



America's Leaders Agree

We Need Afterschool Programs

Americans of all backgrounds are supporting afterschool programs by signing on to **Afterschool For All: Project 2010**. They are delivering a united, powerful message. Take 30 seconds to join them. Sign on at www.afterschool2010.org/join.cfm

If you support afterschool programs and have not joined **Project 2010**, we would like to recognize your support by including your name on our list of partners.

The list of **Project 2010** partners is being shared with the public, media and decision-makers as a testament to the broad support that exists for afterschool. Partners will receive an electronic update six times a year with afterschool news.

In America today, millions of young people are alone and unsupervised in the hours after school. This situation places children and teens at risk for juvenile crime, substance

abuse, teen pregnancy, and other problems.

It also leaves millions of working parents worried about their children when they should be focused on their jobs. This unproductive, untenable and unacceptable situation would be remedied if our nation invested more fully in afterschool programs that keep kids safe, support working families and help young people succeed in school and in life.



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Partners of **Afterschool for All: Project 2010** support the vision that all children and youth deserve access to quality, affordable afterschool programs by the year 2010. Partners agree that afterschool programs:

- ✓ Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.
- ✓ Work in collaboration with schools and community resources to offer children and youth an array of accessible and diverse services and opportunities.
- ✓ Promote positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults.
- ✓ Engage children, youth, families, schools and community partners in ongoing design, implementation and evaluation of activities.
- ✓ Invest in diverse, skilled and committed staff.

Partners of

Afterschool For All: Project 2010 represent more than 30 million individuals and organizations comprised of educators, youth advocates, elected officials, faith-based leaders, parents, corporations, police, prosecutors and others who recognize that afterschool programs are a necessity for youth, families and communities.

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For more information please contact: info2010@afterschoolalliance.org or call 212-548-0309

View complete partner list and other afterschool news at www.afterschoolalliance.org

Learning

Research shows that participation in afterschool programs improves students' school attendance and performance, as well as their expectations for the future. In one study, students increased their standardized test scores by percentages almost twice that of other students.¹ Principals and administrators frequently cite afterschool programs as a reason for school improvement.

Working families

"Offering young people the tools and opportunities they need to reach their full potential is the centerpiece of Time Warner's philanthropic mission. That is why we support afterschool initiatives, particularly college preparation, youth media and arts programs."

- LISA QUIROZ, VICE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY, TIME WARNER, INC.

The parents of 28 million children work outside the home. Afterschool programs help relieve the stress on working families and enable parents to be more productive workers. In fact, the lack of afterschool care causes parents to miss an average of 8 days of work each year.²

There is a growing voice in support of afterschool programs in America. Make it stronger. Be represented.

Afterschool programs can – and do – play an important role in promoting healthy lifestyles for youth. Many programs offer health education, physical activities and even healthy snacks.

Healthy living

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Children deserve a safe place to go after school.

- The hours between 3 and 6 PM are the peak hours for juvenile crime and experimentation with drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and sex.³
- Police chiefs, sheriffs and prosecutors agree that investing in afterschool programs would be more effective at reducing youth violence and crime than hiring more police officers or increasing punitive actions.⁴
- Teens who do not participate in afterschool programs are nearly three times more likely to skip classes or use drugs.⁵

Safety

"The success of our young people depends on being able to be involved in high-quality after-school programs. These programs enhance their learning and help them grow and develop into the future leaders that our city, state and country needs."

MAYOR DAVID N. CICILLINE, PROVIDENCE, RI

Mayors of 86 cities that were surveyed report that only one-third of the children who need afterschool programs have them.⁶ Both the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities have developed afterschool initiatives, and an increasing number of governors are addressing the issue. Hundreds of mayors have joined **Project 2010**.