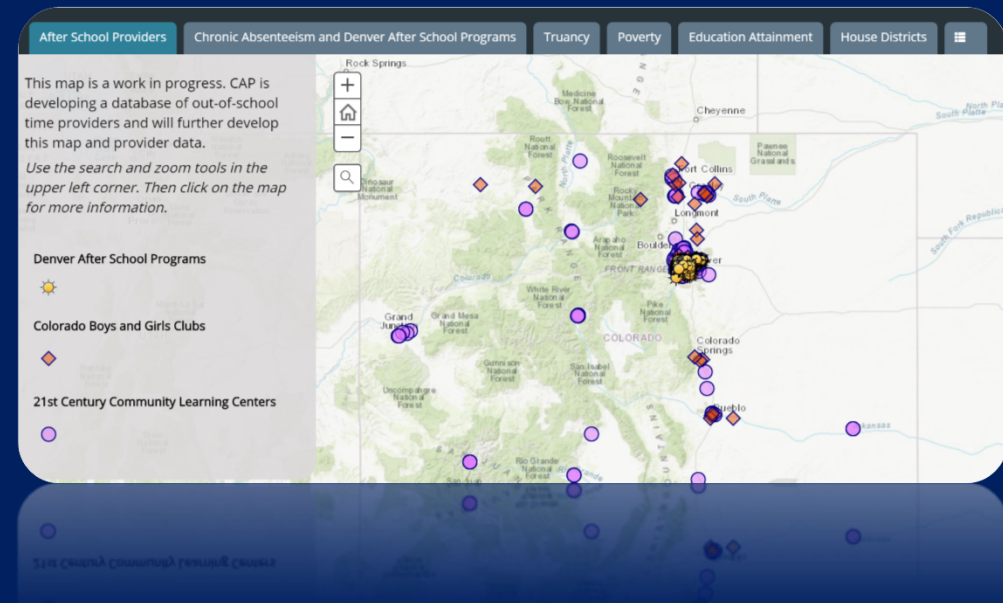


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Our Next Steps

- To define and implement analysis and reporting functions that support the needs of CAP stakeholders.
- To populate Afterschool Program data to the extent necessary to support meaningful analysis.
- To define and implement processes for maintaining Afterschool Program data.





Questions?

Connect with us to learn more about how you can get involved with CAP and support afterschool in Colorado!

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