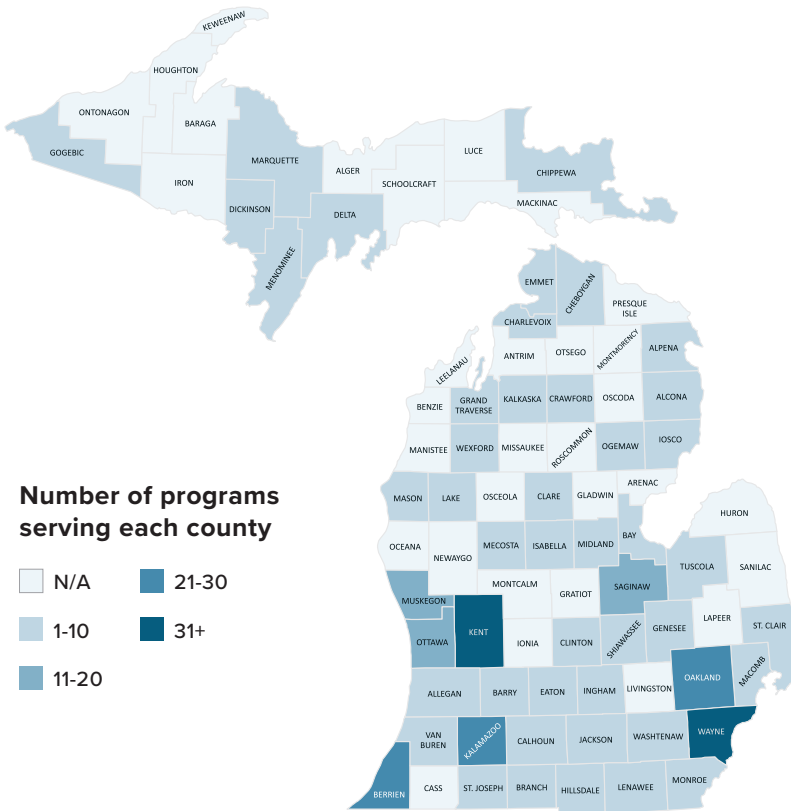


# Celebrating Our Successes

Michigan's investment in afterschool and summer opportunities is a huge win for our children's future and our state.

## STATE FUNDING



**\$25M**

awarded for FY2023 by the Michigan Department of Education

**334**

sites

**54,072** youth served

**32,425**

youth in summer programs

**21,647**

youth in before and afterschool programs

### Offering



Literacy and math



Music, art, and recreation



Science, technology, and engineering



Leadership, health, and community engagement



Snacks and meals

### POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

In 2022, our state leaders funded \$25 million to support expanded learning for Michigan youth through the 32n fund. The Michigan Afterschool Partnership worked closely with Governor Whitmer's office and the Michigan Department of Education to establish and administer the grant program. This collaboration was made possible by a public-private partnership between the state and philanthropy that allowed for the hiring of three out-of-school time professionals who are housed at the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) to manage and oversee the grant program.

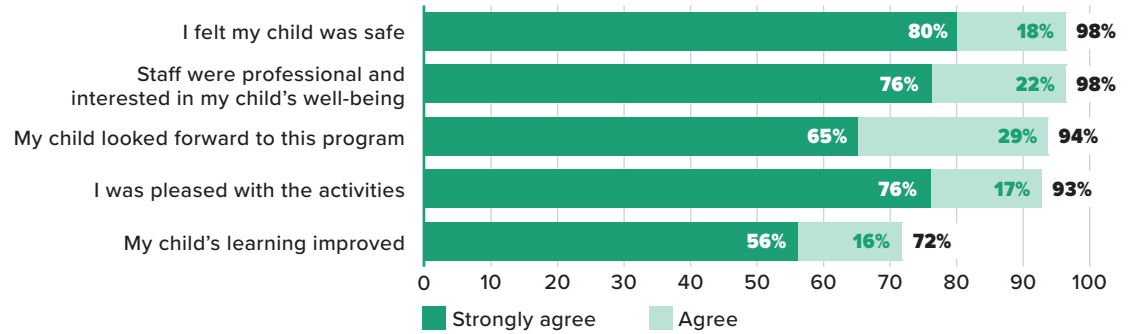


## BENEFITS TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES

“The program was a blessing to the youth in our community. My kids were always so happy and never wanted to leave! The things that they offered were so amazing, and they always included every youth!”

