

# Afterschool Fact Sheet

## Regional Estimates from the 2006 Ohio Afterschool Network Survey

### Region 7

**Counties include:** Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam, Van Wert, and Wyandot

**Overview:** In Region 7, there are **82,973** children between the ages of 5 and 19. According to the Ohio Afterschool Network's recent survey, **18%** (or **14,893**) of these children are estimated to be enrolled in an afterschool program.

**Self care:** In Region 7, **15%** (or **12,761**) of these children are estimated to be in self-care arrangements. These children spend **5.25** hours per week in self care (median data reported).

One of the primary goals of the 2006 OAN survey was to estimate the supply of afterschool programs in Ohio, the demand for afterschool programs in Ohio, and to identify the presence of any gap between supply and demand. What would such an analysis reveal about afterschool programming in Region 7?

**Supply Estimate**<sup>1</sup>: Supply estimates were gathered primarily from data available from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services as well as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grantees. For Region 7: At least **2,909** total spaces, of which **273** are estimated to be open.

**Demand estimate:** Data from the 2006 OAN survey were used to estimate demand for afterschool programs. Note: This demand estimate only focuses on those children who are not currently enrolled in afterschool programming. For Region 7: **4,392** children.

**Gap Estimate:** After accounting for the number of available spaces, there appears to be a gap of approximately **4,119** spaces in Region 7.

#### Perceived Barriers

Respondents were asked to provide their opinions about five potential barriers to enrolling their children in an afterschool program. Each barrier was presented as a statement, and respondents were asked how much they agreed or disagreed with the statement. The percentage of Region 7 parents who said they "somewhat" or "strongly" agree with each statement is listed in the table below.

<b>Perceived Barrier</b>	<b>Percent who agree</b>
"I don't think I can afford the cost of afterschool programs in my community."	37%
"My children are old enough to care for themselves in the hours after school."	32%
"I don't know whether afterschool programs are available in my community."	37%
"The afterschool programs in my community have hours of operation that do not work with my schedule."	6%
"The afterschool programs in my community are not convenient."	7%

<sup>1</sup> See next page for notes on data sources used for this project.

## Data sources

**Demand estimate:** The afterschool demand estimate for each region was calculated from Ohio Afterschool Network's 2006 Parent Survey. Demand was estimated as the proportion of children who were not currently enrolled in an afterschool program *and* whose parents would be "very likely" to enroll them into an affordable and convenient afterschool program *and* whose parents provided contact information to facilitate enrolling their child in such a program. This proportion was then applied to U.S. Census population projections for each region.

**Supply estimate:** The afterschool supply estimate was calculated using the following sources:

- Child care licensing data from ODJFS Report #NRP512RA (Capacity) and ODJFS Report #NRP511RA (Enrollment), referencing school-age children; and
- Estimated capacity / enrollment for the 21st CCLC grantees around Ohio for the 2004-2005 fiscal year (as provided by the state's 21st CCLC consultant).

The supply data estimate does not include:

- Counts of youth in "Certified Home Provider" settings because existing ODJFS reports do not provide breakdowns of the data for afterschool vs. full day care arrangements.
- Ohio Boys and Girls Clubs and Salvation Army programs because no supply data was shared by these organizations and;
- Local Park and Recreation Department programs because an insufficient number provided supply data to analyze the data by region.