The Importance of Afterschool Programs in Wisconsin

Afterschool is a time for enrichment, a time to foster educational, social, physical, artistic, interests and talents. It can ensure that school-age children and youth (ages 5-18) build the leadership, teamwork and personal abilities they will need to compete in a global economy and to become productive, contributing citizens.

In November of 2015 the Wisconsin Afterschool Network (WAN) started a mapping process to identify afterschool programs throughout Wisconsin. Over 530 surveys were completed representing over 650 programs.

Recommendations

1. Funding the afterschool program
2. Finding and retaining qualified staff
3. Providing staff and/or volunteer training opportunities

Children Demographics

Grades afterschool programs serve

Free and Reduced Lunch

Shows that programs serve a high percentage of low income children, much greater than the state average (24% of the programs serve a majority of low-income children and 28% show that a strong majority serve low-income children.)

Program Operations

Top Services Provided

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<td>Physical Activity</td>
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<td>Homework Completion</td>
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<td>Recreation</td>
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<td>Reading/Language Arts</td>
<td>77%</td>
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<td>Art, Music or Dance</td>
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Meals Provided
- Demonstrates that programs provide a critical service feeding children (feeding healthy meals, fighting hunger, etc.)

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Transportation Provided
- Demonstrates that programs provide a critical service making afterschool programs accessible

Afterschool Program Operations
- Average days per week: 4.8
- Average weeks per year: 34.5
- Average hours per day: 6

Accessibility, availability and supports working parents

Program Overview

Program Staff
- Full-Time Staff: 2,677
- Part-Time Staff: 5,221
- Volunteers: 3,346

Indicates the need for professional development opportunities/system

Afterschool program physical locations
- School: 59%
- Childcare Center: 21%
- Community-based organization: 10%
- Other: 5%
- Church: 3%

These are the locations where children are at between the hours of 3pm-6pm. Also important to show that schools are stepping up to meet the needs of their students and families.

Top Providers
- Schools
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- YMCA

Size of Programs-School Year

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<td>51-100 children</td>
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<td>200+ children</td>
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Shows majority of programs are serving a high amount of children (26% of respondents indicated their daily attendance is between 51-100)

Funding Sources

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<td>Parent Fees</td>
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<td>Food Programs (i.e. CACFP, SFSP)</td>
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<td>21st Century Community Learning Center Grant</td>
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<td>Child Care Subsidy Funds</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<td>Fundraisers</td>
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Shows multiple support of afterschool programs and demonstrates that programs need to access multiple funding streams to stay open and provide services.

YoungStar Participants
- YoungStar = The State of Wisconsin childcare rating system

YoungStar: 53% Yes, 47% No

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