

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and helping us learn how to improve opportunities for children and youth in your community!*

**General Information**

1. **What city/town do you live in?** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Are you...**  
 Male  Female
3. **Are you...(you can pick more than one)**  
 Caucasian  African American  Hispanic/Latino  Asian  Biracial/Multiracial  Other
4. **How many children do you have?**  
 1  2  3  4 or more
5. **Which of your children in the following grades participate in after school program/activities?**

My child...	Participates in an after school program/activity.	Does NOT participate in an after school program/activity.	Not Applicable.
in grade K-3...			
in grade 4-5...			
In grade 6-8...			
in grade 9-12...			

**If you have a child that participates in an after school program or activity, go to page 2.**

**If none of your children participate in an after school program or activity, skip to page 3.**

**IF YOU HAVE A CHILD OF THAT PARTICIPATES IN AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY...**

**6. Is there a fee for the program?**

Free     Pay     Don't know

**7. How much of your child's time does the program/activity occupy?**

1-3 hours/week     4-6 hours/week     7-9 hours/week     10 or more hours/week

**8. How much of your time does the program/activity occupy?**

1-3 hours/week     4-6 hours/week     7-9 hours/week     10 or more hours/week

**9. Select the response that best describes how you feel about your child's after school programs/activities.**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
The hours of operation meet my needs.					
The program gives my child the opportunity to be physically active.					
The program helps my child do better in school.					
The program helps my child build social skills.					
The program engages my child's curiosity and creativity.					
The program helps my child build confidence					
My child enjoys the program s/he attends.					

**If you also have a child that DOES NOT participate in an after school program or activity, go to page 3.**

**If all your school-age children participate in an after school program or activity, skip to page 4.**

**IF YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY...**

**10. Why doesn't your child participate? (Check any that apply)**

- They are not interested in any of the programs/activities in my community.
- I don't know of any programs for them to participate in.
- There are no programs/activities for my child's age group.
- The only program/activities are in the school building, and my child doesn't want to stay at school any longer.
- The programs/activities cost too much money.
- There is no transportation available to get my child to/from the program/activities.
- I am not confident my child will be appropriately cared for/supervised.
- My child is responsible for taking care of other brothers, sisters, or other family members.
- My child has a job and works after school.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**11. What kinds of activities/programs WOULD you like to see your child participate in? (Check any that apply)**

- Sports/recreation
- Arts/dance/theater/music
- Media/technology
- Help with schoolwork
- Training to get a job
- Having a job
- Leadership program to change/improve school/community.
- Going somewhere new, experiencing something outside of where they live and what they usually do.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**12. During the SCHOOL YEAR how satisfied are you with...**

	Not satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
The variety of program/activities available in your community.				
The hours of programs/activities available in your community.				
The quality of program/activities in your community.				
The cost of after school options in your community.				

**13. During the SUMMER how satisfied are you with...**

	Not satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
The variety of program/activities available in your community.				
The hours of programs/activities available in your community.				
The quality of program/activities in your community.				
The cost of after school options in your community.				

**14. Select the answer that best represents how you feel.**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
There should be some type of organized activity or safe place for children/teens to go after school every day that provides opportunities to learn.					
My community needs more after-school activities during the academic year.					
My community needs program/activity options during the weekends.					
My community needs program/activity options during the summer.					
My community needs more program/activity offerings for elementary-aged youth.					
My community needs more offerings for middle school aged youth.					
My community needs more offerings for high-school aged youth.					

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**15. What would you want your child to gain from an after school program/activity? Please RANK THEM IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE TO YOU, with 1 being the MOST IMPORTANT and 8 being the LEAST IMPORTANT.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Having a safe place to be when I am not with them
- \_\_\_\_\_ Staying out of trouble
- \_\_\_\_\_ Being healthy and physically fit
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improving their grades and academic abilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Developing their curiosity and creativity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Developing new goals or aspirations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Having positive relationships with their peers
- \_\_\_\_\_ An increased sense of confidence and self-esteem
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**16. Would you be in favor of increased state funding to support...**

	Yes	No	Don't Know
After school programs for children and youth.			
Summer programs for children and youth.			
Employment and job opportunities for youth.			

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**17. How important are the following issues facing YOUTH in YOUR COMMUNITY right now?**

This issue is...	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Not Sure
Not having anything positive to do in our community.					
Feeling lonely or isolated.					
Not feeling safe.					
Dealing with parent or family problems.					
Not being able to learn what we need to in school.					
Getting in trouble/disciplined at school.					
Dropping out of school.					
Student or youth voices and opinions are not respected by adults, teachers, or decision-makers.					
Not being able to find jobs/work for ourselves.					
Money problems in our family.					
Bullying.					
Fighting.					
Gun violence.					
Relationship drama with boyfriend/girlfriend.					
Using drugs.					
Drinking alcohol.					
Selling drugs.					
Dealing with police.					
Dealing with the foster care system.					
Other:					

**18. Is there anything else you'd like to tell legislators, policymakers or decision-makers about after school and summer programs?**