



Afterschool in Missouri

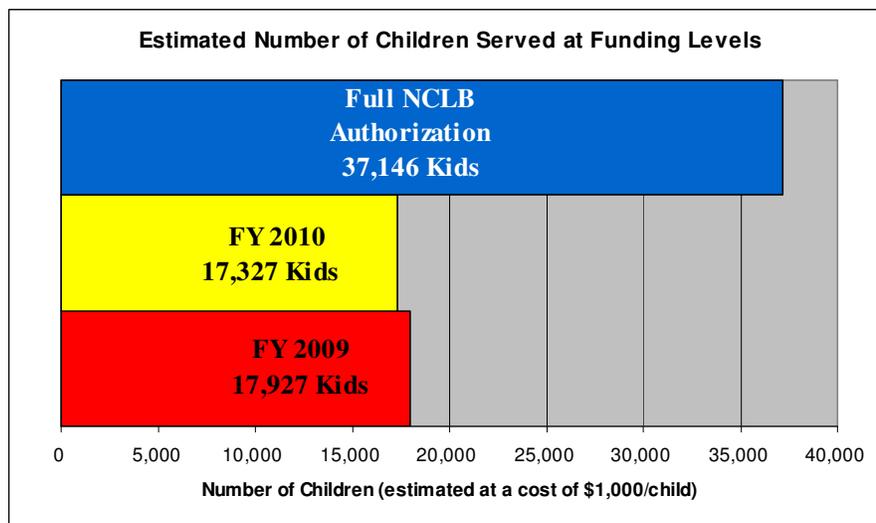
The need or demand for afterschool among the 1,007,223 school-age children in Missouri:

- **32% (318,282)** of Missouri’s K-12 children are responsible for taking care of themselves after school.
- **12% (120,867)** of Missouri’s K-12 children participate in afterschool programs.
- **32% (283,634)** of all children not in afterschool would be likely to participate **IF** an afterschool program were available. [Afterschool Alliance, *America After 3 PM*, 2009]

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

In Missouri, 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 60 grantees serve 134 afterschool centers with students from 191 feeder schools. In its last competition, the 21st CCLC program awarded only 58 grants out of a total of 86 applicants.

[U.S. Department of Education, 2009]



21 st CCLC Distribution of Funds in Missouri:	
Full NCLB Authorization:	\$37,146,175
FY 10:	\$17,327,442
FY 09:	\$17,926,671

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 had been level funded until this year which brought increases through the *American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009*, of which Missouri will qualify for \$38,681,713, and the FY09 Budget. These increases to CCDBG will provide some immediate assistance, but will not suffice to fill the long-standing gaps in the affordability and quality of the child care system. Further investments in this federal funding source will be necessary to promote access to quality afterschool.

Total FY 2009 CCDBG funds in Missouri	Federal Share	Percentage of children receiving subsidies who are school-age
\$171,566,473	\$136,338,541	36%

[Child Care Bureau, Afterschool Investments Project, 2009]

What leaders in Missouri are saying about afterschool:

“Parents want quality after school programs where they know that their children are safe, enriched and active. Unfortunately, only 1 out of 10 children have access to such programs.”

-Francis G. Slay, Mayor, City of St. Louis