Partnering with Afterschool to Accelerate Students’ Learning and Recovery

The Opportunity

The American Rescue Plan provides Oregon school districts $1.1 billion to remedy student learning loss and provide additional support to help young people thrive, both in and out of the classroom. Nationwide and across our state, schools are using those funds to team up with afterschool and summer program providers.

The OregonASK Expanded Learning Partnership and local programs in your district are ready to partner and serve.

Impact of Afterschool

Afterschool and summer enrichment programs reinforce what students learn in school and provide extra support to students who are struggling or have disabilities. Programs provide more time for deeper learning, creative spaces for hands-on projects, and opportunities for students of all ages to explore careers.

Decades of research proves students who regularly participate in quality afterschool:

- Gain self-control, confidence, and social skills
- Improve school attendance, work habits, and grades
- Make gains in reading and math
- Have higher graduation rates
- Explore career paths and gain workforce skills
- Build healthy relationships with their peers and adults

How can we save you time and money?

Oregon has a strong network of expanded learning providers. These include before school, afterschool, summer enrichment, and other out-of-school time learning programs like the Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs, 4-H, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and community-based organizations that collaborate with libraries, museums, colleges, faith-based centers, and local recreation and parks sites.

The OregonASK Expanded Learning Partnership has the relationships and expertise to help schools build robust community partnerships that accelerate students’ academic and social-emotional learning. We offer:

- Staff who can help kids build social-emotional skills
- Deep reach in underserved communities
- Strong connections with kids and families
- Expertise leveraging community partners and volunteers
- Professional development and training opportunities for educators
Let’s Do This!

Afterschool is an underutilized resource that can help schools in every community. These programs operate at the nexus of families, schools, and communities and are uniquely positioned to help schools accelerate students’ learning and recovery.

Reach out to your local afterschool programs to:

- Provide space for their programming during the school year and/or over the summer
- Offer to include advertisements for their programs in your emails and newsletters to schools

Engage your state afterschool network to:

- Provide data on programs across the state
- Identify programs serving under-resourced communities
- Provide trainings and quality supports for programs that receive funds

In Oregon, every $1 invested in afterschool programs saves $4.60 by decreasing:

- Drug and alcohol addiction
- High school dropout rate
- Healthcare costs
- Crime
The Evidence Base for Summer Enrichment and Comprehensive Afterschool Opportunities

By Terry K. Peterson, PhD, and Deborah Lowe Vandell, PhD

“Environments, exposures, activities, and interactions during summertime can promote positive cognitive, social, emotional, and skills development, as well as promoting safety and physical and mental health, for children and youth. However, summertime experiences are not evenly and equitably distributed, and many children and youth lack access to quality experiences due to the challenges of availability, accessibility, and affordability. The most vulnerable children...face the greatest challenges in accessing quality summertime experiences,” (p. vii) from Shaping Summertime Experiences: Opportunities to Promote Healthy Development and Well-Being for Children and Youth. The National Academies Press. (2019)

Resources

OregonASK Expanded Learning Partnership Lean on our state’s leading afterschool network to build robust community partnerships that accelerate students’ academic and social-emotional learning.

Accelerating Learning Through Expanded Learning Time Research from the Learning Policy Institute on the benefits of investing federal recovery funds to support partnerships with expanded learning providers.

Afterschool: Evidence & Research Guidance from the American Institutes for Research that explains the evidence base for afterschool and strategies for using American Rescue Plan funding to leverage partnerships with expanded learning providers.

HelpKidsRecover.org Find resources and information about the American Rescue Plan, including funding amounts for states and school districts, opportunities, deadlines and examples of partnerships

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