



# Planning for Impactful Summer Learning

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# **Afterschool & Summer Learning: Critical Components of Recovery**

# Georgia is a Top 10 State for Afterschool

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10**

## Key Takeaways:

- Afterschool participation has increased, but unmet demand has skyrocketed
- Increase in demand as parents see major benefits
- Cost and access are the major blocks in participation
- Parents and people across the political spectrum show support for afterschool

Based on survey responses from 30,000 American households,  
including 996 in-depth interviews in Georgia

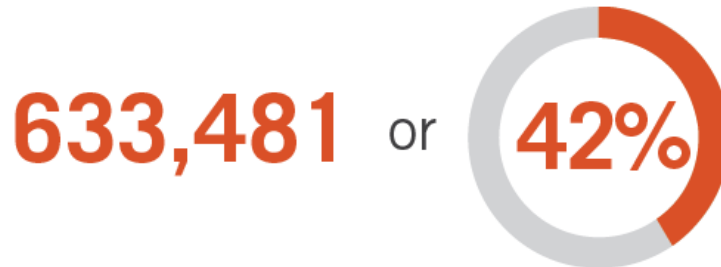
# Increased Participation & Unmet Demand



of Georgia's school-aged children participated in afterschool programs in 2020<sup>1</sup>



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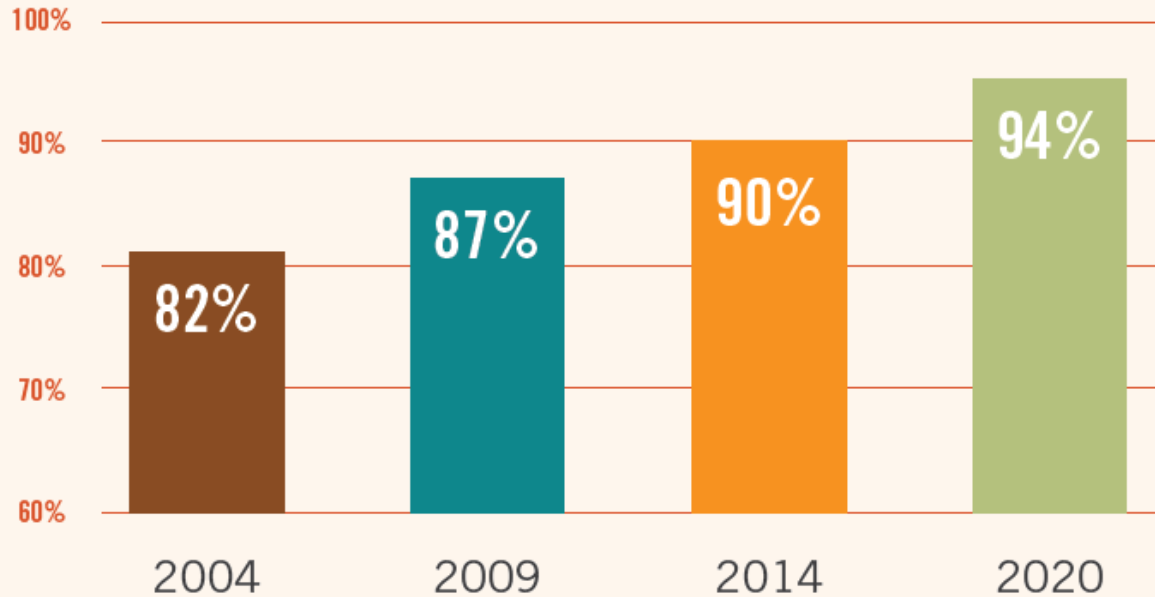


more children would enroll if a program was available in their community<sup>2</sup>



# Parent Satisfaction on the Rise

## GEORGIA PARENT SATISFACTION WITH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS



# Parents Report a Range of Benefits

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91%

Interacting with peers  
and building social skills



70%

Building life  
skills



71%

Engaging in STEM or  
computer science learning  
opportunities



79%

Peace of mind for  
working parents



83%

Receiving healthy  
snacks and meals

# Cost and Access are Barriers

## TOP 3 ROADBLOCKS TO AFTERSCHOOL PARTICIPATION



Programs are too expensive

55%



No safe way to get their child to and from programs

52%



Lack of available programs

35%

Percentage of parents reporting why they did not enroll their child in a program

# Strong Support

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**86%** of parents in Georgia support public funding for afterschool programs

**77%** parents agreed nationally that Congress should provide additional funding for afterschool programs to operate during virtual school days due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Strong support for public funding for afterschool across the political spectrum

