

About Denver Afterschool Alliance

We know that afterschool programs make a lifelong difference for kids and their parents, and we know that the demand far outweighs the availability of programs in our city. **The Denver Afterschool Alliance helps improve program quality and increase afterschool access for all of Denver's youth.** Denver thrives when our kids succeed.

- The Denver Afterschool Alliance supports every Denver afterschool provider through tools and resources to help them improve quality and measure outcomes.
- We convene many voices – providers, school and city officials, families and funders – to create a long-term collaborative plan addressing the need for high quality afterschool programs citywide. Together, we're stronger and our impact is greater – no one entity can do this alone.
- We map programs citywide, we address gaps in availability, and we help parents find the right program for their child.

What is an intermediary?

As Denver's afterschool intermediary, the Denver Afterschool Alliance unites stakeholders around a shared mission, maximizing resources and driving improvements through collective efforts. Through partnerships an intermediary improves efficiencies, enhancing supports to individual organizations by increasing access and improving student outcomes. An intermediary elevates the entire field by connecting stakeholders as a cohesive team to plan for and deliver impacts that benefit the entire afterschool community.



Accomplishments for 2014-2015

We have created, launched and populated the afterschool program locator which now houses information on more than 1,000 afterschool and summer programs across Denver. This helps connect kids to programs and provides important information to parents, teachers and others who care about keeping their kids engaged.

We have increased the number of afterschool programs participating in quality improvement and evaluation efforts from 17 sites to 49 sites.

We have provided in-depth support to nine programs in historically underserved neighborhoods. These programs are serving 1,640 students, resulting in 550 hours of learning time, which amounts to an additional 68 days of school this year.

But, we are just getting started.

To accelerate the Denver Afterschool Alliance's momentum through the 2015-2016 school year we will:

- Improve afterschool quality and impact to benefit youth.
- Increase collaboration and access to benefit communities.
- Advance advocacy and program sustainability to strengthen Denver's afterschool field.

How you can help



The Denver Afterschool Alliance draws its strength from its partners and donors. We need your help to accelerate our progress.



You can make a tax-deductible donation supporting the work of the Denver Afterschool Alliance.

The Alliance is housed within the City and County of Denver, however operates independently. Through support of the leadership board, the Alliance raises funds and manages accounts in accordance to donor guidelines.



We need YOUR HELP to spread the word!

We rely upon our supporters and our partners to help inform Denver about this city-wide initiative. Please refer to the enclosed “User Guide” for resources and tips on how to spread the word about the work – and impact – of the Denver Afterschool Alliance with your networks. Denver thrives when our kids succeed!

Why We Do What We Do

Need for Afterschool

- In Denver, there are more than 98,000 school-aged children. Denver's child poverty rate is 29% as compared to the 23% national average. Many of our children live in high needs neighborhoods where the percentage of children living in poverty is even greater, and these children often lack accessible, affordable afterschool programs. Recent data shows that just over 5,200 of these children participate in an afterschool program supported by the Denver Afterschool Alliance. There is still an enormous gap with children who do not have access to afterschool programs.

Academics

- Students who participate in afterschool programs attend school more. In a controlled study looking at youth who attended 17 of Denver's comprehensive afterschool programs, school attendance rates were significantly better than youth who did not attend the programs.
- Academically, youth who participate in afterschool programs for two or more years outpace other students in academic growth, as measured by the median growth percentile of the state standardized test scores.

Enrichment

- Afterschool programs provide critical access to arts programming, health and wellness programming and other enriching activities that many children would not have access to otherwise.

Character Development/Social Emotional Learning

- Local Denver data has shown that afterschool programs positively impact a child's ability to solve problems, avoid risky behaviors and develop positive leadership skills.
- When youth have more developed pro-social skills, they also exhibit greater confidence as a learner, which leads to academic competence and performance.

Families and Safety

- Afterschool programs keep kids safe during the hours of 3-6pm when parents are more likely working.
- According to the America After 3pm Survey, 72% of surveyed Colorado parents agree that afterschool programs help them keep their job.
www.afterschoolalliance.org/documents/AA3pm-2014/CO-AA3pm-2014-Fact-Sheet.pdf