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AFTERSCHOOL IN
OKLAHOMA



Fast Facts:

Oklahoma's children spend only **20%** of their waking hours in school. Where are they spending the other 80%?

29% (180,559) of Oklahoma's K-12 children are left on their own after school. These children spend an average of 9 hours per week unsupervised.

Oklahoma is **1 of only 14** states that does not fund afterschool programs for its 643,133 children between the ages of 5-18.

Sources: National Conference of State Legislatures and the Afterschool Alliance

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 working families

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\$3.8 billion

Lost lifetime earnings for the 2008 class of Oklahoma dropouts.

Alliance for Excellent Education, 2008

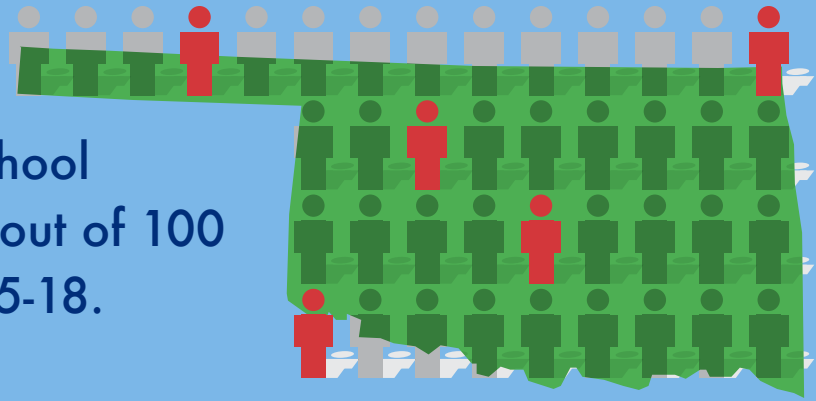
 High School dropouts are 8 times more likely to be in jail or prison.

 68% of state prison inmates across the country do not have a high school diploma.

*Afterschool Alliance, 7/2009

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

*OKAN Fiscal Analysis Spring 2009



Why Afterschool Matters in Your Community



Strong and healthy communities depend on making sure our children and

youth are safe, healthy and prepared for the workforce.

Public Safety

The hours between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. are the peak hours for juvenile crime and experimentation with drugs, alcohol, sex and gang involvement. Afterschool programs give kids positive alternatives!

Health

Childhood obesity is a major health problem in Oklahoma. Indicators placed Oklahoma 6th in the nation for obesity in 2006. The State Department of Health has found that overweight adolescents have a 70 percent chance of becoming overweight or obese adults.

In communities such as Grove, Oklahoma, the Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) Kids Club has been proven effective in improving nutrition, physical activity and healthy choices among elementary school students.

Workforce

Preparing our youth for the workforce is a challenge with today's economic environment. In Vinita, Oklahoma Project LINK (Learning, Integrating, Nurturing and Knowledge) is giving teens hands-on career exploration training. The "win-win" for the community is a better prepared workforce AND expanded opportunities for teens.



Education

Too many children in Oklahoma are not in a safe, learning environment in their after school hours and far too many are dropping out.

Youth who fail to graduate struggle in securing a good job. The cost of dropouts moves beyond individuals and families. It financially impacts our communities, social services and our state.

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
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