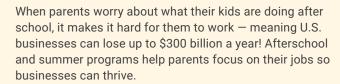
A Sound Strategy for Building a Better Kentucky

State Investments in Afterschool and **Summer Learning**

Decades of research show that afterschool and summer programs make good economic sense and benefit everyone. As a result, states across the country are now investing in these programs to address workforce challenges, ignite economic growth, improve outcomes for youth, and keep communities safe – and so should Kentucky.



ADDRESSING WORKFORCE CHALLENGES



Among Kentucky parents:

- 81% agree that afterschool programs help working parents keep their jobs.
- 85% agree that afterschool programs provide them peace of mind.

IMPROVING STUDENT OUTCOMES

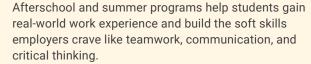


In Kentucky, chronic absenteeism is at an all-time high while scores on national assessments of reading and math proficiency have declined over the past decade.

Students who <u>regularly participate</u> in quality afterschool and summer programs:

- Raise reading levels and increase math scores.
- Improve their school attendance, work habits, and grades.
- · Are more likely to graduate.

ENSURING CAREER READINESS



Among Kentucky parents:

- 77% agree that programs provide kids opportunities to learn skills like communication and teamwork.
- 72% agree that programs help kids gain interest and skills in STEM.

KEEPING KIDS AND COMMUNITIES SAFE



Afterschool and summer programs keep kids and communities safe by helping them make smart choices and stay away from risky activities – both online and offline.

Among Kentucky parents:

- 74% say afterschool programs keep kids safe and out of trouble
- 72% agree afterschool programs help kids avoid risky behaviors.

STATES EXPANDING AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES



Texas invested \$5 million over 2 years through the Texas Partnership of Out of School Time (TXPOST) to implement mental health programs in communitybased out of school time.



Virginia invested \$5 million in state funds to support comprehensive, community-based afterschool programs in their 2024-2026 state budget.



Alabama has invested \$17.8 million across a number of sources to prioritize comprehensive school-based afterschool and summer learning opportunities.



Tennessee uses lottery funds that since its creation in 2002 has provided \$14 million for comprehensive afterschool academic enrichment programs for students aged 5-18.



Missouri invested **\$7.4 million** in competitive grants for afterschool programs with a focus on comprehensive programs.



Alaska utilizes tax revenue from recreational cannabis, on average \$2 million a year, to support youth prevention through local comprehensive afterschool programs.





PUTTING AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS TO WORK IN KENTUCKY

In Kentucky over 280,000 children are waiting for an afterschool program. Parents say cost, lack of programs, and transportation challenges are top barriers to participation.

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

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

Connect with the Kentucky Out-of-School Alliance to learn more about how afterschool and summer programs can help kids and support working families in Kentucky.



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Afterschool Alliance estimate based on findings from state-level return on investment studies conducted in states that include California, Georgia, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Vermont.



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