



GEORGIA AFTER 3PM: DEMAND & SUPPORT FOR AFTERSCHOOL

Afterschool programs keep youth safe, accelerate learning, teach new skills, and keep them engaged. They also help working families keep their jobs and have peace of mind. In Georgia, however, the need for afterschool programs greatly exceeds the available options.¹



THE UNMET DEMAND FOR AFTERSCHOOL

✓ **236,308** or  children are enrolled in afterschool programs³

✗ **853,224** or  children are not enrolled in an afterschool program, but would if one were available⁴



Nearly **4 in 5** Georgia children are missing out.⁵

DID YOU KNOW?
231,342 children and youth are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.⁶

GEORGIA PARENTS AGREE: AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS MATTER

Reported Benefits to Kids:⁷

-  **87%** build social & decision-making skills
-  **83%** boost teamwork, critical thinking & leadership skills
-  **79%** keep youth safe
-  **78%** support well-being
-  **70%** excited about learning and improved school attendance

Reported Benefits to Parents:⁸

-  **97%** reduce parent stress
-  **94%** improve overall wellbeing
-  **87%** boost work productivity
-  **81%** help keep jobs/work more hours

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HOW GEORGIA PARENTS RATE THEIR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

100% are satisfied with their child's afterschool program⁹

 **97%** satisfied with program safety

 **93%** rated their child's program as "good" or "very good"

 **95%** trust caring, skilled staff

 **81%** see reading & writing support

THE AVERAGE COST OF AFTERSCHOOL IS
\$102.00 PER WEEK¹⁰

WHAT KEEPS FAMILIES FROM ENROLLING?¹¹

 **AFFORDABILITY**
 58% say programs cost too much

 **ACCESSIBILITY**
 49% lack safe transportation

 46% report inconvenient locations

 **AVAILABILITY**
 40% have no local programs

OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC FUNDING



9 IN 10 PARENTS

support public funding for afterschool¹²

There is broad, bipartisan support for increased public investment.



94%



87%



86%

AFTERSCHOOL WORKS¹³

Research shows high quality programs improve outcomes, including:



Higher academic performance



Better behavior



Higher classroom attendance rates

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