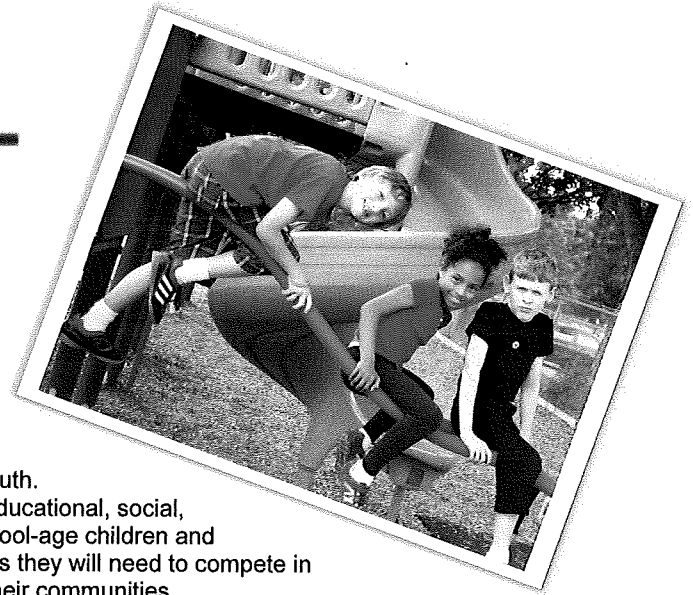




**WISCONSIN
AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK**



A Snapshot of Afterschool in Wisconsin

Introduction

Afterschool is a critical time in the lives of Wisconsin's children and youth. Afterschool is a time for enrichment, a time to foster young people's educational, social, physical, artistic interests and talents. Afterschool can ensure that school-age children and youth (ages 5-18) build the leadership, teamwork and personal abilities they will need to compete in a global economy—and become productive, contributing citizens in their communities.

The importance

A decade of research and evaluation studies confirms that children and youth who actively participate in high quality afterschool programs can reap a host of benefits to include:

- Improved academic achievement
- Improved social and developmental outcomes
- Improved health outcomes

Major Revenue Sources

- 21st Century Community Learning Center Fund (21 CLC) overseen by **Department of Public Instruction**
- Wisconsin Shares Program (over 1/3 of program dedicated to 5-12 year olds) overseen by **Department of Children and Families**
- Parent fees/fees for service
- School Districts
- Fund 80
- United Way
- Private Philanthropic giving

The providers

- Schools/districts
- Non-profit youth serving agencies, (e.g. Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA's, and community centers)
- Private for-profit and non-profit childcare centers
- Faith based community

The settings

- Schools
- Traditional childcare centers
- Community centers
- Churches

Number of youth served in Afterschool Programs

JC Penney Wisconsin After 3 p.m. data estimates:

- 168,000 youth (K-12) participate in afterschool programs
- 317,993 (K-12) are responsible for taking care of themselves after school

The positives

- A number of program models
- Statewide school-age quality rating system
- Multiple funding streams to support afterschool programs

The challenges

- Limited school-age professional development system
- Industry information on breadth and depth of afterschool is limited
- Many programs are not designed to meet the needs of older youth
- consistent quality standards
- Licensing and Regulations, licensed, licensed exempt, unlicensed
- Accessing multiple funding streams to provide adequate funds
- Limited state investment in afterschool
- Limited access in rural areas

The recommendations

- Create statewide school-age professional development system
- Develop a clearer picture of afterschool funding streams and programs
- Develop an afterschool funding agenda
- Create a Governor's Afterschool Task Force
- Re-evaluate current licensing and regulations especially for school-based programs
- Support a statewide afterschool intermediary collaborative

Wisconsin Models of Afterschool Programs & Provider Types

| | Group Based Care | | | | Family Child Care | Other |
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| | Non-regulated | DCF 251 Regulatory Exempt (School Board oversight for meeting regulations) | Regulated by DCF 251 | Regulated by DCF 250 | | |
| Oversight | | | | | | |
| Models | Sponsoring agency provides oversight | Public and Private Schools | 21 st Century Community Learning Centers (CLC) | Day Camps DCF 252 | Home-based Child Care | Out-of-Home Care |
| Business Model & Descriptors | Independent nonprofits or public agency | Operated by a public school district or private school | Competitive grant | Private-commercial and nonprofit summer seasonal operation | Small family owned business | Child Welfare |
| Facility | Agency operated facilities | Shared space use of school building | Shared space use of school building | Summer outdoor locations combined with school/agency facilities | Home-based | Group home or residential facility |
| Fees/Revenue Sources | No fee, may charge membership fee. Grants and private giving United Way funds | No fee, subsidized & parent fees school district funds Child care assistance funds with YoungStar eligibility | No fee U.S. Department of Education: funds given to states to administer using a formula Child care assistance funds with YoungStar eligibility | Full-cost, sliding & subsidized fees Grants and private giving United Way funds Child care assistance funds with YoungStar eligibility | Full-cost fee Child care assistance funds with YoungStar eligibility | Public child welfare funds |
| Provider Examples | Barron County Boys & Girls Clubs; Fox Valley Boys & Girls Club; Community Centers | MSCR Haven Programs; MPS Afterschool Camps; Blessed Sacramento After school | Kenosha Unified School District; Adams-Friendship School District; Hurley School District | AfterSchool Camp of the Oaks; Camp Winne Y Co | Cajita DeSorpresas; Little Miracles Family Day Care | Norris Adolescent St. Aemilian |
| Ages Served | 7 to 18 | 5-12* & 13-18 | 5-12* & 13-18 | 4-12* | Infant-12 | Infant-18 |

*Ages eligible for Wisconsin Shares