

# ACTNOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

Workshop on expanding our capacity: Connecting to after-school and community organizations

# Welcome!

# Agenda

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# What is ACT Now?

- ▶ A statewide coalition that advocates for quality and affordable afterschool programs for Illinois' youth
- ▶ Our partners are:
  - ▶ Providers
  - ▶ Educators
  - ▶ State agency members
  - ▶ Community advocates
  - ▶ Youth organizations
  - ▶ Policymakers

# Our Work

Policy

Professional  
Development

Quality

Community  
Schools

Afterschool  
Advocates

# Why Do We Need a Map/Benefits to Providers

- ▶ Fragmented field
- ▶ Network with other programs/pool resources
- ▶ Advertise to community members' and parents
- ▶ Educate policymakers and the public

# How We Use the Map

▶ [map.actnowillinois.org](http://map.actnowillinois.org)

Geographic Area

County

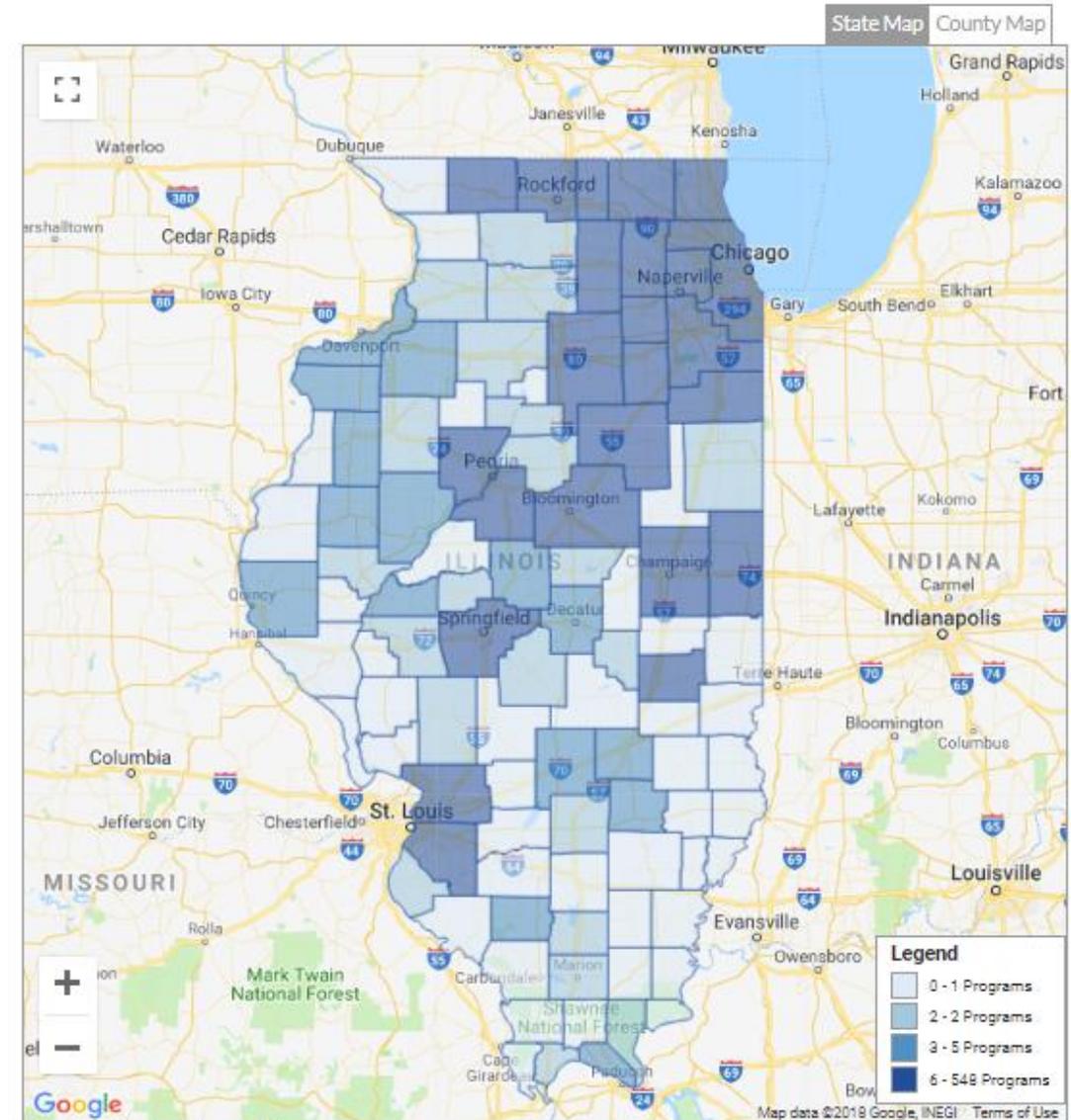
Grades Served

Select an Option

Programming Offered

Select an Option

MAP IT!





# How We Use the Map: Content Filters

Map Home Add a Program ACT Now Homepage How do I use this map?

Geographic Area  
County

Grades Served  
7th x

Programming Offered  
STEM/STEAM x

MAP IT!

State Map County Map

Legend

- 0 - 1 Programs
- 2 - 2 Programs
- 3 - 5 Programs
- 6 - 31 Programs

Note: All data is self-reported.

# How We Use the Map: County View

Geographic Area

County

Grades Served

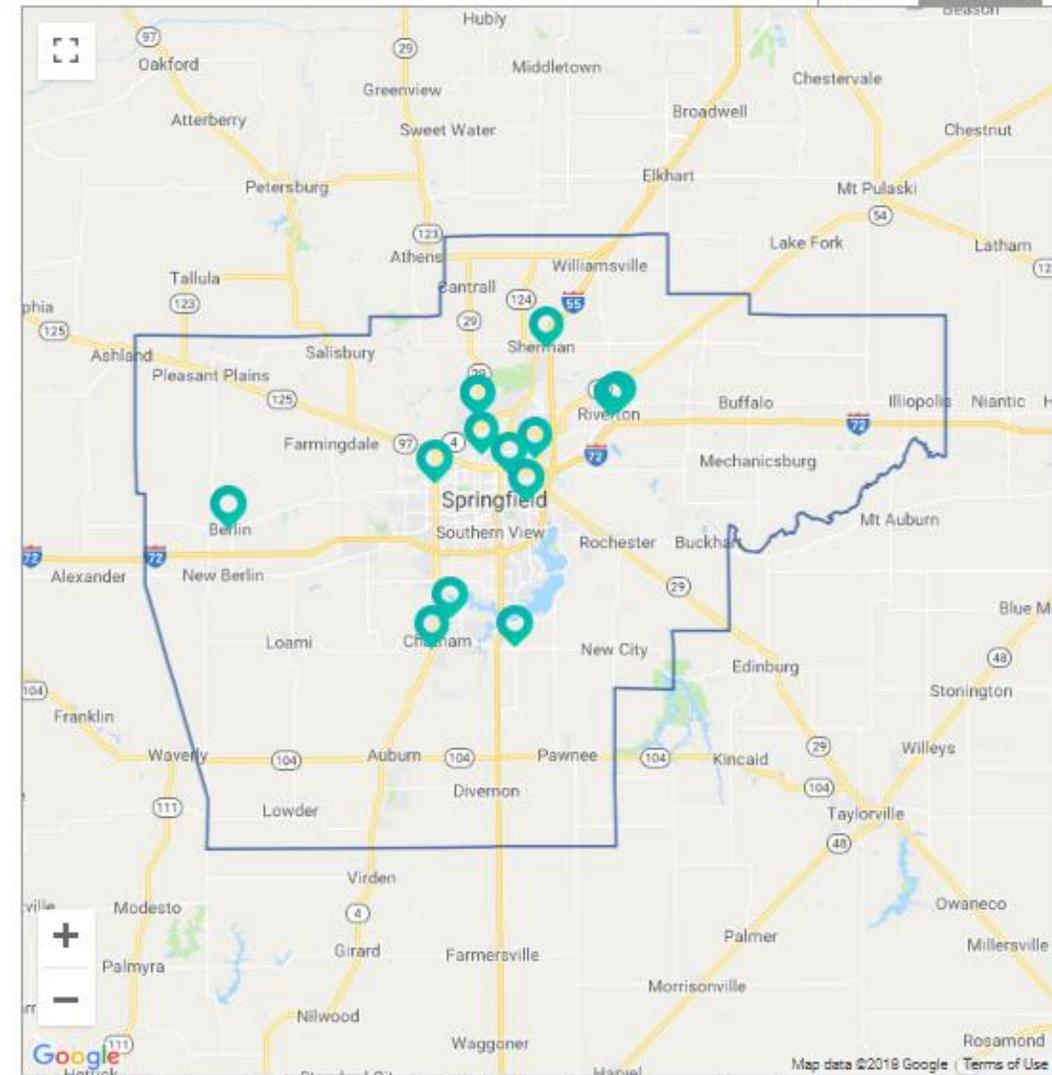
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MAP IT!

