

## Research and Reports

**Afterschool Program Quality and Effectiveness: 25 Years of Results!** Policy Studies Associates Inc. <https://tinyurl.com/policystudies25> // Policy Studies Associates has evaluated after-school programs and policies for more than 25 years. This brief report contains highlights of what they have learned.

**After-School Programs.** Rand Corporation. Retrieved from [www.rand.org/topics/after-school-programs.html](http://www.rand.org/topics/after-school-programs.html) // This resource offers several news releases, infographics, research briefs, and reports on the importance of after-school programs and their impact.

**America After 3PM Special Report: The Growing Importance of Afterschool in Rural Communities.** Afterschool Alliance. <https://tinyurl.com/afterschoolalliance3pm> // This report takes a closer look at the after-school experiences of children and families living in rural communities and compares these experiences to those of children and families outside of rural communities.

**America After 3PM Special Report: Afterschool in Communities of Concentrated Poverty.** Afterschool Alliance. [www.afterschoolalliance.org/aa3pm/concentrated\\_poverty.pdf](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/aa3pm/concentrated_poverty.pdf) // This report documents the role that after-school programs play in supporting families living in high-poverty areas by answering questions about what after-school program participation looks like, what the demand

for after-school programs is, and what is preventing children from participating.

**Beyond the Classroom: What Principals Want When It Comes to Afterschool and Summer Learning.** NAESP. <http://afterschool.naesp.org> // This 2017 report, archived on NAESP's Afterschool & Summer Learning Portal, provides insight into principals' perceptions on afterschool and summer programming, quality, operations, partnerships, and funding, as well as on student outcomes.

**K12: Out of School Learning.** Frame Works Institute. <https://tinyurl.com/frameworksoutofschool> // This resource offers two reports on mapping the gaps on where and when learning takes place and media discourses on learning, education, and education reform, respectively.

**Knowledge Center: Afterschool.** The Wallace Foundation. [www.wallacefoundation.org/knowledge-center/after-school](http://www.wallacefoundation.org/knowledge-center/after-school) // This page offers a range of after-school resources and reports that will help make any after-school or summer program a success.

**What Does the Research Say About Afterschool?** Afterschool Alliance. <https://tinyurl.com/afterschoolallianceresearch> // This report contains a small sampling of findings—from meta-analyses to program-level evaluations—that show that there is demonstrable evidence of the positive impact programs have on students' academics, school-day attendance, engagement in learning, and behavior.

## Organizations

**Afterschool Alliance** ([www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org)). The Alliance works with a broad range of organizations and supporters, including policymakers and policymaker associations, advocacy groups, after-school coalitions and providers at every level, business and philanthropic leaders, technical assistance organizations, and leaders representing a variety of interests, each with a stake in after-school programming.

**Big Thought** ([www.bigthought.org](http://www.bigthought.org)). Big Thought is a nonprofit organization focused on building partnerships that close the opportunity gap through creative out-of-school programs.

**Boston After School & Beyond** ([www.bostonbeyond.org](http://www.bostonbeyond.org)). BASB expands learning and skill development opportunities for students. BASB is at the forefront of the nation in after-school programming and innovation.

**Engaging Creative Minds** ([www.engagingcreativeminds.org](http://www.engagingcreativeminds.org)). ECM is a nonprofit organization based in South Carolina that provides arts-integrated, in-school, and summer programs for kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

**National Summer Learning Association** ([www.summerlearning.org](http://www.summerlearning.org)). NSLA is a national nonprofit organization focused on closing the achievement gap by increasing summer learning opportunities for all youth.