# Why Afterschool Makes “Cents” for Georgia

Afterschool and summer learning programs across Georgia are unique, safe spaces that serve more than 280,000 of Georgia’s young people providing a wide range of benefits backed by research that support their physical, academic, and social-emotional well-being.

## GEORGIA’S AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS:

### IMPROVE ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

Afterschool has been shown to increase test scores, improve grades, lower retention rates, and increase school day attendance.

### DECREASE JUVENILE CRIME

With juvenile crime peaking during the hours of 3 to 7 PM, afterschool programs provide safe havens for Georgia’s youth and relationships with caring adults.

### REDUCE DRUG & ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE

Afterschool and summer learning programs can cut the risk of addiction to drugs and alcohol in half.

### SUPPORT WORKING FAMILIES

Afterschool and summer learning programs help parents and caregivers maintain stable employment and give them peace of mind.

### PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Afterschool programs reduce obesity by providing access to nutritious foods, keeping kids physically active, and promoting healthy habits.

### CREATE THE WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW

Afterschool and summer learning programs provide youth with hands-on, project-based learning and prepare them for the 21st Century workforce.

Learn more about how afterschool benefits Georgia at [www.afterschoolga.org/roi](http://www.afterschoolga.org/roi)
Every $1 invested in Georgia’s afterschool and summer learning programs generates a return of $2.64 in benefits to taxpayers.

IF GEORGIA WAS TO INVEST…

$25 MILLION to increase access to high quality afterschool and summer learning programs for Georgia’s youth.

Another $4,225,000 would be leveraged in additional funds from community partners and businesses

To provide a total of 45,409 YOUTH with high-quality programming that puts them on track for success in college, career, and life

LEADS TO

$2 MILLION for reducing drug and alcohol dependence

+$ 3 MILLION for reducing grade retention

+$ 18 MILLION for reducing juvenile crime

+$ 131 MILLION from increased tax payments, reduced reliance on welfare systems, and reduced criminal justice costs over the years due to a reduction in crime and dropout rates

A Total of $154 MILLION in benefits to Georgia taxpayers for increasing access to high quality afterschool and summer learning programs.