

Supporting Afterschool & Summer Learning with ESSER II funding

Why Afterschool & Summer Learning?

- Address learning loss by providing youth with more time for deeper learning and the extra help they need to close the achievement gap caused by school closures and disrupted schedules.
- Address youth mental health by connecting young people with caring mentors who are trained to help youth build healthy relationships and heal from trauma.
- Ensure youth safety by offering families a safe place for youth to learn both during and beyond the school day, allowing parents to return to work or take time to seek employment.

Access to out-of-school time programs is not always equitable. School age children spend more than 80 percent of their waking hours learning outside of school, making afterschool and summer learning programs key to ensuring kids reach their full potential.

In Indiana, for every child in an afterschool program, 3 more are waiting to get in

Ideas for Implementation

- Create or increase access to existing afterschool, summer, or intercession learning opportunities
- Partner with a local non-LEA who provides afterschool and summer learning programs to offer youth more opportunities to engage
- Provide on-going, sustainable opportunities for small group programming including tutoring, life-skills development, college & career exposure, etc.
- Increase family engagement & empowerment opportunities

How can I utilize ESSER II?

Embrace nontraditional learning!

Afterschool & Summer programs should incorporate nontraditional learning strategies to expand classroom learning and provide new experiences to young people. Successful program models include things like project-based learning, physical education, college & career exposure, academic enrichment, art & music, service learning, and opportunities to develop interpersonal relationships with peers, mentors, and the community.

Resources

- [Indiana Afterschool Standards](#) : Curious on how to measure quality & impact? Utilize these standards to create the foundation for your program!
- [Indiana Afterschool Network](#) : Lean on our state's leading afterschool intermediary for an abundance of resources on program design, staff development, and connecting afterschool & summer programming academic outcomes
- [Afterschool Alliance](#) : This national organization is a great place to stay up-to-date on program trends and policy development. You can also access Afterschool after 3pm data to learn more about need for afterschool and summer opportunities throughout the country.
- [National Summer Learning Association](#) : Looking for resources specific to summer learning? NSLA has one goal--investing in summer learning to help close the achievement gap. Their website is a hub for resources targeted at summer program staff, parents & caregivers, and educators.

Questions?

Curious about who has an existing afterschool program in your community? [Click here](#) to see a map of IDOE-funded 21st CCLC programs

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