DEMOCRATS



INDEPENDENTS



REPUBLICANS





# COVID-19 Relief Funding

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## CARES Act

March 2020

ESSER: \$457 million

CCDBG: \$144.5 million

GEER: \$105 million

## Consolidated Appropriations Act

December 2020

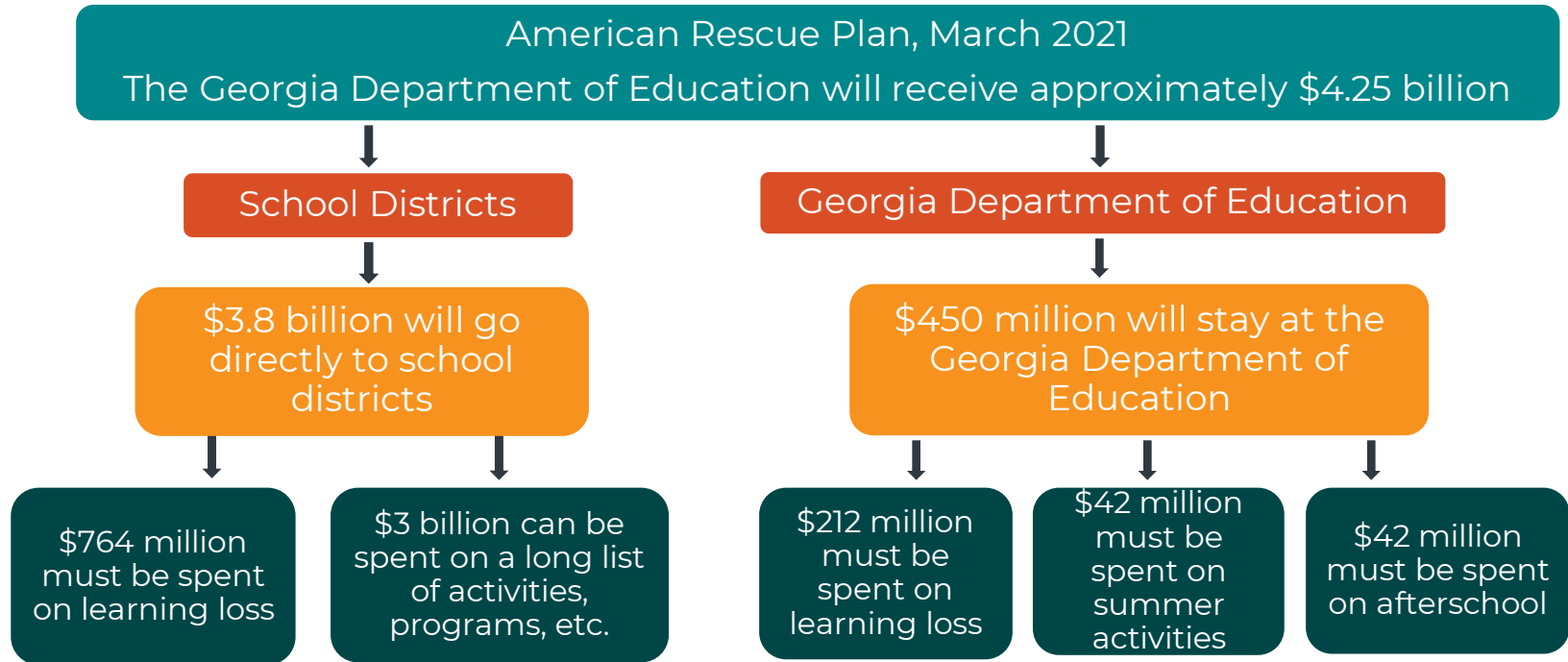
ESSER II: \$1.89 billion

CCDBG: \$416 million

GEER: \$126 million

**A majority of summer and afterschool programs  
have NOT received stimulus funds thus far**

# American Rescue Plan Act - Education



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## **Planning for Impactful Summer Learning**

# Summer Matters

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Key program elements of high-quality summer learning:

- Broadens kids' horizons
- Includes a wide variety of activities
- Helps kids build skills
- Fosters cooperative learning
- Promotes healthy habits
- Lasts at least one month

Summer Matters Campaign. Definition of high-quality summer learning programs. Campaign operated from 2010-2015.



