

TALKING POINTS

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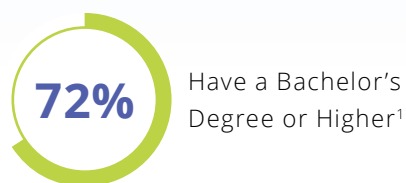
AFTERSCHOOL PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK 

What is Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week?

Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week is a time to recognize, appreciate and advocate for those who work with young people during out-of-school hours. The week is marked by celebrations and public relations efforts encouraging appreciation and support for all the afterschool professionals who make a profound difference in the lives of young people.

Afterschool Professionals Deserve Appreciation for all that they do to enhance education, promote physical and emotional health, provide a safe environment and expose youth to new experiences. We believe in you!

- » An estimated **10.2 million children participate in afterschool programs** each year in the U.S.
- » An estimated **850,000 afterschool professionals are employed** in the U.S.
- » Afterschool professionals **are dedicated to the field.**



The National AfterSchool Association believes that for young people to fully realize their potential and thrive, they need opportunities and relationships beyond what they have access to at school and at home. NAA invests in and supports the professionals who meet this critical need for young people.

- » NAA helps improve program quality by developing and equipping professionals through professional development, training, networking, tools and resources.
- » NAA connects the growing field of afterschool and expanded learning programs and providers.
- » NAA works to bridge research, practice and policy to strengthen the profession.

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