BACK TO STATE MAP



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## Program List

| Map | Program Name <input type="text"/>      | Address <input type="text"/> | City <input type="text"/> | Website  |
|-----|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
|     | YMCA Ball Elementary School After C... | 1015 New City Road           |                           | <a href="http://www.springfieldymca.org">www.springfieldymca.org</a> |
|     | YMCA Chatham Elementary School Af...   | 525 South College            |                           | <a href="http://www.springfieldymca.org">www.springfieldymca.org</a> |

# YMCA Ball Elementary School After Care Program

## How We Use the Map: Program Profile

After school care for youth including recreational sports, STEM, arts and homework help daily.

### Address

1015 New City Road  
www.springfieldymca.org

### Program Agency

YMCA of Springfield

### # of School-Age Youth

### Physical Setting

School

### Program Timing

Before School

After School

Weekends

Summer

Summer Breaks/Vacation

After Hours Youth Programming (after 6pm)

### Grades Served

Pre-K

Kindergarten

First

Second

Third

Fourth

Fifth

Sixth

Seventh

Eighth

Ninth

Tenth

Eleventh

Twelfth

Out Of School Youth

### Type of Programming Offered

Recreation/Team Sports

Homework Assistance

Health & Wellness

Instructional Support

Project Based Enrichment

Mentoring

STEM/STEAM

Reading & Writing

Civic Engagement

Career & College Preparation

Performing Arts

Family Engagement

Food Experience

Multi-Cultural Experiences

Other:

### Meals Served

Snacks

NOT OFFERED  FREE  PAID

Breakfast

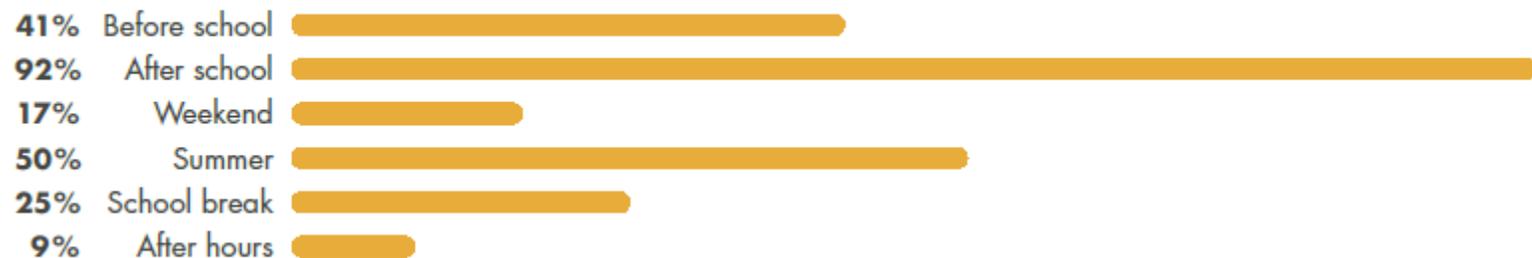
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# The State Context For Afterschool

