

WYOMING KIDS COUNT 2015



WYOMING AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE

# Preparing Students for Success in School and Life

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# Out-of-School Time Programs



**Quality** out-of-school time programs provide a wealth of benefits to **students, families, and communities.**

## Benefits of Out-of-School Time Programs

- Increased school day attendance<sup>1</sup>
- Higher grades<sup>2,3</sup>
- Better work habits<sup>2,3</sup>
- Greater ability to stay on task<sup>2,3</sup>
- Better performance on achievement test scores and grades<sup>4</sup>
- Increased self-esteem and self-confidence<sup>4</sup>

## Six Characteristics of Quality Programs

- A focused and intentional strategy
- Sustained, frequent, and intense exposure
- Supportive relationships
- Family engagement
- Cultural competence
- Continuous programs improvement<sup>5</sup>

# The Wyoming Afterschool Alliance

WYAA supports and promotes quality youth outcomes for youth and families throughout the state. WYAA strives for continuous quality improvement of Wyoming's out-of-school time workforce through professional development opportunities:

- Annual state conferences in October
- The Afterschool Program Assessment System (APAS),<sup>6</sup> a tool for increasing the quality of out-of-school time programs
- A nine-credit Afterschool and Youth Development Credential at the Central Wyoming College

## What YOU Can Do

- Donate to WYAA
- Call your school district administrators and advocate for the inclusion of out-of-school time program professionals in conversations and meetings about youth development
- Contact your legislators and invite them to visit programs in your community
- Let your legislators know you support state funding for quality programs

## Contact Your State Legislator Today

### Wyoming Legislator Information

[legisweb.state.wy.us](http://legisweb.state.wy.us)



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