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We're keeping the #LightsOnAfterschool to highlight the impact of afterschool — nearly 300,000 kids in Georgia rely on afterschool programs every day! <https://bit.ly/2Sr3M7n> #GaLightsOn

We're keeping the #LightsOnAfterschool to shine a light on the need for afterschool in Georgia — nearly 600,000 kids are still waiting to get into a program. <https://bit.ly/2Sr3M7n> #GaLightsOn

Join us in celebrating the impact of quality #afterschool on GA’s youth on Oct. 22 for #GaLightsOn. This year will be different, but there are still dozens of ways to celebrate! <http://bit.ly/2wCkXZf>

For every 1 child in an afterschool program in GA, 2 are waiting to get in. <https://bit.ly/2Sr3M7n> [#GALightsOn](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23GALightsOn)

314,000 of Georgia’s youth are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 PM <https://bit.ly/2Sr3M7n> #GaLightsOn

3 out of 4 Nobel Prize winning scientists say their passion for science was sparked in an environment outside of school #GaLightsOn

More than 80% of a young person’s waking hours are spent outside of formal classroom learning #GaLightsOn

Afterschool has broad, bipartisan support! A 2017 PDK International poll shows that 94% of Georgians view #afterschool as extremely/very important. #GaLightsOn

How has an afterschool program impacted your or a loved one’s life? Help celebrate the importance of afterschool in your community and share your story with #GaLightsOn.

Afterschool programs help children develop social-emotional, physical and academic skills. That’s why I support #GaLightsOn.

Afterschool programs reduce drug and alcohol dependence by providing youth with a safe place to go and relationships with caring adults. #ThisIsAfterschool

More time spent in afterschool is associated with better work habits, improved academic performance, gains in self-efficacy, improved GPA, and fewer school absences. #ThisIsAfterschool

Thousands of working families in Georgia rely on #afterschool to keep our kids learning & engaged. This need has only increased so we need keep #GaLightsOn.

Programs funded through the @GADFCS Afterschool Care Program leverage local funding and partnerships to serve youth in #afterschool & youth development programs. #AfterschoolWorks

Did you know? 50 counties in Georgia do not have a state funded afterschool program. #GaLightsOn

If Georgia was to invest $25 million in high quality #afterschool, taxpayers would save $154 million and an additional 45,409 youth would have access to these critical programs. #AfterschoolWorks

Afterschool programs improve academic performance and outcomes by increasing school day attendance, reducing grade retention, and improving classroom behavior. #ThisIsAfterschool

Every $1 invested in afterschool in Georgia leads to a return of $2.64 in benefits to taxpayers. Now is the time to increase investment in afterschool. #AfterschoolWorks

Housed at @GADFCS, the Afterschool Care Program serves over 75,000 of Georgia’s youth, primarily from low to moderate income families, the foster care system, and/or congregate care. #ThisIsAfterschool

LONGER MESSAGES

This year’s #LightsOnAfterschool will be different – but the importance of shining a light on afterschool & summer learning programs & their role in our communities has never been more important. Join us in our celebration of #LightsOnAfterschool on Oct 22, 2020! #GaLightsOn

Our program makes a difference for the kids, families & communities we serve every day. But across Georgia, for every child who gets to participate in an afterschool program, two more are waiting to get in. If you think every kid in Georgia deserves access, join us to celebrate #LightsOnAfterschool! #GaLightsOn

Despite the uncertainty and challenges of this year, afterschool programs across Georgia rose to the moment - supporting students & families by providing needed meals, childcare for essential workers, and high-quality virtual learning experiences when schools were forced to close. On October 22, we’re helping to shine a light on the important role of afterschool programs - and you can too by celebrating #LightsOnAfterschool! #GaLightsOn

According to America After 3PM, nearly 1 in 5 of Georgia’s youth are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 PM, the peak hours for juvenile crime and experimentation with drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and sex. <http://bit.ly/1Dnrll6> #GaLightsOn

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program provides nearly two million children - and over 26,500 in Georgia - with high quality afterschool, before school, and summer learning programs that help put them on a path to success in college, career, and life. #GaLightsOn