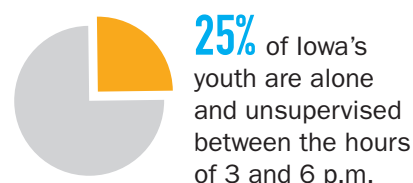
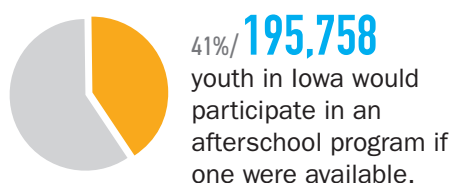
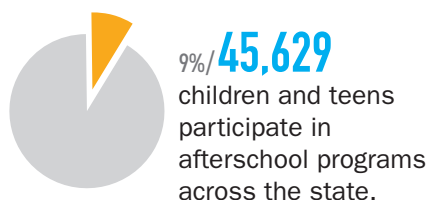


Afterschool in Iowa: By the Numbers

Before school, after school, and summer learning programs support working families by filling the gap between work and school schedules, providing additional learning opportunities for youth beyond the classroom, and keeping kids safe. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, these supports are needed more now than ever before. Despite these advantages and the demonstrated improvements that afterschool can have on student success, the demand for programs far exceeds what is available in Iowa.

The Need



The Model



The 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative is a federal grant that supports high-quality afterschool programs. These high-quality programs feature the following key components:

- » Safe and emotionally supportive environments for youth
- » Academic supports, such as tutoring, to improve school achievement
- » Enrichment activities that complement what is being taught in the classroom
- » Family engagement to further support learning that takes place at home

The Outcomes



70% improved in reading and 72% improved in math. In Iowa's 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 53% of students improved in reading and 51% improved in math.



67% improved behavior. According to teacher reports across the state, 61% of students participating in 21st Century Community Learning Centers experienced improvements in behavior.



51% decrease in juvenile arrests. In Council Bluffs, the police department reports a 51% decrease in juvenile arrests during the after school hours of 2:00-5:00PM since the middle school's afterschool program began.



786 partners across the state help programs leverage resources and serve more youth.



96% of parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program.