







Afterschool Helps New Hampshire Thrive

Afterschool, summer learning, and other out-of-school time programs provide critical supports to families and are an essential part of our education system. Investing in and partnering with these programs will help advance priority issues in our state.

Engaging Students to Accelerate Learning

In New Hampshire, **33%** of students are chronically absent, and math and reading scores are **declining**. Decades of research show that afterschool programs can help address these challenges and provide supports that help students succeed. Youth who **regularly participate**:

-  Improve school attendance, work habits, and grades
-  Make gains in reading and math
-  Have higher graduation rates
-  Gain self-control, confidence, and social skills

Building Our Future Workforce

New Hampshire is grappling with a severe **workforce shortage**, with only 28 workers available for every 100 open positions. Afterschool programs provide youth real-world learning experiences, helping them gain hands-on skills and explore careers, particularly in STEAM fields. These experiences help to strengthen and diversify our workforce pipeline.

Among New Hampshire parents:

- 87% say afterschool programs provide kids opportunities to learn life skills, like communication and teamwork
- 76% say afterschool programs can help kids gain STEM-related interests and skills

Supporting Working Families





Our state is experiencing a child care shortage. Recent data suggests approximately **16,000 people** a month are out of the workforce because they are providing care for their children. Afterschool is a lifeline for working families that helps keep our businesses running by keeping kids safe and engaged while parents are at work.

New Hampshire parents **value and rely on** afterschool:

- 90% say afterschool programs give parents peace of mind about their kids while they are at work
- 89% say afterschool programs help working parents keep their jobs

Keeping Kids and Communities Safe

In New Hampshire, more than **40,000** kids are alone and unsupervised between 3:00 and 6:00 pm, which are the peak hours for juvenile crime and experimenting with drugs and alcohol. Afterschool and summer programs provide a safe, welcoming space that supports youth mental health and **helps young people**:

-  Avoid drugs and alcohol
-  Make smart decisions—online and offline
-  Build healthy relationships
-  Develop coping skills

The State of Afterschool in New Hampshire

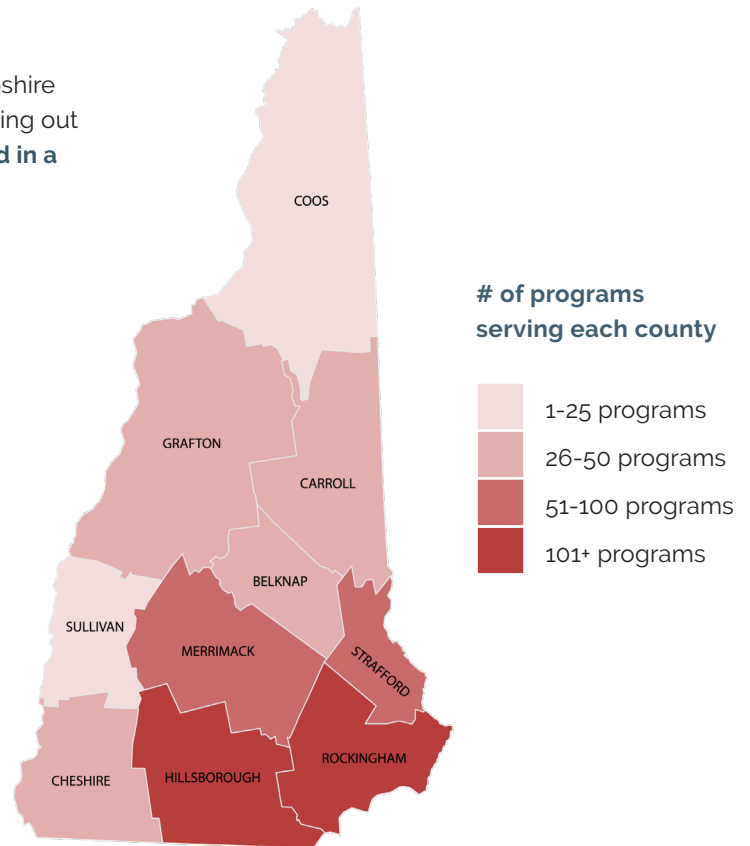
Demand for afterschool and summer programs in New Hampshire is at an **all-time high**, but more than 67,000 children are missing out on these life-changing opportunities. **For every child enrolled in a program, 2 more are waiting to get in.**

What keeps New Hampshire families from enrolling their children in afterschool?



Afterschool provides a solid return on investment. Research shows that every \$1 invested in afterschool programs **saves at least \$3** by:

- 1 Increasing kids' earning potential
- 2 Improving kids' performance at school
- 3 Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency



New Hampshire Needs More Afterschool

More funding is needed to ensure that every child who wants to participate in afterschool and summer learning has the opportunity. Programs are seeking partnerships with more schools, businesses and community organizations to build a sustainable solution that will benefit future generations.

In New Hampshire, 83% of parents support public funding for afterschool programs!



About NHAN

The New Hampshire Afterschool Network (NHAN) is a statewide organization that unites providers, families, businesses, community leaders, organizations, and policymakers to enhance out-of-school experiences.

By building bridges and nurturing partnerships, NHAN strives to enrich the lives of children and youth, ensuring they have access to high-quality, enriching out-of-school experiences that positively impact their growth, learning, and future success.

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