3 Ways to get involved!

- 4-H Afterschool offers five hours of professional development training via the Traveling Arkansas Professional Pathways (TAPP) registry. To register for this hands-on training, please log on to: Professionalregistry.astste.edu/registry.asp

- Call your local County Extension Office to find out what 4-H Afterschool programs are available in your area. If you are unable to locate your local County Extension Office’s number, call 501-671-2270.

- If there are no 4-H Afterschool programs in your area, start one yourself! Register for a hands-on training at: Professionalregistry.astste.edu/registry

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The Need for Afterschool programs in Arkansas

- 45% or 190,563 Arkansas’ youth would participate in an afterschool program IF one was available to them.

- 13% or 65,107 of Arkansas K-12 youth are responsible for taking care of themselves after school hours.

- 74% of Arkansas parents agree that afterschool programs can help reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors, such as committing a crime, using drugs, or becoming a teen parent.

- 63% of parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills, such as teamwork, leadership, and critical thinking.

Our Mission

The mission of Arkansas 4-H Afterschool program is to partner with other youth serving organizations and provide them with research-based curriculum as well as, hands-on training to help improve the quality of their afterschool program.

What is 4-H Afterschool?

- 4-H Afterschool is a vibrant, nationwide initiative raising the awareness of the need for positive youth development during after-school hours.

- The training delivered by 4-H Afterschool staff, empowers afterschool program providers with research-based, “learn by doing” curricula that enhances their ability to offer high quality care, education and developmental experiences for youth.

- Youth who participate in the 4-H Afterschool program have enhanced life skills for the future in terms of: decision making, public speaking, increased self-esteem, critical thinking skills, team work, responsible citizenship, goal setting and self-motivation, just to name a few.

- 4-H Afterschool curricula reinforces important educational concepts and meets Arkansas’ academic framework standards in Healthy Living, Science, Citizenship/Leadership, and Art.

Arkansas’ DEMAND for Afterschool Clubs

http://www.afterschoolalliance.org