AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS IN UTAH

During SY 24-25, 22,464 children participated in an afterschool program in Utah.

For every **1**child
participating, **8** are on a
waiting list.

More than 320,00 children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available.

4.6

104

average hours per week spent in afterschool programs communities served with 21st Century Community Learning Funding

WHAT PARENTS SAY

67% of parents agree that programs keep kids safe and out of trouble
85% of parents support public funding for afterschool programs.
83% of parents agree that all children deserve access to high quality programs.
97% of parents with kids in programs are highly satisfied.

Funding is Decreasing

2024 SY: \$25,791,225

2025 SY: \$15, 246, 320

2026 SY: \$9,187,000*

*If 21st century learning community funding is eliminated, Utah will lose nearly ½ of its allotted funding for afterschool programs.

Voter Support is Strong

67%



of voters in the nation who said YES to providing more funding are willing to do so even if it means they would pay more in taxes.

For every \$1 invested in afterschool programs,

by increasing earning potential, improving school performance, and reducing juvenile delinquency

8 in 10

Utah voters say that afterschool programs are an absolute necessity for their community



Afterschool is good for Utah

Utah's Workforce

76%

of parents agree that afterschool programs help working parents keep their jobs

Afterschool programs give working families in Utah peace of mind





Businesses lose an estimated

\$300 BILLION PER YEAR

in healthcare costs and reduced job productivity from working parents who do not have adequate afterschool support for their children.

Afterschool is Prevention

17% of children in Utah are unsupervised afterschool



25%

of all juvenile crimes
happen during the hours
following the last school
bell

Afterschool programs reduce crime, boost academics, improve behavior, lead to healthier habits, and save money.

Success in South Salt Lake

Risk of gang involvement dropped from 25.6% to 7.2% and juvenile crime rates dropped 64% between 3pm and 6pm between 2007-2015 since starting Promise South Salt Lake