

INVESTING IN YOUTH TODAY...

for a brighter tomorrow



Why Afterschool?

99.94% graduation rate

Expected graduation rates for high-quality afterschool participants in Kansas is 99.94% compared to the state rate of 86%.

16% reduction in juvenile crime

16% of all juvenile crime in Kansas would be eliminated with broad access to high quality afterschool.

90% offer STEM education

90% of Kansas' high-quality afterschool programs offer STEM activities in preparation for the fastest growing job sectors in Kansas: healthcare, education, professional, scientific, and technical services.

Evidence suggests that afterschool programs have substantial **Academic**, **Behavioral**, and **Career** benefits.

A

ACADEMIC BENEFITS

Afterschool programming is known to result in higher graduation rates, improved test scores, and decreased grade retention.

B

BEHAVIORIAL BENEFITS

Afterschool participants are less likely to be involved in risky behavior and juvenile crime, and are encouraged to lead healthy lifestyles through nutritious snacks and physical activity.

C

CAREER BENEFITS

High-quality afterschool programs in Kansas offer STEM enrichment activities designed to prepare students for tomorrow's most in-demand careers.

Did you know?

ACADEMIC BENEFITS

A

Afterschool programming offers youth many direct academic benefits—homework assistance, tutoring, hands-on learning, reading and writing enrichment, and exposure to visual and performing arts.

Learning in afterschool settings is often enhanced by environments that support personal attention from caring adults, a positive peer group, and activities that hold youth interest and build self-esteem.

BEHAVIORIAL BENEFITS

B

Each year Kansas spends over \$50 million to put youth in prison or place them outside of their home. Investing that same \$50 million in afterschool instead would result in savings of

- \$42 million in juvenile and adult crime costs
- \$7 million in drug and alcohol addiction costs
- \$18 million in fewer retention cases and higher graduation rates

It costs **\$91,433** per year to incarcerate one youth in Kansas. High-quality afterschool programming in Kansas rural areas costs just **\$805** per student.

CAREER BENEFITS

C

The prosperity of Kansas depends on a skilled, dynamic workforce. Because today's students are tomorrow's engineers, medical professionals, and programmers, they need the best possible environment for learning how to be productive and self-sufficient.

Afterschool programming helps children gain workforce skills, such as teamwork, leadership, and critical thinking, while boosting academic skills, and decreasing the likelihood of engagement in risky behaviors.

To learn more about afterschool programming in Kansas, visit our website at kansasenrichment.net