



Supporting Student Learning with ESSER funding

Partnering with Afterschool & Summer Learning Programs

Why Afterschool & Summer Learning?



Address learning loss by providing youth with **more time** for deeper learning and the extra help they need to close the achievement gap.



Address youth mental health by connecting young people with **caring mentors** who are trained to help youth build healthy relationships and heal from trauma.



Ensure youth safety by offering families a **safe place** for youth to learn both during and beyond the school day, allowing parents to return to work or take time to seek employment.

Did You Know?

Access to afterschool and summer learning programs is not always equitable. Cost and access prevent many students from low-income families and students of color from participating. These gaps are likely to grow, with many more families struggling from job losses and fallout from the pandemic.

In Georgia, **more than 633,000 students** are missing out on afterschool learning opportunities.

In Georgia, for every child in an afterschool program, 2 more are waiting to get in.



Ideas for Implementation

Partner with a local community organization who provides afterschool and summer learning programs to offer youth more opportunities to engage, learn, and thrive

Create or increase access to and improve quality of existing afterschool, summer, or intercession learning opportunities

Provide on-going, sustainable opportunities for small group programming including tutoring, life-skills development, college & career exposure, etc.

Increase family engagement & empowerment opportunities

How can I utilize ESSER?

Embrace nontraditional learning!

School age children spend more than **80 percent** of their waking hours learning outside of school, making afterschool and summer learning programs key to ensuring kids reach their full potential.

Afterschool & summer learning programs should incorporate nontraditional learning strategies to expand classroom learning and provide new experiences to young people.

Successful program models include things like project-based learning, physical education, college & career exposure, academic enrichment, STEM, art & music, service learning, and opportunities to develop interpersonal relationships with peers, mentors, and the community.

Resources

Georgia Afterschool & Youth Development Standards

Curious on how to evaluate quality & impact? Utilize these standards to create the foundation for your program!

Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network

Lean on our state's leading afterschool intermediary for an abundance of resources on program design, staff development, and connecting afterschool & summer programming academic outcomes

Afterschool Alliance

This national organization is a great place to stay up-to-date on program trends and policy development. You can also access Afterschool after 3pm data to learn more about need for afterschool and summer opportunities throughout the country.

National Summer Learning Association

Looking for resources specific to summer learning? NSLA has one goal—investing in summer learning to help close the achievement gap. Their website is a hub for resources targeted at summer program staff, parents & caregivers, and educators.

Questions?

Curious about who has an existing afterschool program in your community?

- [QualityRated.org Database](https://www.qualityrated.org/)
- [GSAN Self-Reported Map](#)
- [GSAN School Day Support](#)

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