

Invest in Afterschool!

Afterschool programs in New Mexico help our youth make safe, healthy choices.

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.

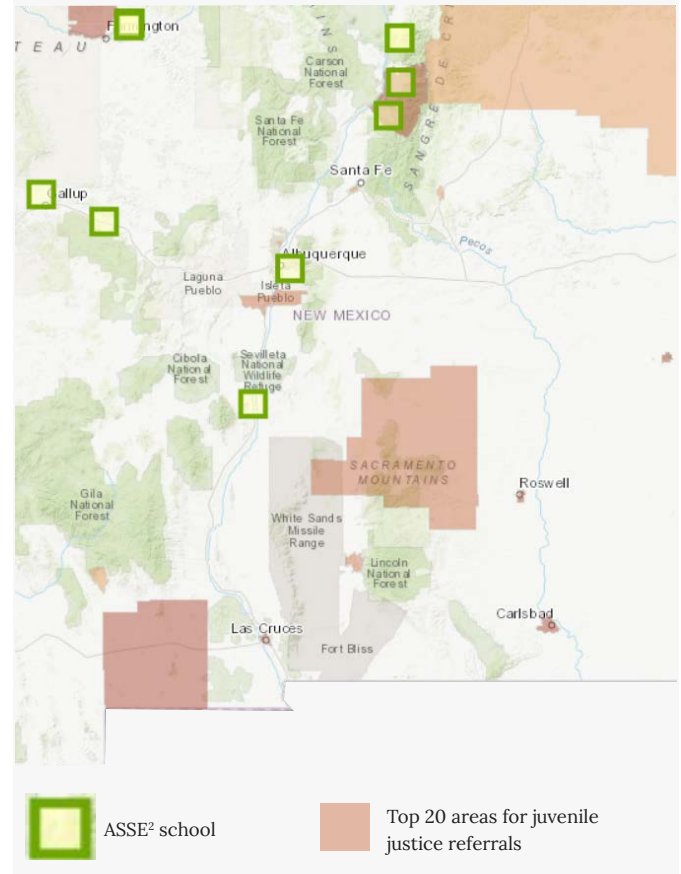
Afterschool programs also allow parents to focus on providing for their families—rather than worrying about whether their children are supervised or coordinating rides. Parents need flexible, affordable options after the school bell rings, and to know their children are safe; afterschool provides that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

Regular attendance in out-of-school time programs like afterschool and summer learning can:

- ▶ **Reduce disciplinary incidents.** One study reported a 23 percent reduction in disciplinary incidents among students attending out-of-school time programs.
- ▶ **Reduce risky behaviors** like drug use and aggression, among others.

Of the 20 New Mexico areas¹ with the highest rates of juvenile justice referrals, 18 have no state-funded ASSE² schools.



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 Juvenile Justice Referral

County	Department of Health Small Area (~20K population)	Total Referrals per 1,000 Population Under 18
Otero	Alamogordo, Southwest	64.02
Curry	Clovis, West	63.09
Doña Ana	University District	55.56
Taos	Downtown & High Road	54.44
Doña Ana	Central Las Cruces	54.09
Chaves	Roswell, Southwest	53.84
San Juan	Farmington West / Kirtland / La Plata	51.39
Otero	Alamogordo, Northeast	51.21
Santa Fe	Bellamah / Stamm	49.56
Eddy	Carlsbad	48.53
Valencia	Northeast	47.37
Grant	Silver City	46.27
Lincoln	Full county	46.11
Colfax/Union	Full counties	45.26
Valencia	Los Lunas	45.04
Curry	Clovis, East	44.99
Doña Ana	Northwest Las Cruces	44.09
Sandoval	Rio Rancho Blvd., South	43.54
Luna	Full County	43.10
San Miguel	Las Vegas	42.38

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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?](#)