

FACT

76%

of Iowa families with children aged 6-12 have both parents working outside the home.

FACT

81%

of Iowa youth grades 6-11 are unsupervised after school.

VISION

All Iowa children, youth, and families will have access to quality out-of-school time learning opportunities in their communities.

FACT

Regular participation in high-quality afterschool programs is linked to significant gains in standardized test scores and work habits as well as reductions in behavior problems.

FACT

The IAA currently supports over **130** before school, after school, and summer programs across the state serving 9200 children and youth through technical assistance, direct networking support, and professional development.



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MISSION

To develop strong statewide systems of support for high-quality, affordable, and accessible before school, after school, and summer programs in Iowa.

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WHAT WE DO

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance supports programs so they can better serve Iowa's children, youth, and families through high quality afterschool programming.

POLICY

The IAA monitors federal and state policy to keep the field up-to-date on current initiatives and opportunities. The IAA has been integral in shaping state STEM and literacy policy, as well as other education- and child care-related policy initiatives.

OUTREACH

The IAA communicates critical data on afterschool programming to stakeholders across the state to build awareness of the important role programs play in the lives of Iowa children and youth.

PRACTICE SUPPORT

The IAA supports programs through technical assistance, a monthly newsletter, social media, and a website. A primary link to programs is through the Iowa Afterschool Opportunities Directory.

RESOURCES WE RECOMMEND

Iowa Afterschool Alliance – www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org

Iowa Afterschool Alliance on Facebook – www.facebook.com/iowaafterschoolalliance

Iowa 21CCLC Wiki – <http://iowa21cclc.wikispaces.com>

Iowa Child Care Resource & Referral – <http://iowaccrr.org>

Afterschool Alliance – www.afterschoolalliance.org



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

“When I started as the Program Director at Beyond the Bell I was overwhelmed with everything I needed to learn. IAA's resources and support has allowed me to not only feel more comfortable in my role, but has given our afterschool program guidance in best practices, provides resources for quality programming, and is a leader in advocacy for afterschool programs. The IAA team is always available, responsive and helpful in finding answers!”

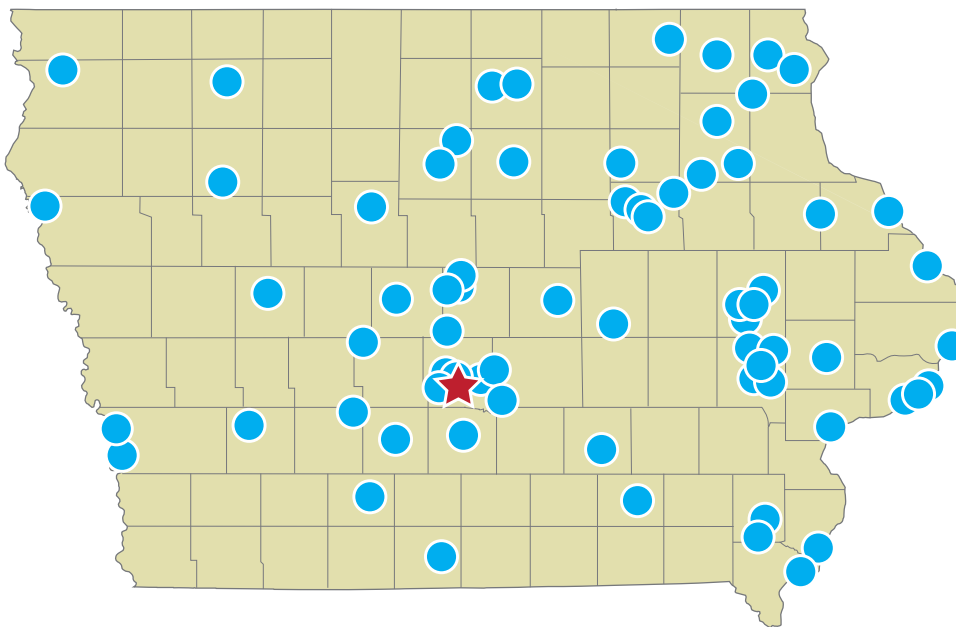
– Jenna Meyer, Sioux City Beyond the Bell

“The Iowa Afterschool Alliance offers knowledge and assistance to programs supporting children and their families. The IAA staff is knowledgeable, caring and extremely helpful. We deeply appreciate the partnership and capacity-building they provide out-of-school time educators in support of optimal learning experiences.”

– Amanda Avenarius, Dubuque St. Mark Youth Enrichment



IOWA AFTERSCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES DIRECTORY
WWW.IOWAAFTERSCHOOLALLIANCE.ORG/AFTERSCHOOL-PROGRAMS



The Iowa Afterschool Opportunities Directory is a voluntary database of Iowa afterschool programs serving children and youth grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Users can filter opportunities according to age served and type of programming offered. Additional data not accessible to the public allows the IAA to be more responsive to local program and community needs.