

Invest in Afterschool!

Afterschool programs in New Mexico provide essential support for youth living in poverty.

The unmet demand for afterschool and summer learning programs in communities of concentrated poverty is high.

Afterschool programs are critical partners in helping to ensure that all children and youth have the opportunities they need to thrive and meet their full potential. Afterschool programs engage youth in enriching experiences that help them develop the skills they need for a successful future, and offer academic support to those who are struggling.

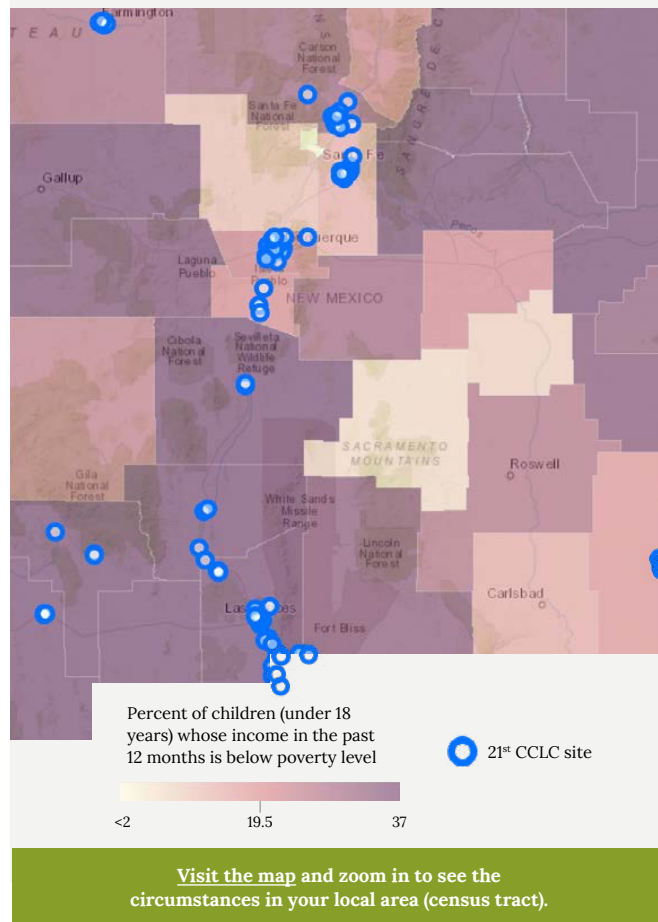
For parents living in communities of concentrated poverty, afterschool programs also help provide services that other families may take for granted—such as a safe environment during the hours of 3 to 6 p.m., when juvenile crime and victimization peaks—and nutritious foods and drinks for youth who might otherwise go hungry.

Unfortunately, parents living in communities of concentrated poverty report that afterschool programs are often out of reach—that there are none in their area or that those that do exist are too expensive.

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

- ▶ Improve academic performance and school-day attendance
- ▶ Reduce the achievement gap for low-income students
- ▶ Reduce dropout rates
- ▶ Ensure access to nutritious food after 3pm

While 21st CCLC sites serve many New Mexico children, areas of the state with high rates of poverty lack state or federally funded programs.



We must invest in afterschool!

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

- ▶ Increasing students' earning potential
- ▶ Improving students' performance at school
- ▶ Reducing crime and juvenile 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

Sites with 21st CCLC Afterschool and Summer Enrichment Funded Programs

Subgrantee	Location(s)
AppleTree Education Center (4 Sites)	Albuquerque; Arrey
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central New Mexico (7 Sites)	Albuquerque
Community for Learning (4 Sites)	Albuquerque
Española Public Schools (10 Sites)	Abiquiu; Chimayo; Espanola; Ohkay Owingeh
Farmington Municipal Schools (6 Sites)	Farmington
NMSU - Gadsden (20 Sites)	Anthony; Chaparral; Mesquite; San Miguel; Santa Teresa; Sunland Park
NMSU - Hatch (5 Sites)	Hatch
NMSU - Hobbs (16 Sites)	Hobbs
NMSU - Las Cruces (14 Sites)	Las Cruces
NMSU - Lordsburg (4 Sites)	Lordsburg
NMSU - Silver City (3 Sites)	Cliff; Silver City
Raíces del Saber Xinachtli (1 Site)	Las Cruces
Rio Grande Education Collaborative (14 Sites)	Albuquerque; Belen; Jarales; Los Lunas; Socorro; Sandia Park
Santa Fe Public Schools (17 Sites)	Santa Fe
South Valley Preparatory School (1 Site)	Albuquerque



The 50 State Afterschool Network

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Notes and Sources

- ▶ [Maps from the NM Community Data Collaborative](#)
- ▶ [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?](#)
- ▶ [Afterschool in Communities of Concentrated Poverty](#)