

focus

AFTERSCHOOL IN
OKLAHOMA



Issue Brief: 21st Century Community Learning Centers

21st Century Community Learning Centers get results!

- 43% of all 21st CCLC participants **improved their reading grades** and 49% **improved their math grades**.
- Over 3/4 of attendees showed **improvement in their homework** completion.
- Improvement in **student behavior improved 72%** among students who participate regularly in 21st CCLC programs.

Data from 2006-2009 studies by Learning Point Associates

The Oklahoma Afterschool Network (OKAN) is a community of private and public partners who are committed to a vision in which all Oklahoma children and youth are safe, nurtured and involved in enriching activities during their out-of-school time.

Afterschool programs:

- Keep kids safe and healthy
- Inspire learning
- Support families

Join us at www.okafterschool.org



11
/ 100

Federal funds for afterschool programs reach only 11 out of 100 Oklahoma children age 5-18.

OKAN Fiscal Analysis, Spring 2009

21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS Making A Difference!

What are 21st CCLCs?

Initiated in 2002, 21st Century Community Learning Centers are funded through federal sources and administered through the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

By collaborating with community partners, schools and parents, 21st CCLCs are providing academic enrichment opportunities for children in their out-of-school time.

What do 21st CCLCs do?

In Oklahoma, 21st Century Community Learning Centers provide quality programs for students to help build a better, stronger school day.

Why do they do it?



In Oklahoma,
29% of our kids are on their own
during their after school hours.

Health: Oklahoma is on track to be the most obese state in the nation by 2018. Afterschool programs have proven to be effective in improving nutrition, physical activity and healthy choices.

Dropout Prevention: Too many Oklahoma kids are dropping out of school. Afterschool programs keep kids in a safe place while engaging them in a learning environment.

Public Safety: The hours between 3p.m. and 6p.m. are peak times for juvenile crime. Afterschool programs give kids positive alternatives to gangs and risky behaviors.

Advocate! Oklahoma is one of only 14 states that does not fund afterschool programs. Contact your legislator with the message that afterschool matters in your community!

Online Resources:

Afterschool Alliance
afterschoolalliance.org

Oklahoma Department of Education
sde.state.ok.us

Oklahoma State Department of Health
ok.gov/health

Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy
oica.org

Forum for Youth Investment
forumforyouthinvestment.org

C.S. Mott Foundation
mott.org

Wallace Foundation
wallacefoundation.org



Sonia Johnson, Director

3909 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 101
OKC, OK 73118

Phone: 405-236-5437

Fax: 405-236-5439

email: okafterschool@oica.org

www.okafterschool.org

OKAN is a statewide initiative coordinated by the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy.