



Afterschool in New Jersey

The need or demand for afterschool among the 1,523,773 school-age children in New Jersey:

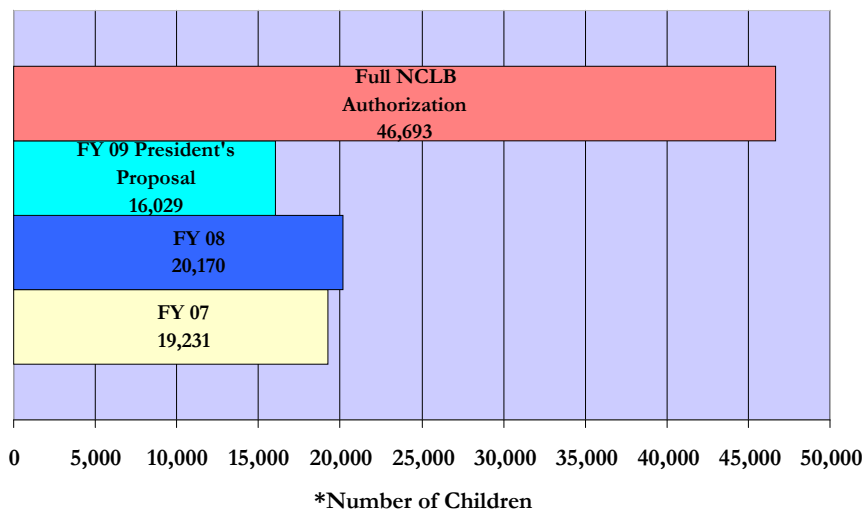
- 23%, or 350,468 children, are unsupervised afterschool
- Only 12%, or 182,853, of New Jersey's K-12 youth are able to participate in afterschool programs
- 28% of all children not in afterschool would be likely to participate **IF** an afterschool program were available [Afterschool Alliance, *America After 3 PM*, 2004]

Current funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers and Child Care and Development Block Grant is not meeting the need:

In New Jersey, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), the only federal program dedicated to afterschool, provides funds for afterschool programs that serve primarily Title I students. Eligible applicants include schools, community-based organizations, and public, private, or faith-based organizations. A total of 47 grantees serve 127 afterschool centers with students from 232 feeder schools. In its last competition, the 21st CCLC program awarded only 21 grants out of a total of 38 applicants.

[U.S. Department of Education, 2008]

Estimated Number of Children Served at Funding Levels



21 st CCLC Distribution of Funds in New Jersey:	
Full NCLB Authorization:	\$46,639,481
FY 09 President's Proposal:	\$16,029,097
FY 08:	\$20,170,012
FY 07:	\$19,230,836

*Estimated numbers of children served are based on cost of \$1,000 per child

Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) provides vouchers or subsidies for low-income parents to pay for childcare, including preschool, before-school, afterschool and summer care for school-age children (ages 5-12). CCDBG has been level funded since 2002. Increasing CCDBG would mean increased afterschool opportunities for children and families in New Jersey.

Total FY 2006 CCDBG funds in New Jersey	Federal Share	Percentage of children receiving subsidies who are school-age
\$188,471,988	\$112,668,543	45.9%

[Child Care Bureau, Afterschool Investments Project, 2008]

What Leaders in New Jersey are saying about afterschool:

"[I support] a commitment to increasing the federal share for special education programs, and to increasing funding for after-school programs. I urge the president to reiterate this commitment and live up to his promise to leave no child behind."

John Corzine
Governor