What are out-of-school programs?

Out-of-school programs include all opportunities and programs available to school-age youth outside of the school day including before school, after school, evening, during school breaks, on weekends, or during the summer. Programs can include one-time opportunities or programming offered on a consistent basis.

The Idaho Out-of-School Network and University of Idaho conducted a survey of 437 out-of-school programs across the state. This fact sheet represents 46 out-of-school programs in Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce Counties.

There is a need for more programs in Idaho's rural counties.

Most out-of-school programs in Region 2 are provided by schools, libraries, and 4-H.

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Nearly one in three Region 2 programs maintain a wait list.

Just 5 programs in this region serve all youth ages 5 to 18, creating barriers for families with multiple children of different ages.
Many programs offer their services free of charge, use a sliding scale, or provide scholarships.

**52% of programs in Region 2 have 2 employees or less**, limiting the number of children that can participate in out-of-school programs.

Out-of-school programs in Region 2 serve more than 8,300 youth each year.

**One in five of these programs serve more than 500 youth each year.**

Out-of-school programs help Idaho children and communities thrive by:

1. **Improving work habits and school grades**
2. **Increasing school attendance**
3. **Increasing likelihood of high school graduation**
4. **Decreasing participation in risky behaviors and crime**
5. **Increasing job retention**
6. **Increasing learning engagement and positive social behavior**

Sources: Goldschmidt, Huang, & Chinen, 2007; Huang, Gribbons, Kim, Lee, & Baker, 2000; Huang, Leon, Harven, La Torre, & Mostafavi, 2009; Huang, Leon, & La Torre, 2011; Huang, Leon, La Torre, & Mostafavi, 2008; Afterschool Alliance, 2019