

Invest in Afterschool!

Afterschool programs in New Mexico help our youth build self-esteem and resilience.

Afterschool is a place that sparks passion and fuels imagination. It helps young people discover who they are and what they love to do. Students in afterschool programs learn by doing, strengthen their social skills, and prepare for the jobs of tomorrow.

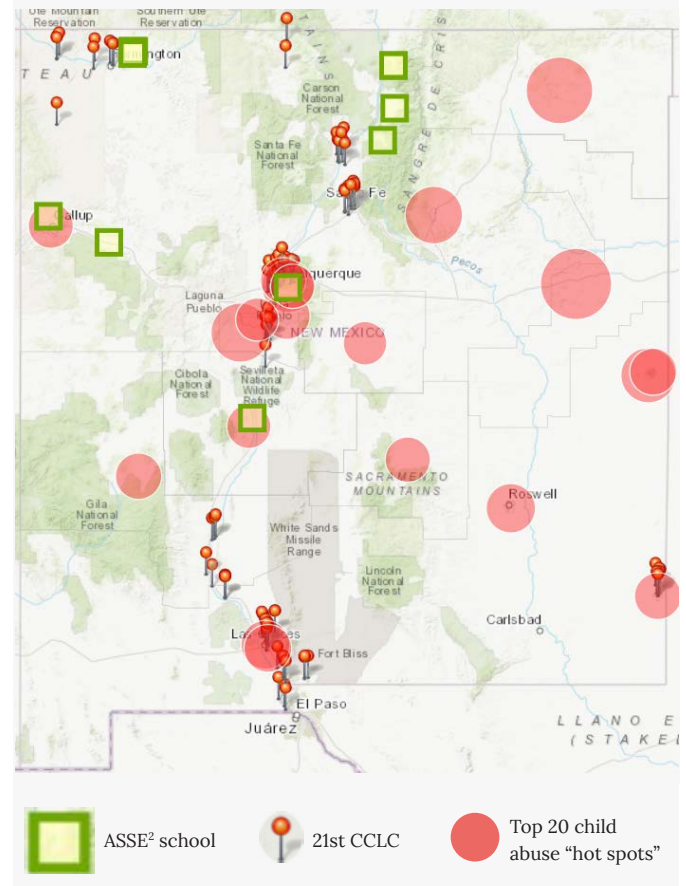
Afterschool programs also allow parents to focus on providing for their families—rather than worrying about whether their children are supervised or coordinating rides. Parents need flexible, affordable options after the school bell rings, and to know their children are safe. Afterschool provides that assurance.

Finally, afterschool is a safe haven that helps children and teens avoid risky behaviors, online and offline, during the hours of 3 to 6 p.m., when juvenile crime and victimization peaks. Roughly 70,000 New Mexico children are unsupervised during that window.

Out-of-school time programs like afterschool and summer learning can:

- ▶ Create a safe and empowering space for young men and women.
- ▶ Provide peer support and strengthen self-esteem and resilience.
- ▶ Provide training on topics related to life skills, healthy relationships, warning signs of abuse, and where to seek help.
- ▶ Promote healthy attitudes and behaviors in their families and communities.

Of the 20 New Mexico areas¹ with the highest rates of child abuse, 12 have neither state-funded ASSE² schools nor 21st CCLC funding.



We must invest in afterschool!

Every **\$1** invested in afterschool programs saves **\$3** by:

- ▶ Increasing students' earning potential
- ▶ Improving students' academic achievement
- ▶ Reducing juvenile crime and delinquency

New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network

The New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network brings together diverse stakeholders interested in ensuring positive youth development opportunities and outcomes through afterschool programs. Our vision is:

- ▶ Increased access to quality out-of-school time programs for children and youth, regardless of income
- ▶ Equitable funding for out-of-school time programs across the state
- ▶ Every child can name one caring adult

1. Department of Health designated area - population ~20K

2. After School and Summer Enrichment - funded by legislative earmarked PED funds

Schools with Afterschool and Summer Enrichment Funded Programs

| School | District |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Van Buren Middle School | Albuquerque Public Schools |
| McCoy Avenue Elementary | Aztec Municipal School District |
| Lydia Rippley Elementary | Aztec Municipal School District |
| Park Avenue Elementary | Aztec Municipal School District |
| Peñasco Elementary | Peñasco Independent School District |
| Questa Jr./Sr. High School | Questa Independent School District |
| Parkview Elementary | Socorro Consolidated Schools |
| Enos Garcia Elementary | Taos Municipal School District |
| Thoreau Elementary | Gallup/McKinley County Schools |
| Chee Dodge Elementary | Gallup/McKinley County Schools |



Highest Areas of Child Abuse

| County | Department of Health Small Area (~20K population) | Mean Annual Number of Victims per 1000, 2007-2015, 0-17 yrs |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Quay/DeBaca/Harding | Full counties | 39.34 |
| Colfax/Union | Full counties | 36.17 |
| Valencia | West/Belen | 31.05 |
| San Miguel | Las Vegas | 29.94 |
| Curry | Clovis, West | 28.26 |
| Bernalillo | Central/Pennsylvania | 26.38 |
| Chaves | Roswell, Southeast | 24.36 |
| Doña Ana | Central Las Cruces | 24.02 |
| Doña Ana | South Las Cruces | 23.19 |
| Curry | Clovis, East | 22.72 |
| Valencia | Northeast | 22.66 |
| Lea | Hobbs, South | 22.62 |
| Sierra/Catron | Full county | 22.29 |
| Bernalillo | Comanche/Carlisle | 21.64 |
| Lincoln | Full County | 21.52 |
| McKinley | Gallup | 21.37 |
| Bernalillo | Central/Juan Tabo | 20.91 |
| Socorro | Full County | 20.74 |
| Torrance | Full County | 20.32 |
| Valencia | Los Lunas | 20.02 |

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Notes and Sources

- ▶ Maps from the NM Community Data Collaborative - <https://tinyurl.com/y9p7626w>
- ▶ [The Costs and Benefits of After School Programs: The Estimated Effects of the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002](#)
- ▶ [After-School Worries: Tough On Parents, Bad For Business](#)
- ▶ [Afterschool Programs: Making a Difference](#)
- ▶ [America After 3pm](#)
- ▶ [How can afterschool programs support employability through social and emotional learning?](#)