National Data Profile of Federal Supports for Afterschool and Summer Child Care

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.

The federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is a block grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary source of federal funding for child care subsidies for low-income working parents and federal funding to improve child care quality. Lead Agencies administer the program at the state level.

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

- 44% of all children served through subsidies are school age
- Average monthly subsidy for school-age child care: $492

Average of 600,513 school-age children served each month

- 73% served in child care centers
- 25% served in family child care
- 2% served in child’s own home

25 states and territories saw a double-digit percent increase in the number of school-age children served during the summer months (June-August)

21st Century Community Learning Centers Program 2020–2021

- 781,099* pre-K-12 students served
- 10,652 centers

*In addition to the students served during the academic year, 183,562 pre-K-12 students were served during the summer of 2020. This total is not disaggregated by state.
State/Territory Policies that Support School-Age Child Care Access and Quality

50 State/Territory CCDF Lead Agencies require training and professional development to support the positive development of school-age children

23 State/Territory CCDF Lead Agencies offer grants/contracts for child care slots

45 Consumer education websites show the age range of children served by providers

39 Consumer education websites show whether providers accept CCDF subsidies

31 Consumer education websites include license-exempt CCDF providers

50 States have a statewide afterschool network

36 States have a National AfterSchool Association affiliate

In 28 states, the same organization serves as the statewide afterschool network and the National AfterSchool Association state affiliate

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