



COLORADO AFTERSCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

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About Us

Established in October 2017 with the support of a grant from The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Colorado Afterschool Partnership (CAP) is one of fifty statewide afterschool networks.

CAP actively works to strengthen out-of-school-time programs in Colorado through advocacy for sustainable funding and by supporting afterschool providers with professional development, resources, and recognition.



Advocacy

\$3.5 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR OST PROVIDERS

CAP collaborated with the Boys & Girls Club of Colorado, Colorado Children’s Campaign and 21st CLCC to advocate for support of OST programming across the state. The effort resulted in the passing of HB24-1331, a bill sponsored by Representative Taggart, Representative Bacon, Senator Bridges, and Senator Kirkmeyer. This groundbreaking bill will create a \$3.5 million grant program dedicated to supporting out-of-school providers. These funds will be instrumental in expanding access to quality programs that offer vital educational and developmental opportunities for children and youth outside of regular school hours.



LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL
A PROJECT OF THE AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE

Lights On Afterschool is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their role in keeping kids safe, inspiring them to learn and helping working families. The effort has become a hallmark of the afterschool movement and annually sees more than 1 million Americans celebrate at more than 8,000 events nationwide. Each year CAP hosts an event at the capitol to keep the Lights on Afterschool.



19,585 YOUTH

CAP hosts a summer letter writing campaign to state legislators, lifting up youth voices to best tell the story of the importance of afterschool. The campaigns represented 19,585 youth in OST programming across the state and resulting in Senator Taggart’s reaching out to CAP and championing the successful HB23-1331 bill of support.



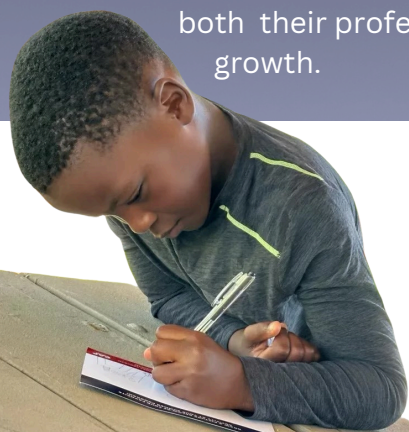


I was unaware of CAP's impact until I was invited to the fall conference. I learned more in those two days than I had in ages and it was so much fun! The most important part is that we have already implemented four of the programs that were at the conference into our work. I am so grateful to have an accessible and responsive resource to lean on in our after school work.

- Kids At Their Best

Professional Development

Access to professional development is key to the delivery of quality programs. CAP provides a variety of opportunities for continued learning to youth development professionals throughout the year. From in-person conferences to virtual webinars led by national leaders in STEM, child development and education, Colorado providers have access to high-quality, free and low-cost opportunities that support both their professional and personal growth.



Quality Programs

The research is clear – children and youth participating in high-quality afterschool, out-of-school and summer programs have:



HIGHER GRADES



BETTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

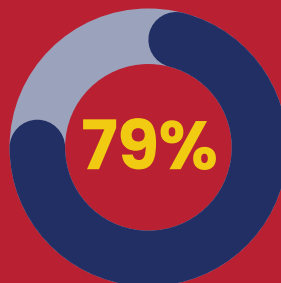


GREATER SKILLS

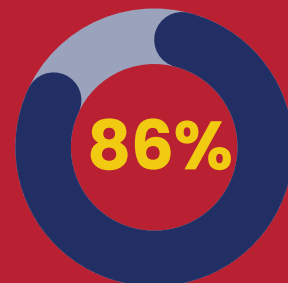


HEALTHIER BEHAVIORS

CONFERENCE IMPACT



OF ATTENDEES FELT THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS WERE VALUABLE



RATED THE CONFERENCE AS EXCELLENT/GOOD

**119 Attendees
15 Counties
28 Organizations**

DEFINING QUALITY

CAP collaborated with other key stakeholders and organizations to develop quality standards for OST programming across the state. Ensuring equity among programs and the best possible experience for youth.



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