- ▶ 2,141 programs are in the map
- ▶ Over 400,000 youth, or 18% of youth participate in afterschool
- ▶ Programs on average had 6 staff people
- ▶ The following is the breakdown of program timing:

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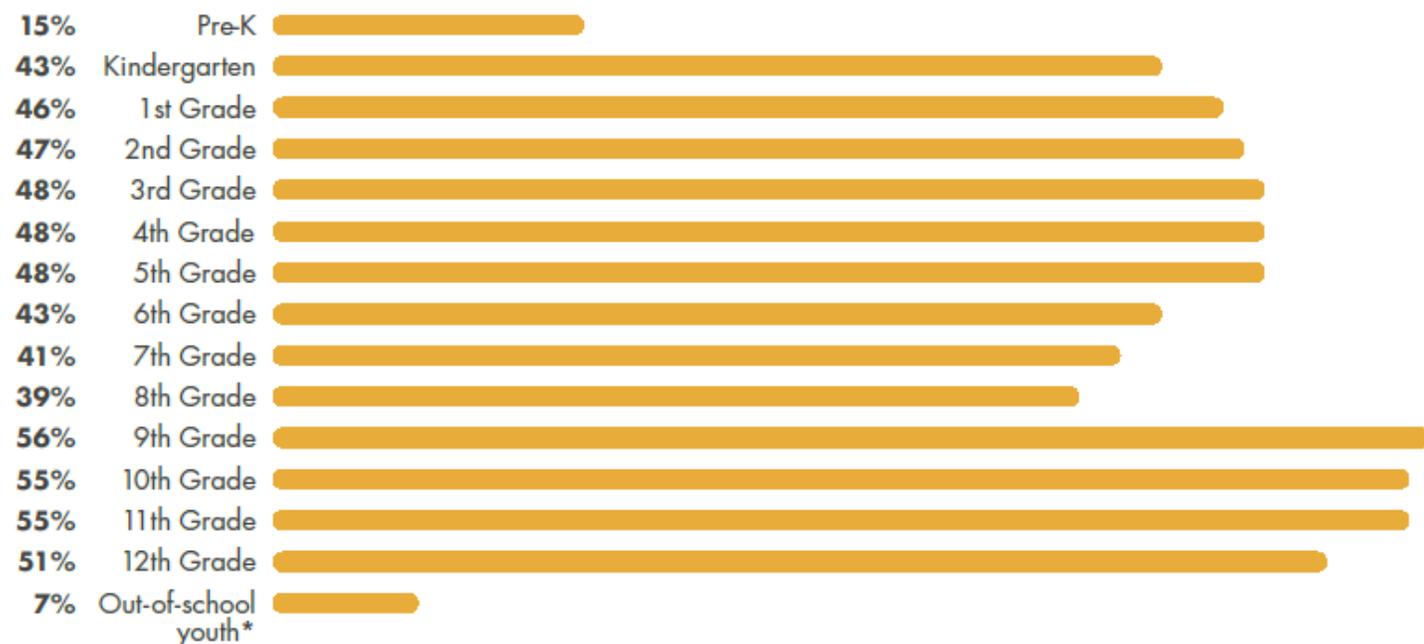
## Breakdown of program timing



# The State Context For Afterschool: Grades

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## Grades served by afterschool programs



\* Youth who have aged out of school, graduated high school or no longer attend a traditional high school setting

