

# The Summer Struggle for Indiana Families

Affording the Opportunities Parents Want for Youth

Indiana 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



## TOP FIVE FACTORS INDIANA PARENTS LOOK FOR IN SUMMER PROGRAMS:

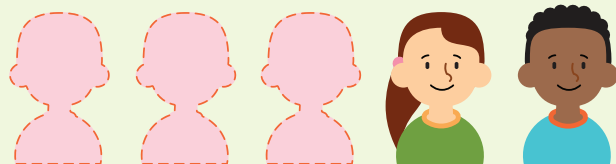
- 1 Safe environment
- 2 Time for fun and educational activities; less screen time
- 3 Opportunities to develop positive relationships with other kids in the program
- 4 Opportunities to build confidence
- 5 Physical activity

## TOO MANY INDIANA CHILDREN ARE MISSING OUT ON SUMMER PROGRAMS

Parents of  
**424,740 children**  
want summer programs

**×** **249,577**  
children don't have access

Approximately 3 in 5 Indiana children are missing out.



## Affordability is the top challenge for Indiana families.

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

**39%**

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**



**22%**

Issues with location or transportation



**12%**

Programs unavailable



**13%**

Information on summer programs is not easy to find

## Indiana parents give summer programs high marks and want them funded!

**PARENTS WHO HAVE FOUND A SUMMER PROGRAM RATE IT HIGHLY**

**72%**

**Extremely Satisfied**



**88%**

of parents favor public funding for summer learning opportunities

**SUPPORT IS STRONG AND BIPARTISAN**



**93%**

Democrats



**90%**

Independents



**85%**

Republicans

### What You Can Do

Learn more and see recommendations for action at [aa3pm.co](https://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 Indiana, 675 households and 1,120 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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