



# California Afterschool & Summer Challenge

*Building a strong, collective voice for the out-of-school time field*

**March 11-12, 2019 ◦ State Capitol ◦ Sacramento, CA**

## COMMUNITY PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

**Save Afterschool!** 2019 is a pivotal year for the out-of-school time (OST) field, such as before school, afterschool and summer learning programs and professionals, as we build on our successes from our collective action in 2018 and drive toward the increases in funding that afterschool programs need to serve the youth of California. Your support will **amplify the voices of the afterschool field**—youth, OST professionals and families— **propelling the Save Afterschool Campaign forward** and **giving opportunities for young people to advocate for themselves and their communities.**

### IMPACT - \$1,000

- Opportunity to stand on stage (1 representative) at the Challenge rally as we join together to prepare for legislative visits
- Recognition as an Impact Partner during the plenary
- Recognition as an Impact Partner on event signage
- Recognition as an Impact Partner in the event program
- Recognition as an Impact Partner on pre- and post- event communication (print, web, email, social media)
- “Advocate packs” - legislation visit tools for up to 10 youth or adults, including a button, notebook and pen

### COLLABORATOR - \$500

- Recognition as a Collaborator Partner during the plenary
- Recognition as a Collaborator Partner on event signage
- Recognition as a Collaborator Partner in the event program
- Recognition as a Collaborator Partner on pre- and post- event communication (print, web, email, social media)
- “Advocate packs” - legislation visit tools for up to 5 youth or adults, including a button, notebook and pen

### LEADER - \$250

- Recognition as a Leader Partner during the plenary
- Recognition as a Leader Partner on event signage
- Recognition as a Leader Partner in the event program
- Recognition as a Leader Partner on pre- and post- event communication (print, web, email, social media)



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# About the California Afterschool & Summer Challenge

*Building a strong, collective voice for the out-of-school time field*

In collaboration with policy organizations across the state, CalSAC has kept out-of-school time (OST) programs at the forefront of policy discussions and decisions in Sacramento.

Through the annual **California Afterschool & Summer Challenge**, hundreds of professionals, youth and families converge to advocate for their right to quality OST programs.

By convening a collective voice for OST programs, we're able to raise awareness about the impact these programs have on

the success of children and youth in school, work and life. Together, we're working to ensure that out-of-school time programs and the children they serve aren't left to fend for themselves.

## Making the Challenge Accessible to Everyone

CalSAC is a nonprofit organization that aims to engage OST professionals, youth, and families in advocacy to ensure future generations have access to quality and affordable programs. At CalSAC, we believe that every person should have

the opportunity to advocate for the things that are most important to them, which is why we have offered the Challenge experience free-of-charge to all participants since its inception 14 years ago.



## What Attendees Are Saying About the Challenge

- "I feel more empowered to engage myself and my youth in the legislative process."
- "Youth really have power in the community and we can change policy if we come together."
- "I learned how to effectively utilize my voice and advocate for my passions."

## Preserving California's Afterschool Programs

Thanks to the collective action from advocates in the out-of-school time (OST) field, last year saw an increase to afterschool program funding for the first time in over a decade. However, afterschool programs continue to be at risk. After School Education and Safety (ASES) programs, created by Proposition 49 in 2002, have operated on a shoestring budget since the beginning, under a rigid funding structure that limits their ability to

be nimble in the face of imposed financial requirements. With the rise of minimum wage, the addition of paid sick leave and the overall increased cost of operating a safe, effective program, afterschool programs are struggling to keep their doors open. In the end, less afterschool programs means less safe, constructive places for children and youth to be during those critical hours between 3pm-6pm after the school day.

2019 is a pivotal year as we team up with the California Afterschool Advocacy Alliance (CA3) for the **Save Afterschool Campaign**, to drive towards additional funding for ASES programs.

Learn more at [saveafterschool.com](http://saveafterschool.com).

**Join us in fostering a collective and influential voice for the out-of-school time field by making a donation or sponsoring**

