



**751,000**

Michigan youth are waiting to access afterschool learning opportunities



64% of Michigan afterschool providers say funding is their most difficult challenge

**Michigan MUST invest more in its youth**

**An additional \$50 million investment will help transform lives and communities**



**Homework help**



**Workforce support**



**Pandemic recovery**



**Innovative STEM learning opportunities**



**Adult & peer connections**



**Michigan parents agree: afterschool learning works!**

**90%**

of working parents say community-based afterschool and summer programs have helped them keep their jobs

**79%**

say their children are building positive relationships with caring adults and mentors through afterschool programs

**75%**

say afterschool programming is keeping their children safe and out of trouble—while improving academic outcomes at school

**86%**

of parents support public funding for afterschool learning opportunities

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# The extraordinary value of out-of-school time (OST) in Michigan

OST refers to youth development programs that occur before and after the school day, as well as programs that occur during school breaks.

High-quality OST programs offer safe places for students when their families are not available, as well as academic support, enrichment activities, and child and youth development opportunities.



OST programs are operated by an array of public, private and non-profit organizations, from local parks and rec agencies, schools and libraries to YMCAs, Boys & Girls Clubs, and more



Funding for OST comes from state and federal government sources, as well as from philanthropic foundations, private contributions and civic groups



OST programs are supported by MASP, as well as the Michigan Department of Education and other partners. OST team members can earn a MI-YDA credential as proof of their skills



Research shows OST helps build youth skills, resilience, and self-discipline. Parents agree it helps keep their children safe and builds stronger adult and community connections



## OST Benefits Michigan's Economy

- Youth learn skills that benefit them both academically and personally
- Valuable adult relationships and "soft" skills are fostered, ultimately helping young people become ready for college, career and citizenship
- Parents can keep regular work hours, secure in the knowledge their children are safe and well cared for outside the school day

## OST Keeps Communities Strong

- Youth have safe, constructive activities to do between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m., ensuring their growth and learning stay on track
- OST offers important opportunities for youth to interact with their peers and build essential social skills that can last a lifetime
- In the aftermath of COVID-19, OST helps youth heal from disrupted learning and growth