

## MAKING THE CASE FOR **Afterschool Programs**

High-quality afterschool programs are essential for city leaders to prioritize. Programs support working families by offering supervised care, and investing in afterschool initiatives can contribute to <u>reduced youth crime</u>, improved <u>academic</u> outcomes and school day attendance, and overall community well-being, making it a strategic investment for the future of the city.

## Afterschool programs support community well-being



It is estimated that the economy is losing an estimated

\$122 billion a year because parents can't find quality afterschool programs for their children.

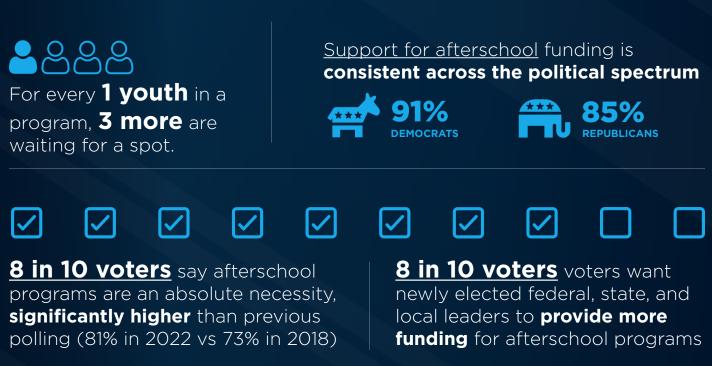


<u>Juvenile crime and</u> victimization is most likely to occur during the after school hours.

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The <u>average cost</u> for the incarceration of a young person is \$214,620 per year; the average cost for one youth to attend an afterschool program for a year is **\$4500**.

## **Demand** for afterschool programs today is higher than ever





Investing in high-quality afterschool programs not only provides vital support for working families but also serves as a strategy to decrease youth crime, improve graduation rates, and support the workforce of today and tomorrow, ultimately fostering community well-being. With overwhelming public support and compelling economic benefits, prioritizing afterschool initiatives is a strategic and necessary investment for the future prosperity of America's cities, towns, and villages.