

Wisconsin Out of School Time Alliance Advocate

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Monthly Program Spotlight

This feature will be back next month.

We are looking for programs that include STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Math) as part of their programming. Featured programs will receive an AMAZON GIFT CARD as a thank you!

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If you are interested in being featured in a WOSTA Advocate - please sign-up using the form below. We'd love to come meet you!

[Featured Program Sign-Up](#)

The OST Toolbox

- A special request: If you are a provider, please review the [following letter](#) and consider signing on to provide additional support for a question asking about afterschool program participation to be included in the next Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
- Lights On for Afterschool is the only nationwide celebration of afterschool programs, and is set for October 24. [Usher has joined forces with the Afterschool Alliance to lend his voice to the call for more](#) afterschool programs nationwide. Last year Wisconsin had 54 programs that registered, and we are currently ahead of last year at this point with 16 programs registered. [Register your event here](#) and receive free posters and other swag!
- New Toolkit: [Keep the Lights On for Kids](#)
- Did you know *that millions of dollars from the Opioid Settlement come to local governments all over the nation?* [Check to see if your county or city receives opioid funding](#) and consider making the pitch for funds for afterschool as a preventative program.
- Apply for the STEM Next Opportunity Fund by October 1, and receive a \$2500 stipend for completion of the Verizon Academy training. [Learn more here.](#)
- Webinar: [The Role of Afterschool Programs in Reducing Chronic Absenteeism for Students in Partnership with Schools and Families](#)
- Understanding Youth–Serving Systems for School Staff. This free DPI webinar series will help staff better understand the structure, goals, and processes of systems that serve students. [Click here to register for one or more free sessions.](#)
- [5 Culturally Responsive Family Engagement Strategies](#)
- [Introducing Metacognition in Preschool](#)
- Start a free Girls Who Code Club for the chance to see DreamWorks [The Wild Robot!](#) [Apply to start a free Club by September 20, 2024](#), for the chance to win 25 \$15 Fandango Movie Tickets and a \$375 Visa gift card for snacks! Plus, you'll get everything you need to launch, lead, and grow free computer science programming for 3rd-12th graders in your community. [See official rules.](#) Join Girls Who Code's back-to-school webinar on September 18th, 2024, to learn more about their free Clubs program, hear from exciting speakers, and participate in fun giveaways. [Register here!](#)

Taking Action for Afterschool

- [What difference do we make? VOTE](#)
- [Healthy Democracy: How voting impacts well-being](#)
- [Use this tool](#) to register to vote, find out the district you live in and learn about your candidates and the issues. All you need is your address.

- [Latest on key races from Marquette Law School Poll](#)
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WOSTA Updates

- **2024 Statewide OST Conference** - Scheduled for November 12-13, in-person at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells and November 15, virtual. [Registration is OPEN](#)
 - **New WOSTA Beyond the Bell podcast episode:** [From Grassroots to Greatness: Feed Our Rural Kids \(FORK\)](#)
 - **The Benefits of WOSTA Membership:** Becoming a member of the Wisconsin Out of School Time Alliance is FREE and comes with some benefits. Members will receive discount codes for reduced registration to the Alternative Pathway courses. [Become a Member](#).
 - **The WOSTA Course Calendar** is now available for 2024-25 registration. [View course descriptions and schedule](#).
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OST Policy and News

Wisconsin News & Legislative Updates:

- **Press Release:** [Gov. Evers, DCF Announce New Survey Finds Child Care Industry Unable to Serve 33,000 Kids Due to Lack of Staff \(govdelivery.com\)](#)
- **Update from DPI: 21st Century CCLC Funding Unlikely for 2025-26 School Year.** DPI recognizes that many communities and schools rely on the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) grant to support out-school time (OST) programs to serve their students and families. We are proud of the services and activities that the 21st CCLC funded programs across Wisconsin are able to provide. We also recognize that there are many more communities and schools that go without access to these resources due to the limited funds available. It is with this knowledge, that DPI announces that we do not anticipate at this time being able to host a 21st CCLC competition for the 2025-26 program period due to limited projected available funding. Should this opportunity become available, the announcement will be posted on the [DPI 21st CCLC website](#). Those seeking resources for OST programs are encouraged to reach out to the [Wisconsin Out of School Time Alliance \(WOSTA\)](#) for additional resources and support.
- [Afterschool program in Viroqua returns](#)
- [Parents scrambling after Bethany Parks and Recreation cuts before and after school programs](#)
- [Mad Science after-school programs](#)
- [Feeding Kids Across The State: Shout Out To 2024 Summer Meals](#)
- [DPI Youth Risk Survey Summary Report for 2023 is now available](#)
- [Jordan Love announces new program to donate cleats to Wisconsin youth teams](#)
- [Wisconsin communities are digging deeper than ever to fund schools](#)
- [Boys & Girls Club, Ripon College reflect on partnership](#)

National News & Legislative Updates:

- [The clock is ticking for local governments to use billions of dollars of federal pandemic aid](#)
- [21st CCLC Non-Regulatory Guidance finalized, includes updated information on parent fees](#)
- [Closing the mental health gap among rural youth in the US](#)
- [To Be Ready for Kindergarten, Teachers and Researchers Say Social-Emotional Skills Are Key](#)
- [Is 'Crisis' Thinking About Youth Mental Health Doing More Harm Than Good?](#)
- [Anonymous donor saves Troy after-school program](#)
- [RHONE: Seek creative solutions to address lack of after-school programs](#)
- [Surgeon General: Parents Are at Their Wits' End. We Can Do Better.](#)
- [After School Program Discontinued for Two Davenport Elementary Schools](#)



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