

The Summer Struggle for Pennsylvania Families

Affording the Opportunities Parents Want for Youth

Pennsylvania parents want a summer full of opportunity for their children to explore, connect, and grow. But cost puts summer programs out of reach for many.

FAMILIES WANT A SUMMER FULL OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THEIR KIDS

Outdoors and screen-free

Safe, fun, active

better together

Learning and being social

Community partners power summer programs

- Local College
- County Library
- Community Center

TOP FIVE FACTORS PENNSYLVANIA PARENTS LOOK FOR IN SUMMER PROGRAMS:

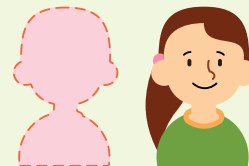
- 1 Safe environment
- 2 Knowledgeable and caring staff
- 3 Time for fun and educational activities; less screen time
- 4 Opportunities to interact with peers and build social skills
- 5 Convenient hours

TOO MANY PENNSYLVANIA CHILDREN ARE MISSING OUT ON SUMMER PROGRAMS

Parents of
880,730 children
want summer programs

× 430,854
children don't have access

Approximately 1 in 2 Pennsylvania children are missing out.



Affordability is the top challenge for Pennsylvania families.

SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE OUT OF REACH FOR TOO MANY PENNSYLVANIA FAMILIES DUE TO COST

48%

of parents report cost is a barrier to enrolling their child in a summer program

LOCATION, TRANSPORTATION, AVAILABILITY, AND FINDING INFORMATION ON SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE ALSO BARRIERS



19%

Issues with location or transportation



12%

Programs unavailable



15%

Information on summer programs is not easy to find

Pennsylvania parents give summer programs high marks and want them funded!

PARENTS WHO HAVE FOUND A SUMMER PROGRAM RATE IT HIGHLY

98%

Satisfaction



89% of parents favor public funding for summer learning opportunities

SUPPORT IS STRONG AND BIPARTISAN



95%

Democrats



93%

Independents



83%

Republicans

What You Can Do

Learn more and see recommendations for action at aa3pm.co

About the Survey

America After 3PM is a national online survey of parents or guardians of school-aged children, with supplemental interviews conducted by telephone. Data were collected by Edge Research on behalf of the Afterschool Alliance. In Pennsylvania, 1,339 households and 2,154 children were screened for this study. Child-level statewide projections are based on total school enrollment numbers for the 2021-2022 school year from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.

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