Why is Afterschool & Out-of-School Time so Important in Rural Nevada?

Youth who attend out-of-school time (OST) programs have better grades, better school attendance, and are more excited about learning. Through high-quality programs, youth are able to build foundational skills to help reach their fullest potential. (1) OST programs can also help increase employee engagement and ease parental concerns. Working parents miss up to eight days per year over concerns about afterschool care, costing businesses up to $300 billion per year nationally in decreased worker productivity. (3)

In Nevada:

- 1 in 5 youth are alone and unsupervised after the school day ends. The hours of 2 to 6pm can be a time of high risk or a time of opportunity for youth to learn the skills to be successful throughout life (6).
- 185,000 children ages 6 to 12 with all available parents in the labor force live in Nevada (3).
- 106,228 students are enrolled in OST programs while 135,210 students are waiting to enroll (1).
- 30.9% of Nevadans do NOT claim English as their 1st Language (6).
- 20.7% of Nevada Youth aged 3-17 have mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral challenges (4).
- 13.7% of OST programs do NOT have accommodations for youth with special needs (4).

In Rural Areas:

- 18.8% of rural Nevada residents under 18 are living in poverty (6).

2022 Nevada Afterschool & OST Programs Survey Results

In 2022, the Nevada Afterschool Network (NAN) conducted a survey of existing OST programs throughout the state to learn more about what is available for the 486,682 youth aged 5-17 currently living in the state. (2) In the state of Nevada, there were 577 programs identified, and 305 completed the survey to provide information about their capacity, services, operating schedules, and funding sources. The data from the survey are presented for the state as well as for Rural Areas to determine the available resources and needs in each community.

In Nevada: 305 OST Programs Completed the Survey

20 OST Rural Area Programs Completed the Survey

- 88% of NV Parents Agree - OST Programs help them keep their jobs. (9)

% of Nevada & Rural Area Programs Serving Each Grade Level

- Program offers at least 1 type of free meal
- Program provides some type of financial assistance

81.4% of Nevada OST programs have staff that speak other languages, but only 33.3% offer services in languages other than English.
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**Rural Areas OST Programs  STEM/STEAM practices**

- 75% programs offer Engineering, Robotics or Art
- 1% offer the ability to earn College Credit in STEM/STEAM programs

**Program Activities, Services, & Features**

![Bar chart showing various program activities and services](image)

**OST Program Funding Sources**

- 21st Century Federal Funding
- Federal Funding (Not 21st Century)
- State Funding (Not 21st Century)
- Local Government Funding
- Private Foundation
- Private Pay/Tuition
- Private Donations
- Other Sources

**Rural Area Programs Accommodating Youth with Special Needs**

![Pie chart showing barriers to accommodations](image)

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **Support for Staff Recruitment, Professional Development & Staff Retention**
2. **Sustainable Funding for Afterschool & Out of School Time Program Development**
3. **Support Collaboration and Partnerships between Schools & Expanded Learning Opportunities**

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