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Afterschool Should not be an After Thought

Rationale

Over the past decade, much progress has been made nationally to increase enrollment in afterschool programs—programs that are keeping children safe, inspiring them to learn and supporting working families between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. There is an unmet demand for afterschool programs that continues to rise. *"Top 10 States For Afterschool."* (2014): 22. Web. 30 Apr. 2016.

Literature Review

1 - Top Ten States for Afterschool

- ▶ D.C. ranks first in the nation for the percent of children participating in an afterschool program, it has one of the highest percentages of children alone and unsupervised in the hours after school, as well as the highest unmet demand, where 2 in 3 children (66 percent) in D.C. not enrolled in an afterschool program.
- ▶ However, there remain a significant number of children who are not able to take advantage of the opportunities afterschool programs have to offer.
- ▶ The most in-depth study ever to examine how America's kids spend their after school hours--"America After 3PM". Originally conducted in 2004 with follow up in 2009
Commissioned by the Afterschool Alliance and the JC Penny Foundation

2 - Common Practices in High Functioning After School Programs across the Nation

- ▶ Study was designed to understand exemplary practices in 21st Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) programs in order to develop resources and professional development that address issues related to the establishment and sustainability of quality after school programs.
- ▶ Began in 2003, urban and rural on a national scale in both public schools and community based programs. Data collected 2004-2007
- ▶ Sites reported at least 3 types of daily activity per day
- ▶ Most included homework help or tutoring assistance while others focused on either enrichment or recreation
- ▶ Disguised learning in order to make learning interesting after a long school day....