



# 2025 IMPACT *Report*

## About Us

Established in 2014 with the support of a grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Colorado Afterschool Partnership (CAP) is part of the 50 State Afterschool Network.

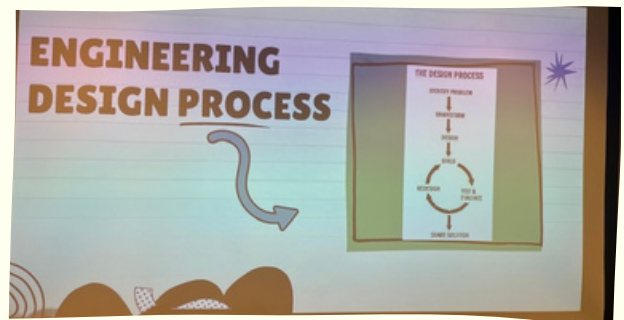
Our mission is to support education by championing afterschool programs so every child can thrive. This mission highlights the work we do and the importance of afterschool as a partner of education.

# Professional Development

## **THRIVING OST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS**

Sessions, led by CAP partners, brought fresh insights into program advocacy, family engagement, and financial literacy. OST professionals had the opportunity to connect, share ideas, and discover new strategies to strengthen their programs.

**11** PD Sessions  
**95** OST Professionals



“Grantees can struggle with understanding the value of sharing results for their program, this created a clear and concise training for them to implement. GREAT WORK! :)”



“I think this experience was very collaborative and allowed for different after school sites from around Colorado to connect.”

“It was so useful and fun!”

# Advocacy & Awareness

## **YOUTH ADVOCACY SQUAD**

The Youth Advocacy Squad (YAS), supported by the Tony Grampas Youth Services Grant, is a passionate group of young leaders advocating for the power and importance of Out-of-School Time programs across Colorado.

The YAS consists of 8 youth, ages 14–18, representing different regions of Colorado. This diverse team works alongside adult members of the Advocacy and Awareness Action Team and CAP staff to plan and execute advocacy campaigns throughout the year.

6 YAS members designed presentations on the importance of mentorship for afterschool programs, advocated at their schools for more programming, and participated in a Day Near the Capitol.

They visited with a panel of experts from Colorado Young Leaders, the Colorado Department of Education, Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (CELL) leaders, and the Denver Neighborhood Safety and Diversion Program. They then toured the Robert L. Carr Justice Center and met with Attorney General Phil Weiser and mental health team.



## **WHAT SQUAD MEMBERS HAD TO SAY ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE:**



What we learned from our Day Near the Capital could be used in all aspects of life. When talking with the panel, we used prepared questions and then made them our own to best fit what we needed to ask. When we spoke with Phil Weiser, I learned that I must speak up and put in ideas that I think would be beneficial, even if I am in a place where I feel inferior.

I think what was accomplished during this day was A LOT in regards to concerns on major issues in our lives with the education system as well as after school. I think sharing our input is a major milestone and has allowed so many people know about our youth voices and how we are affected by these occurring issues. I believe they have taken lots of notes on our voice and I hope that will lead to a change.



# Advocacy & Awareness cont'd



## **WHITE RILEY PETERSON FELLOWSHIP**

CAP's Executive Director, Kelly Streck, was awarded a seat in the 14th White Riley Peterson Fellowship on Policy. Kelly's policy project for the 2025/2026 year is forming a coalition to advocate for continuation of the CO Nonprofit Out of School Time and CO Academic Accelerator Grants due to sunset in 2027.

In July, CAP worked with Boys & Girls Club Colorado Alliance, YMCAs of Metro Denver and Northern Colorado, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and more to send a letter to Congress asking them to release the 21st Century Community Learning Center Funds being withheld. The funds were successfully released due to the power of collective voices!

## **COLLECTIVE IMPACT LETTER**

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

Throughout 2025, CAP had the opportunity to share the importance of afterschool with various media sources:

- CHANNEL 7 NEWS
- COLORADO SUN
- CENTER SQUARE
- COLORADO PUBLIC RADIO

# Resources & Recognition

## 2025 BEST OF COLORADO AWARDS

The CAP Best of Colorado Awards were presented to 4 outstanding afterschool professionals, nominated by their peers. Their dedication and impactful work have made a significant difference in supporting and inspiring youth throughout Colorado.

### Award Winners:

- Best of Colorado Supervisor: Ashley Childress
- Best of Colorado Staff: Kiana English
- Best of Colorado Director: Stephanie Hansen
- Best of Colorado Rising Star: Caroline Hoge



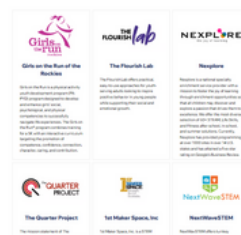
## RESOURCE MEMBERS

Resource members share programs, tools, and professional development with afterschool providers, and as members, CAP shares these resources with Colorado afterschool programs and stakeholders through newsletter spotlights, professional development webinars and training, and rererrals.

## Resource Membership

### Current Members

While the organizations listed here are valuable resources within their respective fields, please note that CAP does not provide financial endorsement or guarantee the quality of their services. These organizations are not affiliated with CAP. CAP is not responsible for any damages or losses incurred by members or non-members who engage in full or partial services. We encourage you to do your own research and that all members engage with any of these partners.



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