—PARENT OF ENROLLED CHILDREN

### Among parents of participating students

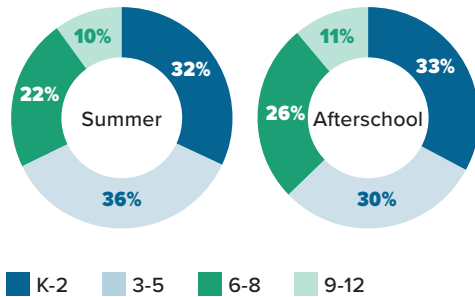


### Among participating families

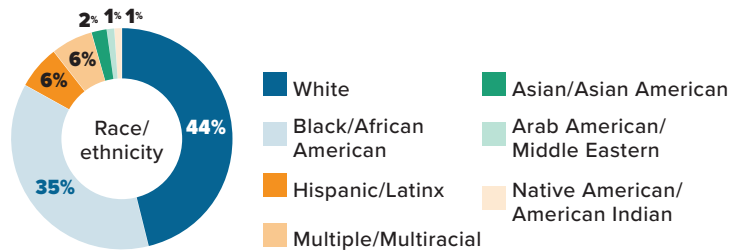
- ▶ More than half had children who attended both afterschool and summer programs
- ▶ Nearly 3 in 4 would rely on family or friends to care for their child if they didn't attend these programs

## YOUTH SERVED

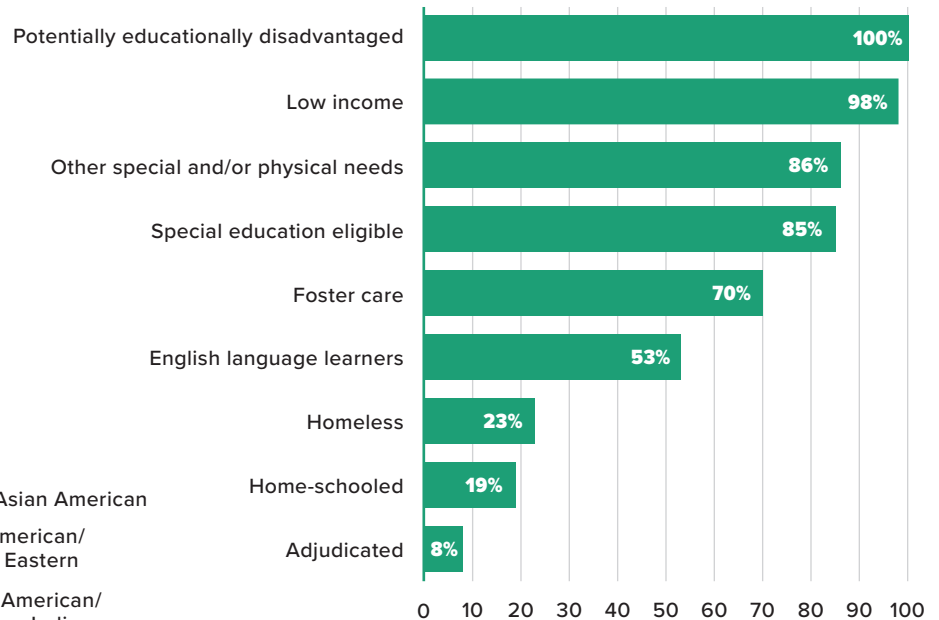
### Youth enrolled by grade level



### Youth enrolled by race and ethnicity



### Programs serving youth with special needs

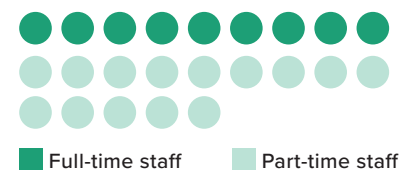


### Too many kids are missing out!

Almost half (49%) of the sites reported not being able to serve all the youth who were eligible and seeking to enroll. Nearly 7,000 students were waitlisted for summer, and 2,365 were waitlisted for afterschool.

### Staffing

On average, programs employed **nine full-time and 14 part-time staff**. Many relied on unpaid volunteers.



## WHAT WE'RE LEARNING AND TRACKING



### Big wins

- ▶ Grantees significantly increased their capacity to serve more youth across a wider age range
- ▶ Youth were offered more comprehensive, interactive, and high-quality enrichment
- ▶ Programs employed additional staff and provided better pay, benefits, and professional development opportunities



### Inspiring innovations

- ▶ One program collaborated with experts to create and implement a mental health initiative for youth, including developing individualized behavioral success plans and working with dedicated field staff to engage youth and families
- ▶ Working together, a retired local educator and experienced afterschool program developer revamped literacy, math, and STEM curricula. Staff embedded the lessons in daily activities and emphasized social and emotional learning across all areas
- ▶ A grantee partnered with a school district or public transportation agency to help more students access free or more affordable transportation



