

The Summer Struggle for Kentucky Families

Affording the Opportunities Parents Want for Youth

Kentucky 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

Community partners power summer programs

- Local College
- County Library
- Community Center

Learning and being social

TOP FIVE FACTORS KENTUCKY PARENTS LOOK FOR IN SUMMER PROGRAMS:

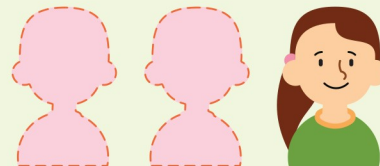
- 1 Safe environment
- 2 Time for fun and educational activities; less screen time
- 3 Opportunities to build confidence
- 4 Knowledgeable and caring staff
- 5 Opportunities to develop skills like communication, teamwork, critical thinking, leadership, and entrepreneurship

TOO MANY KENTUCKY CHILDREN ARE MISSING OUT ON SUMMER PROGRAMS

Parents of
308,417 children
want summer programs

× **203,151**
children don't have access

2 in 3 Kentucky
children are missing out.



Affordability is the top challenge for Kentucky families.

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

35%

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



20%

Issues with location or transportation



21%

Programs unavailable



16%

Information on summer programs is not easy to find

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

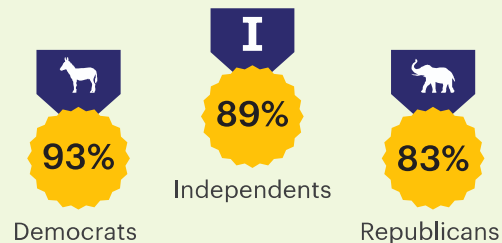
PARENTS WHO HAVE FOUND A SUMMER PROGRAM RATE IT HIGHLY



87%

of parents favor public funding for summer learning opportunities

SUPPORT IS STRONG AND BIPARTISAN



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 Kentucky, 601 households and 976 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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