

# The Summer Struggle for Wyoming Families

Affording the Opportunities Parents Want for Youth

Wyoming 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 WYOMING PARENTS LOOK FOR IN SUMMER PROGRAMS:

- 1 Opportunities to experience the outdoors
- 2 Support of my child's mental health and well-being
- 3 Opportunities to build confidence
- 4 Knowledgeable and caring staff
- 5 Time for fun and educational activities; less screen time

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

Parents of  
**42,839 children**  
want summer programs

**× 18,983**  
children don't have access

More than 2 in 5 Wyoming children are missing out.



## Affordability is the top challenge for Wyoming families.

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

**24%**

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**



**12%**

Issues with location or transportation



**16%**

Programs unavailable



**21%**

Information on summer programs is not easy to find

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

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

**94%**

**Satisfaction**



**88%**

of parents favor public funding for summer learning opportunities

**SUPPORT IS STRONG AND BIPARTISAN**



**96%**

Democrats



**85%**

Independents



**87%**

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 Wyoming, 211 households and 333 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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