



195,758 Iowa children and youth want to participate in afterschool and summer opportunities but don't have options in their community.

**We improve access to high quality programs across the state of Iowa.**

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance is a network of more than 1000 individuals and organizations that support the vision that all Iowa children and youth have access to high quality afterschool and summer learning opportunities in their community. With a professional staff based in West Des Moines, Iowa, and a statewide Strategic Leadership Team, the Iowa Afterschool Alliance has the power to impact access to programming in our state through a shared voice, implementation of best practices, and expansion of investments in high quality programming.

#### Our Vision

All Iowa children and youth will have access to quality afterschool and summer learning opportunities in their community.

#### Our Mission

Develop strong statewide systems of support for high-quality, affordable, and accessible before school, after school, and summer programs.



## How we improve access to programming



#### Convener

We bring people together to learn from one another through the sharing of community needs, local solutions, and best practices.



#### Connector

We connect local program providers with the partners, resources, and tools necessary to provide high-quality out-of-school time programming to youth that meet community needs.



#### Catalyst

We mobilize advocates to have a voice in policy at all levels and recognize the contributions afterschool has made in our communities to ensure equitable access to out-of-school time opportunities across the state of Iowa.

## Why invest in afterschool and summer programming?

We invest resources, time, and sweat in afterschool and summer programming because it works.

#### It works for children and youth

Programs give children and youth opportunities to experience new learning and develop critical skills for future success.

#### It works for parents

Programs give parents a peace of mind by providing safe and engaging places for children and youth to be while they work.

#### It works for the community

Youth are less likely to engage in risky behaviors when they are involved in structured activities after school.