

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME IN KENTUCKY

Unmet Needs and Opportunities for the Future

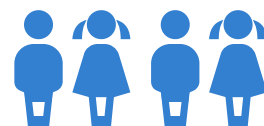


Quality out-of-school time programs offer expanded learning opportunities to thousands of kids across Kentucky and are a lifeline for working parents, but more families than ever are being left out.

In Kentucky, **for every child enrolled in an out-of-school time program, four more are waiting** to get in, leaving many kids alone and unsupervised when school is not in session.¹



Enrolled



Waiting

BENEFITS of participation²

For KIDS:



Developing important workforce skills



Engaging in STEM or computer science learning opportunities



Receiving healthy snacks and meals while also staying physically active



Reducing the likelihood of engaging in risky behaviors

For PARENTS:



Giving working parents peace of mind



Supervising and assisting with distance learning



Allowing parents to keep their jobs, return to work, or seek employment



Helping parents be good partners in their child's education

1,579+

Number of program sites³

78,912+

Number of kids who participate¹

280,552+

Number of kids waiting to get in¹

830+

Number of additional hours of academic enrichment and support annually per child³

83%

Percent of parents who support public funding for out-of-school time programs¹

\$117.90

Average weekly cost per child parents report paying for fee-based programs¹

Main **BARRIERS** to participation³



Private programs too expensive for the average working family



Lack of transportation to and from program sites



Few programs located outside of large population centers



Not enough public investment to ensure access for kids from low-income households

Out-of-school time is a smart investment in Kentucky's future. Too many kids are missing out. Help us change that.

\$1 =  \$3

Every \$1 invested in out-of-school time programs saves taxpayers at least \$3.²



Program **SPOTLIGHT**

Save the Children

In addition to providing afterschool programming to school-age students in eastern Kentucky, Save the Children is also helping curb hunger for children and families all across the Commonwealth. Over the past year, Save the Children has delivered more than 2,500 boxes containing fresh and nutritious fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and meat, along with over 2,500 gallons of milk to families who need it most. For families without reliable transportation to distribution sites, Save the Children staff have banded together with local school and community partners to arrange at-home deliveries. “I don’t think I’ve ever seen happier boys!” said one community partner reflecting on this program.

To access the full report and additional fact sheets on specific topics related to Kentucky's out-of-school time landscape, visit: <https://kyoutofschoolalliance.org/research-policy/kentucky-after-3pm/>

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