### Challenges

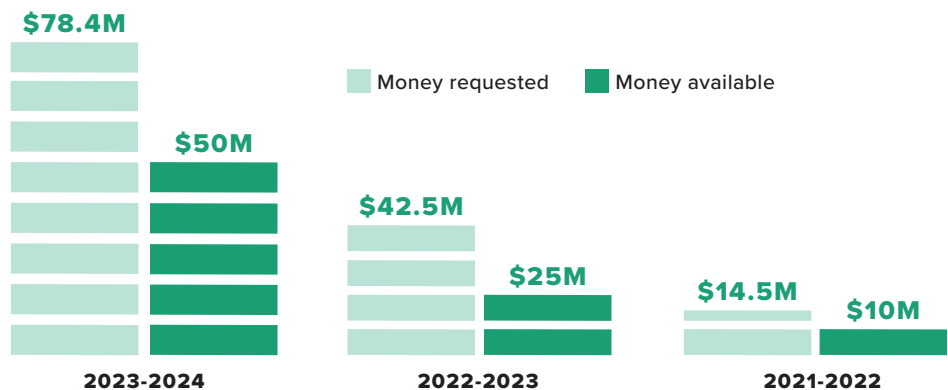
- ▶ We need a sufficient, sustainable funding stream to keep program doors open and provide quality enrichment. Short-term grants hamper long-range planning
- ▶ Programs need experienced staff who are equipped to respond and support youth who are facing social-emotional challenges and presenting behavioral issues
- ▶ We lack comprehensive evaluations of program quality. Staff often rely on informal and anecdotal data

“We’re so thankful and excited that we were able to receive this funding and offer our programs at such a high capacity. We hope to see . . . sustainability or continuance of some funding that is similar to further expand our program.”

—PROGRAM LEADER

## LOOKING AHEAD

We are proud of the work that our state leaders and partners have accomplished to support Michigan’s afterschool and summer programs. Funding has steadily increased from nearly no state dollars in FY2021 to \$50 million in FY2024. Yet the unmet demand for afterschool in Michigan is higher than ever, with more than 750,000 young people waiting for an available spot.



Afterschool and summer learning programs are an essential partner in Michigan’s education system, and **we need a sustainable funding solution** to ensure that every child who wants to participate has the opportunity.



### Get Involved!

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# Grantee Spotlights

The 32n funding allowed programs to serve more youth, hire more staff, and provide higher-quality programming. However, waitlists remain a challenge, and sustainable funding is needed to ensure programs can maintain these benefits and continue to serve more families.

## Boys and Girls Club of Alpena ALPENA, MI

The Boys and Girls Club of Alpena is practically alone in the region in providing affordable, year-round out-of-school time programming. Section 32n funding increased its impact by helping to:

- ▶ Enroll 30% more youth
- ▶ Reduce transportation costs and other barriers
- ▶ Increase the number of high-quality summer staff by 60%
- ▶ Purchase new supplies and equipment to support hands-on learning
- ▶ Plan field trips for youth to explore new interests

155

youth in afterschool programs

157

youth in summer programs

“We’re serving more young people than we ever have, and that’s because we have more staff **thanks to this funding.**”

## Guided Grace Family & Youth Services SAGINAW, MI

Guided Grace is a mental health organization that supports youth’s social-emotional learning and development. Section 32n funding increased its impact by helping to:

- ▶ Expand program to six sites and increase enrollment
- ▶ Proactively hire and train qualified staff at all sites
- ▶ Design, prepare, and implement a diversity-and-inclusion-themed summer camp

233

youth in afterschool programs

451

youth in summer programs

“And I think these kids, no matter how rough their day is, no matter how rough their home situation is, they feel like they can come there [camp] and **not just learn but be safe** and be around other kids who are also interested in that and not feel ostracized.”

## The YMCA of Metro Detroit DETROIT, MI

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit offers comprehensive programming for youth and families, including academic, artistic, recreational, and social-emotional activities. Section 32n funding increased its impact by helping to:

- ▶ Purchase needed supplies and curricular activities, such as environmental education and world studies programs that youth might not experience in school
- ▶ Hire a full-time licensed social worker who serves as the behavior and mental health director
- ▶ Hire, train, and retain full- and part-time staff

1,057

youth in afterschool programs

3,699

youth in summer programs

“**Activities are about creating an inclusive and educational space**, so it doesn't feel like we're just trying to give youth another four hours of school a day. We're trying to reach them in conventional and unconventional ways—keeping things fun while following our mission.”

## Vassar Public Schools VASSAR, MI

A first-time grantee, Vassar Schools established a new afterschool program called Fun & Fit to engage youth in social-emotional and hands-on learning experiences. Section 32n funding increased its impact by helping to:

- ▶ Identify and hire dedicated staff who know the community and youth
- ▶ Launch the program for free in a community where 80% of youth qualify for free and reduced-price lunch

62

youth in afterschool programs

23

youth in summer programs

“When we started on day one, sometimes they didn't like the program, but by the end, they were crying because they didn't want to go home. They would say, ‘Can't my parents just wait out in the parking lot? **Can't we stay longer?**’”