

# A Year of Afterschool Advocacy 2024-2025

When and how you can advocate for afterschool year round.

## July - September

Summer Learning Week | 7/15-19

Interim Committee Meetings | 8/20-21

Central Utah ECE Conference | 9/20-21

Childcare Policy Roundtable | 9/23

Interim Committee Meetings | 9/17-18

## Summer Advocacy Tips:

- Visit the state capitol and have kids in your program write letters to municipal, state, and federal leaders about why they love your summer program.
- The Interim takes place between legislative sessions, making it the perfect time to invite policymakers to tour your program. Don't be shy about asking them to join you for an activity!

## October - December

Interim Committee Meetings | 10/15-16

Lights On Afterschool | 10/24

**UAN Jump Start Conference | 10/25-26**

Election Day | 11/5

Interim Committee Meetings | 11/19-20

Childcare Policy Roundtable | 11/18

## Fall Advocacy Tips:

- Policy makers are preparing to write bills for the upcoming legislative session, so it's the perfect time of year to encourage parents to let them know how important your program is to families.
- Invite your local, state, and federal leaders to your Lights On Afterschool Event in October!
- Interim Committees meet outside of the legislative session to focus on specific issues. Attend a meeting to learn about upcoming priorities. You can testify to share your thoughts on upcoming legislation.

## January - March

Childcare Policy Roundtable | 1/13

General Legislative Session Begins | 1/21

Child Care Day on the Hill | 1/24

**Advocacy 101 | TBA**

Children's Advocacy Day | TBD

Southern Recharge Conference | 2/8

**UAN Afterschool Day on the Hill | 2/12**

Northern Recharge Conference | 2/22

General Legislative Session Ends | 3/7

Childcare Policy Roundtable | 3/31

## Winter Advocacy Tips:

- **It's time for the Legislative Session!** Make sure to attend **UAN's Advocacy 101** in January. A state legislator will share tips on how to engage with policy makers during the session.
- Register for **Afterschool Day on the Hill**
- Staff, kids, and parents can send legislators a valentine or letter using UAN's templates and guides.

## April - June

May and June Interim Committee Meetings | TBA

Afterschool For All Challenge in DC. | June

## Spring Advocacy Tips:

- Send the UAN team messages and notes to share with federal policy makers in DC.
- Encourage school partners to share the benefits of school-day and afterschool alignment.



**Utahafterschool.org/advocacy**

- Join the UAN Policy Committee
- Find talking points and resources
- Connect with national advocacy partners

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