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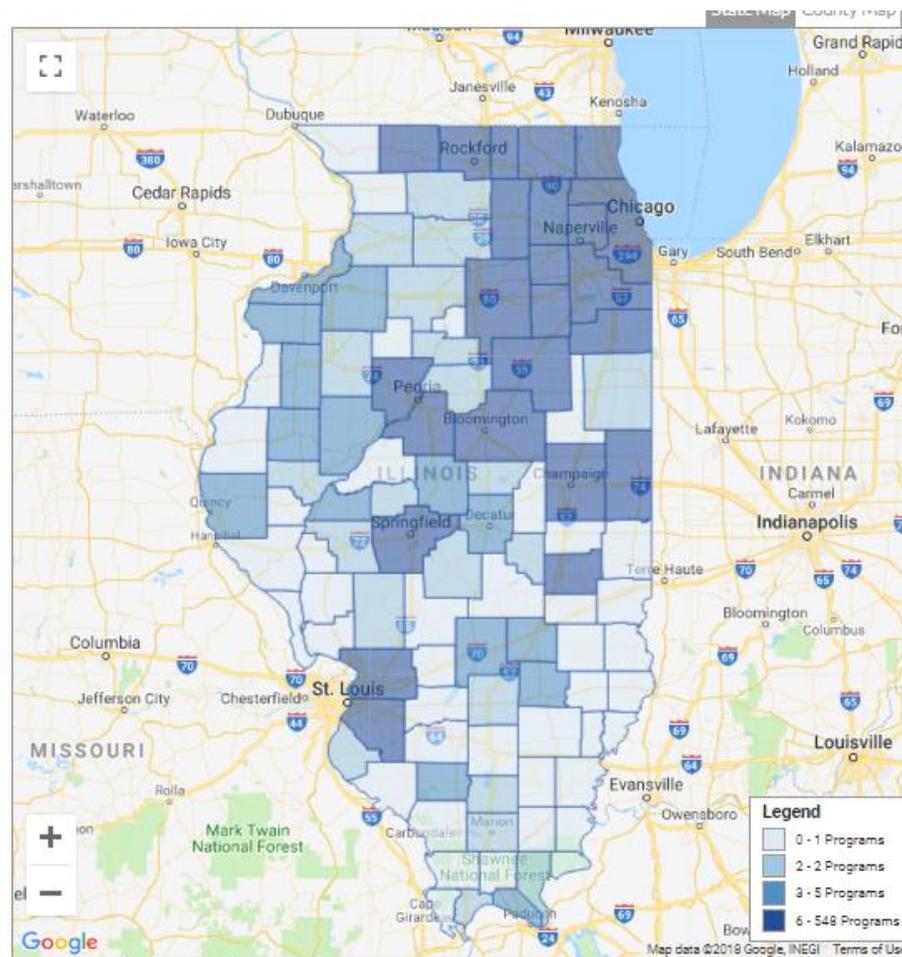
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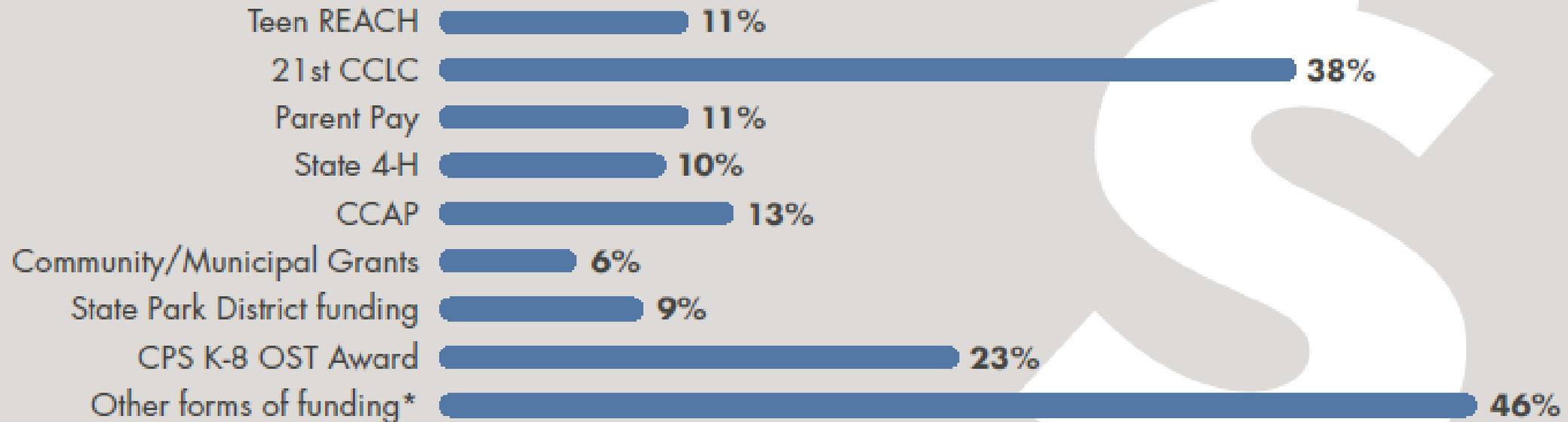


