

WISCONSIN AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK

COMPELLING FACTS

- 31% of Wisconsin's K-12 youth are responsible for taking care of themselves after school. These children spend an average of nearly seven hours per week unsupervised after school.
- Studies show these children are at increased risk for becoming involved in gangs, crime, substance abuse or sexual activity in the hours after school.
- Afterschool programs keep kids safe, help working families and improve academic achievement.
- 82% of voters agree that "our newly elected public officials should increase funding for afterschool programs."
- Support for afterschool programs crosses party and ideological lines; 93% of Democrats, 82% of Republicans and 91% of Independents agree on the need for an organized activity for children and teens.
- Go to <http://www.dpi.gov/sspw/WAN> for more facts and sources.

CONVERGING FOR A COMMON CAUSE

Wisconsin afterschool programs reflect local needs and interests but embrace the following common purposes:

- Providing a safe, positive environment for children and youth during the hours they are most at risk
- Enhancing youth development and academic achievement
- Building community collaborations, family connections and public/private partnerships that support program quality and sustainability



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The Wisconsin Afterschool Network (WAN) is a public/private partnership of local and state organizations.

MISSION

To support schools and community partners in delivering high quality afterschool programs to diverse school age children and youth that increase academic achievement, enhance youth development and encourage family involvement.

VISION

All Wisconsin school age children and youth have the opportunity to attend a high quality afterschool program.

GOALS

Partnership

Create a sustainable structure of statewide, regional, local and school-community partnerships focused on supporting high quality afterschool programs.

Policy

Support the development and growth of statewide policies to secure resources needed to sustain new and existing afterschool programs.

Program Quality

Support statewide systems to ensure programs are of high quality.

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