# Critical Program Elements

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- Voluntary, full-day programming that includes academics and enrichment
- Five days a week for at least five weeks
- Increased dosage and hands-on learning provided by a certified teacher for students struggling in the basics
- Small class sizes
- No fees to families
- Free transportation and meals

Learning from Summer: Effects of Voluntary Summer learning programs. (2016) Rand Corporation



# Design and Delivery Ingredients

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- Employ a mix of staff connected to the local community and schools
- Encourage engaging learning in literacy, math, and STEAM
- Include active, enrichment experiences, such as in the arts and sports, coding and robotic clubs, service-learning, college and workforce exploration, entrepreneurial experiences, and apprenticeships
- Provide positive adult supervision and relationships
- Offer wellness activities and address food access

*Highlights summarized from a composite of articles in Peterson, T.K. (Executive Editor), Expanding Minds and Opportunities: Leveraging the Power of Afterschool and Summer Learning for Student Success, 4th Edition, 2017.*





**School-community partnerships  
provide a vehicle for aligning  
services and leaning on and  
utilizing the expertise, resources,  
and capacity that exist in  
multiple sectors.**

# Partnerships require commitment to a shared vision

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- **Shared professional development** to ensure evidence-based practices are implemented across agencies and locations
- **Delivery of wraparound services** and youth enrichment
- **Space sharing** to expand opportunities for learning and engagement
- **Shared staff** to maximize capacity and tap into varied expertise
- **Coordinated services** to meet youth and families' economic, health, food, and other needs



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## A Conversation: Opportunities for Summer 2021

**Holli Browder,**  
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County School District

**Steve Mickens,**  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier

**Alex Wan,**  
Horizons Atlanta

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City of East Point

# Questions?

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## **Strategies for Success**

# **Reach out to your community-based afterschool and summer learning programs!**

**What are you offering this summer?**

**What can we do to support your program and  
the youth you serve?**

# Key Considerations

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- How can we bring supports and services to where the students already are?
- Look to programs that offer a variety of enriching opportunities
- How can you maximize the skills, expertise, and capacity of multiple sectors?
- How can we extend these partnerships into the school year and beyond?

# Aligning Workforces

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How can schools, municipalities, and community-based programs come together to get more young people access to high quality supports and services?

How can we leverage the youth development and teaching workforces?

# Expanding Access Through Transportation

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How might communities and schools utilize existing transportation infrastructure to increase access to summer learning opportunities? Consider:

- Supporting student transportation to and from summer camps with community-based partners
- Providing transportation from summer school to community-based summer learning partners
- Extending partnerships through the school year

# Shared or Creative Spaces

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- Utilize existing community spaces, such as Parks & Recreation Departments, schools, and libraries
- Expand school-based programming to 5:00 or 6:00pm to meet family needs by bringing in community-based partner to manage enrichment
- Bring programming and intervention to where the students are



# Supporting Mental Health

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How can we expand mental health services  
in school-based and community-based  
programs this summer?

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## **How GSAN Can Support Your Efforts**

# How can we help?

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- Resources:
  - Planning for Impactful Summer Learning
  - Supporting Student Learning with ESSER Funding
  - A Summer for Learning & Recovery
  - Evidence-based Considerations
    - Evidence Based Interventions
    - Summer Learning with Academic and Non-Academic Activities
    - Importance of Adult Skills in SEL
    - Afterschool Coordination Systems

# How can we help?

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- Training and planning support
- Georgia Afterschool & Youth Development Initiative
  - Quality Standards
  - Webinars
  - Virtual Conference (September 14-16)
- Activities & Curriculum
  - Summer Activity Guide
  - Mizzen by Mott

# Summer Activity Guide

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150 activities and challenges designed with summer in mind!

- Segmented by age and theme
- Adaptable for in-person or virtual
- Low materials, high engagement
- Some units available in Spanish
- Implementation videos, supply lists and more!

[www.summeractivityguide.org](http://www.summeractivityguide.org)



# Mizzen by Mott

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Get hands-on activities that foster well-being and learning in arts, STEM, storytelling, music, yoga and youth voice.

Supported by the Mott Foundation, Mizzen is free to download from your favorite app store.

[www.mizzenapp.org/meet-mizzen-by-mott/georgia](http://www.mizzenapp.org/meet-mizzen-by-mott/georgia)



# Planning for Impactful Summer Learning

<http://bit.ly/SummerImpactPlan>

## Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network

<http://afterschoolga.org/resources>

<http://afterschoolga.org/resources/covid19>

<http://www.afterschoolga.org/resources/stimulus-funds-toolkit/>

## National Summer Learning Association

<http://summerlearning.org>

## Afterschool Alliance

<http://afterschoolalliance.org/covid/American-Rescue-Plan.cfm>

## Evidence Based Interventions

<http://bit.ly/EvidenceBasedAfterschoolandSummer>

# Thanks!

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