

Member Benefits

- Opportunities for effective and timely advocacy regarding quality after school programs and funding opportunities
- Access to the many resources of current, innovative and research-based programs
- Ongoing communication through up-to-date email correspondences and general meetings
- Endless networking opportunities

Who We Are

The Lake County After School Coalition was founded in 2003. It is comprised of many dedicated individuals and organizations that are committed to ensuring that all young people in Lake County have access to quality after school and youth development programs based on each community's needs and resources.

Coalition members include elected officials, chiefs of police, park district directors, educators, community businesses and organizations, social service providers, library directors, faith-based organizations, and others.

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Vision

All Lake County youth will have access to quality after school and youth development programs based on each community's needs.

After School Programs

- **Prevent crime**
- **Reduce risky behavior**
- **Reduce substance use and abuse**

There are 2.19 million school-age youth in Illinois. 1.4 million of these children have working parents and are often alone during the prime time after school hours of 3:00-6:00 p.m. Research indicates that violent juvenile crime soars during these hours. Forty-one percent of Illinois 8th graders are home alone more than ten hours per week. This statistic is one aspect of a larger social issue impacting all working parents.

Documented Benefits

- Improved scholastic achievement
- Improved school attendance
- Greater goal setting for the future
- Increased involvement in school activities
- Increased parent involvement with their children
- Less likelihood of:
 - teen pregnancy
 - drug and alcohol use
 - gang association

Mission Statement

The Lake County After School Coalition will advocate and support the development and continuation of effective after school programs, based on each individual community's needs that will empower all Lake County youth to learn and thrive.

Goals

1. Conduct an ongoing, comprehensive needs assessment to establish community needs, gaps, and current after school programs.
2. Evaluate the formalized organizational structure of the coalition on an ongoing basis (at least annually).
3. Continue coalition building and partnering to maximize support and resources for after school programs, which ensure a community-wide commitment to youth development.
4. Facilitate discussion regarding the safety of program participants.
5. Facilitate discussion regarding the development and implementation of effective, engaging, and inclusive after school programs.
6. Facilitate ongoing discussion among program providers.

Membership Form

Organization/School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Members' Contact Information (Name/Email):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Dues:

Individual - \$25
Organization (up to 6 members) - \$100

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