



VPOST

VIRGINIA PARTNERSHIP FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM QUALITY

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ABOUT OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS

- VPOST = Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time Programs
- Out-of-school time programs bridge education and childcare
- Serves school-aged children, youth and families



ABOUT VPOST



- Before and afterschool and summer learning network
- VPOST is a public-private partnership and the network of programs for all of Virginia
- We have a mission of **building a network of out-of-school time providers to improve quality, promote leadership, and ensure access to OST in Virginia.**
- We carry out this mission through:
 - **Quality Standards**
 - Professional Development
 - Government Relations

ABOUT THE QUALITY STANDARDS

- Brand new standards just released this year
- Covers the comprehensive elements of program quality
- Participation is voluntary, but other states have models of ensuring quality support for school-age is tied to funding



RELEVANCE OF THE QUALITY STANDARDS

- Existing childcare quality VBQ5 focuses on Pre-K only. Our Standards fill the gap for school-age.
- 48% of children served by childcare subsidy are school-age in Virginia*
- Quality Standards and supports = return on investment



*Source: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/new-occ/school-age-contact/files/ncase-va-saccdatabprofile-2024.pdf>

QUALITY IS A SMART INVESTMENT

- There is a significant difference between kids having supervision afterschool and being in a high-quality program.
- Quality programs look like:
 - Building math, reading, social-emotional skills of elementary aged kids
 - Middle and High School aged youth participating in community service projects, leadership skills, career exposure
 - High-quality programs are proven to produce better outcomes in academic achievement and school attendance*
 - Less staff turnover

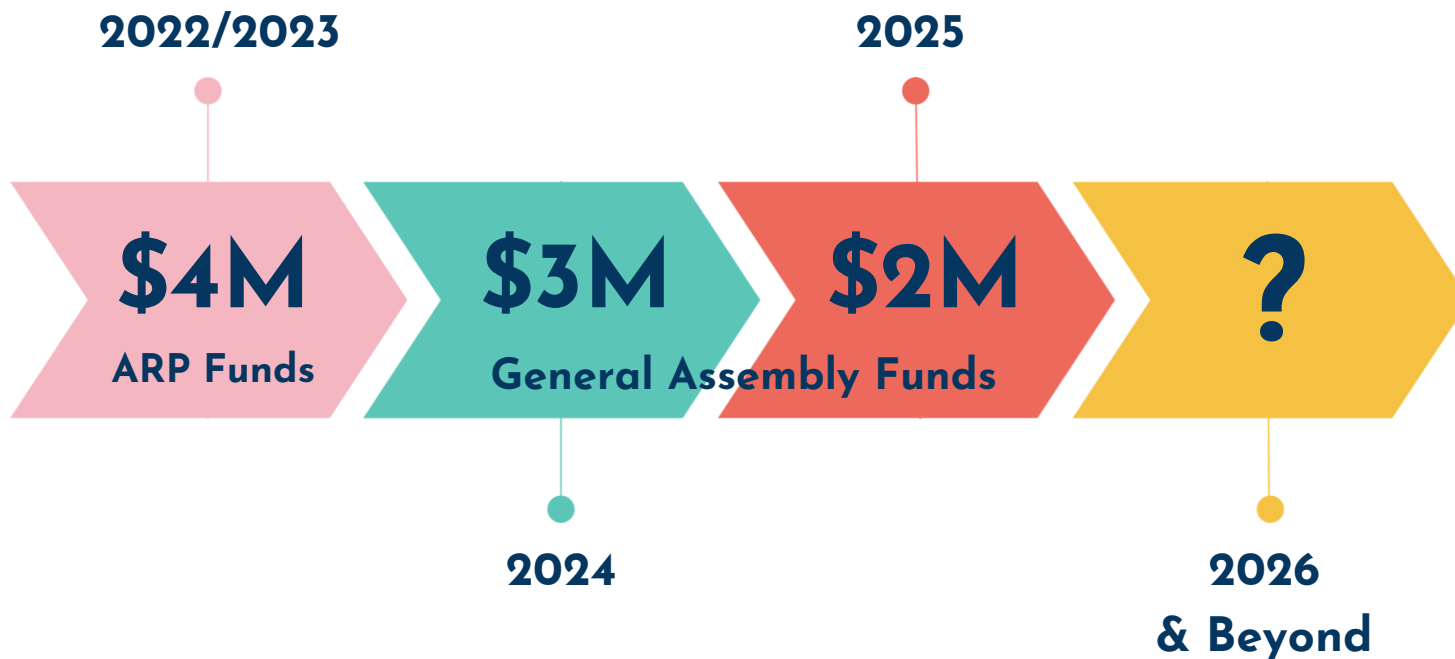
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- **High-quality afterschool programs support broader policy issues***
 - **Workforce:**
 - 82% agree that programs provide kids opportunities to learn skills like communication and teamwork.
 - 77% agree that programs help kids gain interest and skills in STEM
 - **Supporting working parents:**
 - 80% agree that afterschool programs help working parents keep their jobs.
 - **Public safety:**
 - 74% of parents agree afterschool programs help kids avoid risky behaviors.

