

# The Importance of Afterschool Programs in Wisconsin

Afterschool is a time for enrichment, a time to foster educational, social, physical, artistic, interests and talents. It 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 to become productive, contributing citizens.

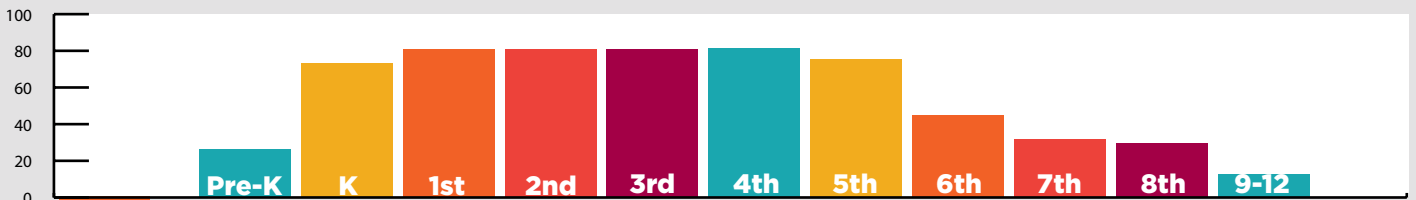
In November of 2015 the Wisconsin Afterschool Network (WAN) started a mapping process to identify afterschool programs throughout Wisconsin. Over 530 surveys were completed representing over 650 programs.

## Recommendations

- 1 Funding the afterschool program
- 2 Finding and retaining qualified staff
- 3 Providing staff and/or volunteer training opportunities

## Children Demographics

### Grades afterschool programs serve



Show gaps in grades served

Total Number of children served

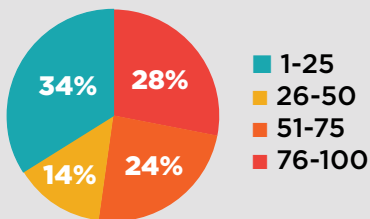
77,644

Total students enrolled - School Year

42,274

Average Daily Attendance - School Year

### Free and Reduced Lunch



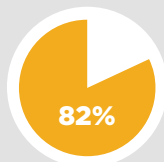
Shows that programs serve a high percentage of low income children, much greater than the state average (24% of the programs serve a majority of low-income children and 28% show that a strong majority serve low-income children.)

## Program Operations

### Top Services Provided



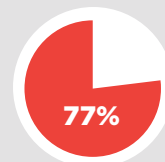
Physical Activity



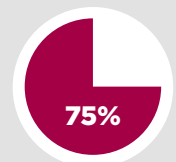
Homework Completion



Recreation

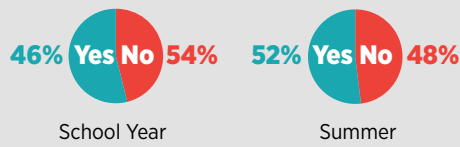


Reading/Language Arts



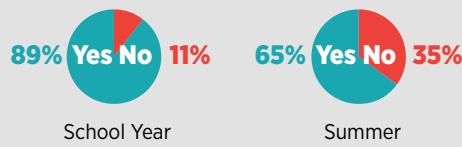
Art, Music or Dance

### Meals Provided



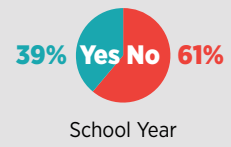
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### Transportation Provided



*Demonstrates that programs provide a critical service making afterschool programs accessible*

### Afterschool Program Operations

**4.8** Average days per week

**34.5** Average weeks per year

**6** Average hours per day

*Accessibility, availability and supports working parents*

## Program Overview

### Program Staff

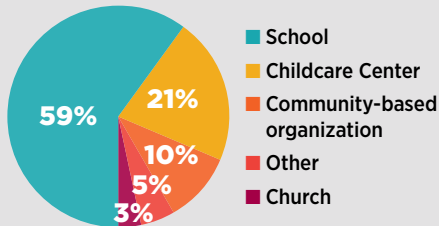
**2,677** Full-Time Staff (30-40 hours/week)

**5,221** Part-Time Staff

**3,346** Volunteers

*Indicates the need for professional development opportunities/system*

### Afterschool program physical locations



*These are the locations where children are at between the hours of 3pm-6pm. Also important to show that schools are stepping up to meet the needs of their students and families.*

#### Top Providers

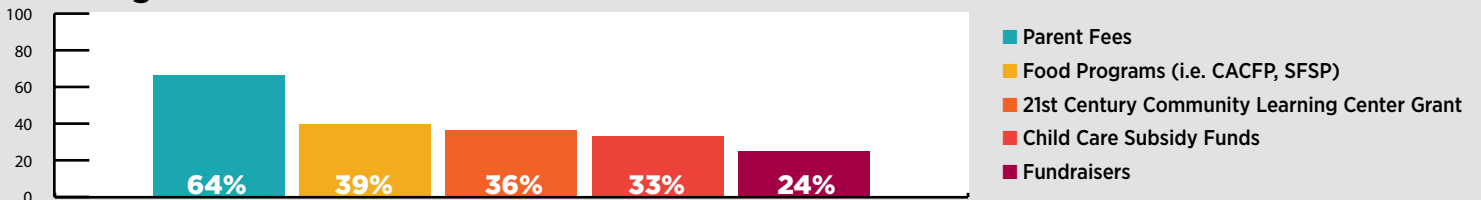
- Schools
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- YMCA

### Size of Programs-School Year



*Shows majority of programs are serving a high amount of children (26% of respondents indicated their daily attendance is between 51-100)*

### Funding Sources



*Shows multiple support of afterschool programs and demonstrates that programs need to access multiple funding streams to stay open and provide services.*

### YoungStar Participants



*YoungStar = The State of Wisconsin childcare rating system*

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