



## Protect and Grow Expanded Learning Programs for Student Success

The **California Afterschool Advocacy Alliance (CA3)** is the statewide voice for expanded learning (afterschool and summer) programs. Our coalition represents the interests of the children, youth, and their families that rely on publicly-funded expanded learning programs throughout California.

A deep body of national and California-focused research proves that high quality expanded learning programs increase student attendance and engagement, raise English language proficiency and graduation rates, build social and emotional skills, and prevent summer learning loss. Families with means provide enrichment and academic support to their kids after school and in the summer, but our public education system must ensure ALL California students have these critical learning opportunities.

In CA3, school districts, county offices of education, community-based organizations, law enforcement, local government officials, policy experts, families, students, and other allies come together to:

- Promote legislative and administrative policies, both state and federal, that enhance the quality and accessibility of publicly-funded expanded learning programs in California's most underserved communities; and
- Build public and policymaker awareness of the essential value and role of expanded learning programs to support student success.

Formed in 2009, CA3 has successfully supported the enactment of dozens of legislative, administrative, and budget proposals impacting more than 500,000 students daily in 4,500 programs across California. After a decade of flat state funding and double-digit rising operational costs, we led the Save After School campaign to secure an additional \$50 million for state-funded afterschool programs in 2017.

### CA3 MEMBER BENEFITS:

- **Access to critical information:** Receive the most up-to-date information and analysis on state and federal efforts, policies, and elections impacting your programs.
- **Government relations:** CA3 members form a powerful, collective voice to promote and protect expanded learning. Our experienced legislative team is actively involved with all state legislation affecting expanded learning programs. CA3 communicates shared perspectives and priorities to policymakers.
- **Individualized support:** Grow your sphere of influence, communications, and impact at the local, state, and federal levels.
- **Targeted research and messaging:** Shape our statewide research and communications materials to ensure the voice, values, and interests of your students, programs, and communities are represented and prioritized.
- **Networking and field building:** Build and deepen partnerships with other program leaders, elected officials, and like-minded allies and coalitions.
- **Media presence:** Tools and opportunities to showcase the need and value of your programs in local newspapers and television, education-focused online journalism, and social media.

Today, CA3 is made up of over 20 expanded learning providers and advocacy organizations from across the state representing a broad diversity of California communities and serving hundreds of thousands of families daily, including:

[A World Fit for Kids](#)  
[After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles](#)  
[arc](#)  
[Bay Area Community Resources](#)  
[California After School Network](#)  
[California Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs](#)  
[California School-Age Consortium](#)  
[California State Alliance of YMCA's](#)  
[California Teaching Fellows Foundation](#)  
[Central Valley Afterschool Foundation](#)  
[Children Now](#)  
[Coaching Corps](#)

[Community Youth Ministries](#)  
[EduCare Foundation](#)  
[Fight Crime: Invest in Kids](#)  
[Heart of Los Angeles](#)  
[LA's BEST](#)  
[Mission: Readiness](#)  
[Partnership for Children & Youth](#)  
[Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center](#)  
[The Children's Initiative](#)  
[THINK Together](#)  
[Woodcraft Rangers](#)  
[YMCA of San Diego County](#)



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