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| SCHOOL             | <b>70.94%</b> |
| COMMUNITY-BASED    | <b>14.21%</b> |
| OTHER              | <b>7.15%</b>  |
| COMMERCIAL         | <b>3.12%</b>  |
| PARKS & RECREATION | <b>1.83%</b>  |
| UNIVERSITY         | <b>1.56%</b>  |
| CHURCH             | <b>0.82%</b>  |
| RESIDENTIAL        | <b>0.30%</b>  |
| MILITARY BASE      | <b>0.10%</b>  |

## Geographic Location



# Exploring Afterschool: Funding



*\*Americorps, church funding, individual donations, foundations, higher education funding, DCFS, local sources, business sponsorships, and YMCA scholarship/assistance. NOTE: Many programs might receive multiple forms of funding.*

# Exploring Afterschool: Quality Matters

- ▶ 468 programs report using the quality standards
- ▶ 260 report having qualified staff



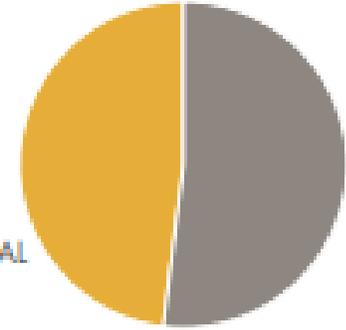
# Exploring Afterschool: Healthy Lives

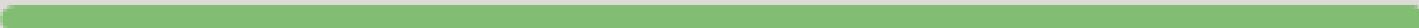
- ▶ One in six children in Illinois struggles with hunger
- ▶ 19.3% of youth ages 10 to 17 are obese
- ▶ 44% of programs offer some sort of food

**50%** OF PROGRAMS PROVIDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS



**48%** OF PROGRAMS PROVIDE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

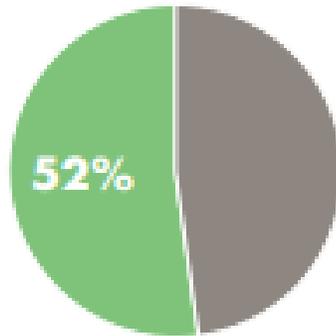


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|------------|-----------------|---|----------------------|
| <b>96%</b> | Offer snack     |   | <b>92%</b> for free  |
| <b>25%</b> | Offer breakfast |    | <b>86%</b> for free  |
| <b>20%</b> | Offer lunch     |   | <b>99%</b> for free  |
| <b>4%</b>  | Offer dinner    |  | <b>100%</b> for free |

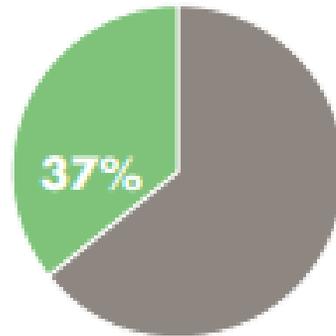
# Exploring Afterschool: Mentoring

- ▶ Mentored students better attitudes toward school and better attendance
- ▶ Mentoring can also support staff capacity

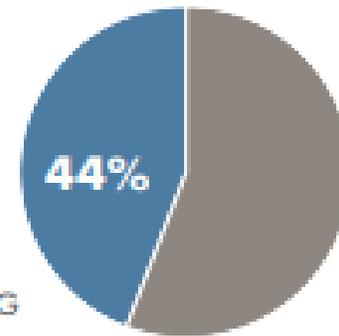
MENTORED STUDENTS LESS LIKELY TO SKIP A DAY OF SCHOOL



