

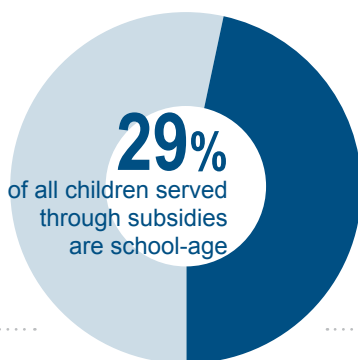


Federal Supports for Afterschool and Summer Child Care Arkansas

There are two major sources of federal funding and supports for afterschool and summer child care: the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) and the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program. This data profile focuses primarily on the Child Care and Development Fund.

In Arkansas, the **Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education** serves as the CCDF Lead Agency and is responsible for issuing payments, monitoring providers, and operating quality improvement activities. The Lead Agency works with TANF to conduct eligibility determinations, and co-manages consumer education efforts with TANF and CCR&Rs.

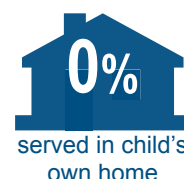
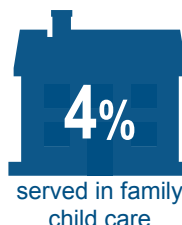
School-Age Children (5 through 12 years old) Served Through Subsidies in Arkansas:



\$353

average monthly subsidy for
school-age child care

Average of
3,454
school-age
children served
each month



24%

increase in the number of school-age
children served during summer months
(June-August)



AR 21st Century
Community Learning
Centers Program
2018–2019

12,968
pre-K-12 students served

State-level data on the number of centers is not available for this program year.

State Policies that Support School-Age Child Care Access and Quality in Arkansas

Please see the National Data Profile for information on policies and practices across all states and territories.



- ☒ CCDF training and professional development requirements include supporting the positive development of school-age children



- ☐ CCDF Lead Agency offers grants/contracts for child care slots
- ☐ Grants/contracts can be used to increase the supply and/or quality of school-age child care



Consumer education website provider listings show

- ☒ Age range of children served by provider
- ☒ If provider accepts CCDF subsidies

Consumer education website

- ☐ Includes license-exempt CCDF providers

- ☒ Statewide afterschool network <http://www.aosn.org/>

- ☐ National AfterSchool Association state affiliate



Data derived from ACF 801 preliminary data FY 2020; Child Care and Development Fund Plans FY 2022-2024; www.childcare.gov; U.S. Department of Education; and Afterschool Alliance.