

Research Participant Information and Consent Form

Study Title: Goals and Priorities of After-school Programs

1. EXPLANATION OF THE RESEARCH and WHAT YOU WILL DO:

- You are being asked to participate in a research study of the goals of after-school programs in general and of the after-school program in which you are involved or interested.
- You are asked to complete and return a brief survey, giving your opinion and information related to the goals of after-school programs generally and your program in particular.
- You must be at least 18 years old to participate in this research.

2. YOUR RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE, SAY NO, OR WITHDRAW:

- Participation in this research project is completely voluntary. You have the right to say no. You may change your mind at any time and withdraw. You may choose not to answer specific questions or to stop participating at any time.

3. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS:

If you have concerns or questions about this study, such as scientific issues or how to do any part of it, please contact one of the researchers:

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If you have questions or concerns about your role and rights as a research participant, would like to obtain information or offer input, or would like to register a complaint about this study, you may contact, anonymously if you wish, the Michigan State University's Human Research Protection Program at 517-355-2180, Fax 517-432-4503, or e-mail irb@msu.edu or regular mail at 207 Olds Hall, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824.

4. DOCUMENTATION OF INFORMED CONSENT.

You indicate your voluntary agreement to participate by completing and returning this survey.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM GOALS SURVEY

We are interested in your opinions on the goals and purposes of after-school programs. Participation in this survey research is voluntary and you indicate your voluntary agreement to participate by completing and returning this survey. You may skip any questions you do not wish to answer, but we hope you will make every attempt to answer them all.

1. Think about the goals and purposes of the after-school program(s) that you are involved with. What do you see as the most important goals of the program(s)? We are interested in your opinion, so list as many as you think are important.

2. What are the general characteristics of the children your program serves? (Check all that apply, giving your best estimate.)

Grade level: Pre-K Elementary Middle school High school

Gender: Large majority female Large majority male About the same

Minority: Less than 25% 25%-50% 50%-75% More than 75%

Free/reduced lunch: Less than 25% 25%-50% 50%-75% More than 75%

Low achievement: Less than 25% 25%-50% 50%-75% More than 75%

ESL/ELL: Less than 25% 25%-50% 50%-75% More than 75%

Location: Inner-city City Suburban Small town Rural

Other significant characteristics: _____

3. How long has your program existed? _____

4. In what county or major city is your program located? _____

5. What is your position in the program and/or who do you represent?

6. Who runs your program? (e.g. school, city, non-profit agency, for-profit agency, volunteer group, consortium, etc.)

7. Who funds your program?

8. Why do you think your program is needed in your community?

9. The following are some common goals of after-school programs. Think about how important you think these goals should be for **after-school programs in general**. Then allocate 100 points across the 12 goals, based on how important you think each goal should be.

Basic academic skills in core subjects	
Critical thinking and problem solving	
Social skills and work ethic	
Citizenship and community responsibility	
Preparation for skilled work	
Physical health	
Emotional health	
Enrichment activities (e.g. arts, literature)	
Day care and/or constructive activities	
Homework help	
Decrease negative or delinquent behavior	
Increase high school graduation rates	
TOTAL POINTS	

One purpose of this survey is to gather information for a larger study that will investigate different aspects of after-school programs. We will be conducting more detailed surveys and interviews as well as some program observations in the future. If you would be interested in participating in further surveys or interviews, please list your contact information below. You are not making a commitment of any kind other than your willingness to be contacted about the opportunity to participate further.

Name: _____

Program name: _____

County or major city where program is located: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone no.: _____