

# Connecticut After School Network

## Facts About After School in Connecticut:

- ◆ Connecticut is home to 610,000 youth ages 5—17 years old. (1)
- ◆ Connecticut serves more than 570,000 children in its public education system, with almost 70,000 children in its lowest income school districts.
- ◆ More than 70% of parents of school age children are working. (2)
- ◆ Only an estimated 185,000 Connecticut children (less than 1/3) are involved in supervised, safe and enriching after school programs. (3)
- ◆ The average Connecticut family pays \$88.50 per week per child for after school care. (4)
- ◆ After school programs keep children safe while teaching the skills and core values they need to succeed both academically and socially.
- ◆ 3 to 6 pm are the peak hours of violent crime. Good after school programs can cut — by as much as 75% — the risk of youth becoming involved in crime. (5)
- ◆ We know that it costs more than \$300,000 to house one youth at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School while it takes about one-hundredth that amount to provide a quality after school program.



## Cost Benefit Studies

- ◆ The return to taxpayers ranges from \$2.19 to \$3.22 for every dollar spent on high-quality after school programs, not including the significant savings that would result from lower crime. (Brown, Frates, Rudge and Tradewell, 2002) (6)
- ◆ Each child prevented from adopting a life of crime saves the country between \$1.7 million and \$2.3 million. (Cohen, 1997) (7)

**After school programs**  
**Keep kids safe**  
**Help working families**  
**Improve academic achievement**  
**Prevent crime**

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