

**Afterschool Programs Consortium**  
Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council  
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**Hot Topics:**

- Prop 49 planning/implementation
- provider/school/parent alliances
- Coordination of ECE & K-12
- Quality of Care
- Availability and affordability of afterschool care
- Unionization
- Availability of non-school days for full-day 0-5 care
- Facilities
- Licensing

**Draft Consortium Goals**

1. Promote and support access to Prop 49 funds for eligible school districts.
2. Investigate resources and collaborative partners to support the completion of a Needs Assessment of afterschool programs at elementary/middle school grades.
3. Advocate for more trainings in the community on topics specific to afterschool program providers.
4. Investigate available resources and supports to develop and retain bilingual and bicultural teaching and administrative staff in afterschool programs.
5. Research and promote the child development permit for providers of school age children and relevant coursework.
6. Collaborate with school districts to develop a process to facilitate communication and foster an alliance between parents, schools and afterschool providers.
7. Advocate for economic and educational supports to build and maintain a highly skilled and stable workforce for afterschool programs.
8. Explore ways to maximize federal and state funding to support more families' access to afterschool programs
9. Provide an overview to Planning Council of the afterschool programs in our county.
10. Coordinate and broker full use of funded slots.
11. Host meetings with state consultants from funding agencies.
12. Provide in-house technical assistance and training on new regulations. Serve as a networking and support group for new directors.
13. Protest unreasonable and unfunded new requirements