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) \(^{(7)}\)

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