

# racine afterschool

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United Way of Racine County



## Did you know...?

Racine has major concerns for its youth, including a graduation rate of about 71 percent, the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the state, and incidence of juvenile crime with more than 5,000 apprehensions each year.

### *Risky behavior*

- 47% of Racine students say they like to do exciting things even though they know they are dangerous.
- 18-25% of students in grades 7-12 report gambling, shoplifting, drinking, using drugs, or being sexually active.

### *Out-of-school-time activity*

- 54% of the students spend three or more hours per week in sports, clubs or programs at school and/or in community organizations.
- 20% spend three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater or other arts.
- 54% of students say they spend three or more evenings a week out with friends with “nothing special to do.”

The older the students, the less likely they are to participate in after-school activities. Fewer males than females participate in out-of-school activities, except in sports. Hispanic students participate less than any other racial/ethnic group.

## Out-of-school-time programs...

provide children and teens with opportunities to learn and grow with positive, measurable results. Out-of-school time is defined as the hours before school, after school, weekends, school holidays and summer. Out-of-school-time opportunities generally refer to safe, structured programs that offer school-age children a range of activities that are designed to enhance learning and help social, academic and physical development.

## Vision of Success

**Every child in the Greater Racine Area should have opportunities to participate in safe, high-quality after-school, weekend and summer programs that are conveniently located and easily accessible with age-appropriate content meeting the child’s needs and interests.**

## Challenge to the community

Engage additional students (those not currently participating in after-school activities) in after-school, weekend and summer programming three or more hours per week and we will see a myriad of positive results including decreases in risky behaviors and improved school performance that will result in an increased Racine Unified School District high school graduation rate.



## A new community resource

In response to the need for easily accessible information on after-school programs by the public, a new resource Web site has been established to help students, parents and other professionals working with youth and families.

Throughout the Greater Racine area, more than 600 programs are offered to elementary, middle and high school students. Programs take place in schools, churches, child care centers, nonprofit organizations, community centers, or local businesses. They cover a wide range of activities including homework assistance, academic skill development, fine arts experiences and recreation.

Most programs are not “at capacity” in terms of number of participants, and most report being able to handle more if the demand is there. More than half of students say they are not participating in any type of after-school program.

Check out the Racine area after-school programs listed within the new resource Web site:

<http://racineafterschool.unitedwayracine.org>

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