NEW INVESTMENTS IN TO OST

Traditionally public funds have come from, childcare subsidy and state allocation of federal 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC)

\$9 Million in New Funding Since 2022!



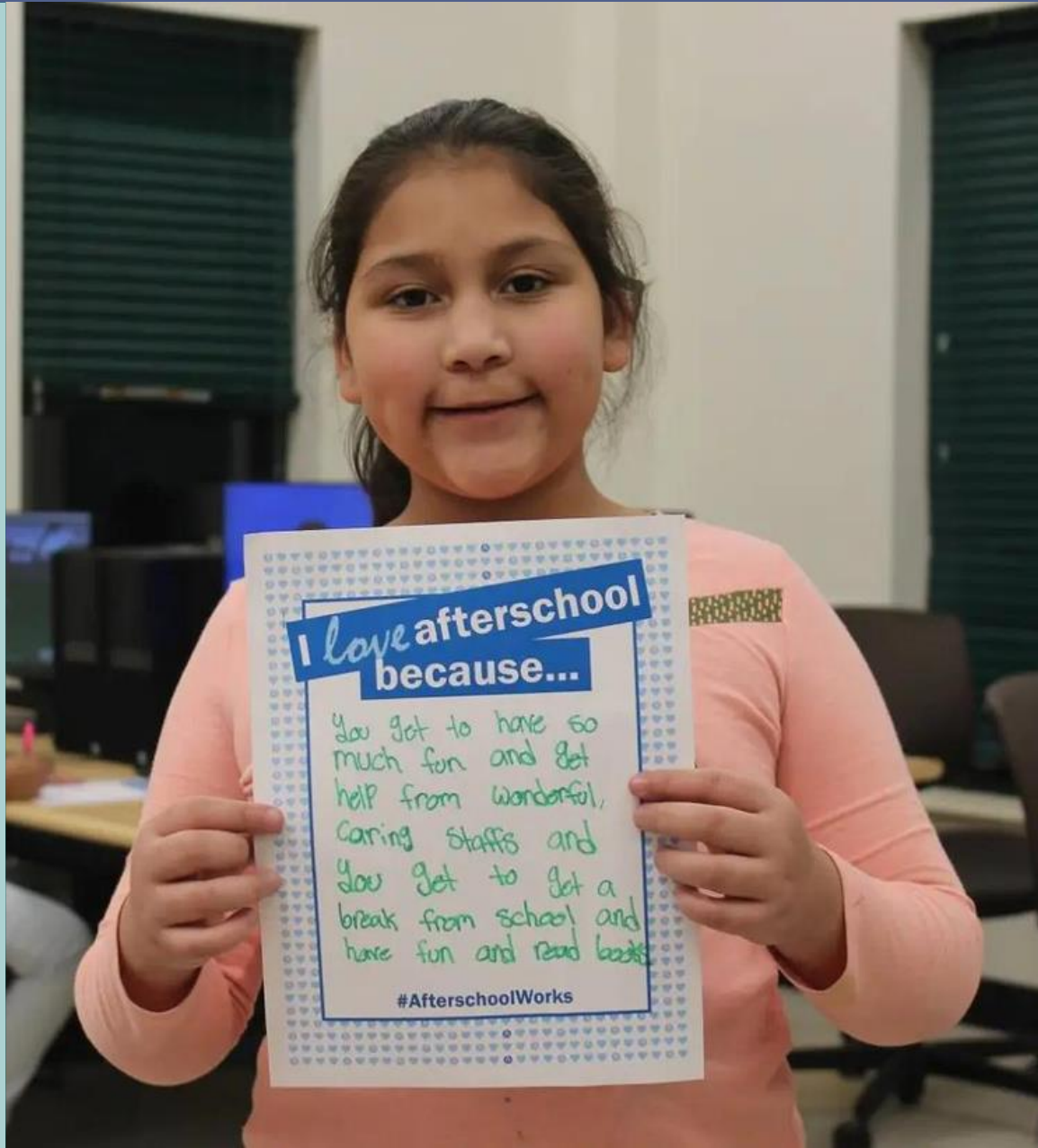
INCREASING ACCESS TO OST

First year of this investment, \$3 mil is expected to fund:

9 Community-Based Orgs

13 OST Programs

+700 Youth Served



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