MENTORED STUDENTS LESS LIKELY TO SKIP CLASS



PERCENT OF PROGRAMS OFFERING MENTORING



# Exploring Afterschool: Academic Support

**48%** OF  
PROGRAMS  
OFFER  
HOMEWORK  
ASSISTANCE



**51%** OF  
PROGRAMS  
OFFER READING  
AND WRITING  
SUPPORT



- ▶ Afterschool programs help youth behave in class, improve their grades, and complete their homework assignments
- ▶ The Afterschool Map and Database shows that afterschool programs are making a substantial effort to support academic achievement in Illinois, including:
  - ▶ 48 percent offering homework assistance
  - ▶ 77% offering instructional support
  - ▶ 51% offering reading and writing support
  - ▶ 77% offering project based enrichment

# Exploring Afterschool: Career Readiness

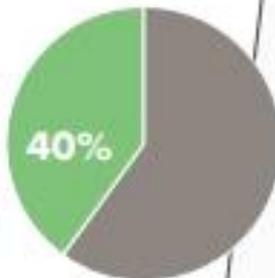
- ▶ Only 31 percent of students in Illinois graduate high school college and career ready
- ▶ Many schools are not able to provide opportunities during the school day for all students to learn about college and career options or to develop vital 21st century workforce skills
- ▶ Afterschool programs teach workforce skills and expose youth to new careers



# Exploring Afterschool: Family Engagement

The map shows that 40 percent of programs offer parent and family engagement opportunities.

PROGRAMS  
OFFER PARENT  
AND FAMILY  
ENGAGEMENT



**Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley-Streator**

An independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit based agency established in 1976, currently providing services to about 1,000 children and families in 20 counties in north-central Illinois. Serving low-income, at-risk, neglected, abused and youth ages 0-21. Most children and youth are referred as "high-risk" because of exposure to either drug abuse and/or mental illness. Many have become victims of neglect and abuse due to these conditions.

**Address:** 210 Oak St., 210 N. 1st St., Streator, IL 61361

**Program Agency:** Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley-Streator

**Physical Setting:** Community Based

**Program Timing:**  
 After School  
 Summer

**Grades Served:**  
 Pre-K  
 Second  
 Fifth  
 Sixth  
 Seventh

**Focus of Programming Offered:**  
 Academic Enrichment  
 Career/College Preparation  
 Peer Mentoring  
 After School  
 Summer Break/Summer  
 Emergency Services  
 Parent & Assistant  
 Project Based Learning  
 Reading & Writing  
 Tutoring/Help  
 Youth Leadership Development  
 Mentoring  
 After-School Programs/Activities

**Methods:**  
 After-School Programs/Activities

**Field:**  
 Field  
 Health  
 Mental  
 Youth  
 Out-of-School/Year

**Health/Mental:**  
 Health/Mental  
 Mentoring  
 Civic Engagement  
 Youth Leadership Development

# The Unmet Need for Afterschool and Return on Investment

- ▶ Need outpaces supply. For every 1 child in afterschool 2 are waiting to get in.
- ▶ Less than one percent of the state's investments in children and youth (\$6.2 billion) are dedicated to keeping youth safe, connected, and engaged in their communities through service, recreational, or leadership opportunities.
- ▶ Afterschool saves up to \$9 for every \$1 invested.



# Future Uses for the Map

- ▶ Policymakers
  - ▶ Explain what afterschool is
  - ▶ Connect them to programs in their region
  - ▶ Show them gaps around the state
- ▶ Overlay with other social determinants

# What Can Stakeholders Do

## State Agencies

- Support districts in afterschool
- Promote afterschool as a way to improve schools
- Helps CBOs and school collaborate

## Educators

- Share data and collaborate
- Use afterschool quality tools

## Business Leaders

- Advocate
- Provide expertise
- Support

## Policymakers

- Support funding and partnerships
- Highlight the effectiveness of afterschool

# Breakout

- ▶ With a partner look for programs in your area look at programs in your area
- ▶ Answer the question on the handout
- ▶ Be ready to share out!

# Questions

Contact Susan Stanton at [stantons@actnowillinois.org](mailto:stantons@actnowillinois.org).

Find the report at [www.actnowillinois.org](http://www.actnowillinois.org)