

Connecticut After School Network

Facts About After School in Connecticut:

- ◆ Connecticut is home to 610,000 youth ages 5—17 years old ⁽¹⁾
- ◆ Connecticut serves more than 570,000 children in its public education system, with almost 70,000 children in its lowest income school districts
- ◆ More than 70% of parents of school age children are working ⁽²⁾
- ◆ Only an estimated 185,000 Connecticut children (less than 1/3) are involved in supervised, safe and enriching after school programs ⁽³⁾
- ◆ The average Connecticut family pays \$88.50 per week per child for after school care ⁽⁴⁾
- ◆ After school programs keep children safe while teaching the skills and core values they need to succeed both academically and socially
- ◆ 3 to 6 pm are the peak hours of violent crime. Good after school programs can cut — by as much as 75% — the risk of youth becoming involved in crime ⁽⁵⁾
- ◆ We know that it costs more than \$300,000 to house one youth at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School while it takes about on-hundredth that amount to provide a quality after school program.



Cost Benefit Studies

- ◆ The return to taxpayers ranges from \$2.19 to \$3.22 for every dollar spent on high-quality after school programs, not including the significant savings that would result from lower crime (Brown, Frates, Rudge and Tradewell, 2002) ⁽⁶⁾
- ◆ Each child prevented from adopting a life of crime saves the country between \$1.7 million and \$2.3 million (Cohen, 1997) ⁽⁷⁾

After school programs
Keep kids safe
Help working families
Improve academic achievement
Prevent crime

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