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AzCASE in New Offices!

We are happy to announce that we have moved! Please update your contact information to reflect our new address & phone number:

We've Moved!

**Arizona Center for Afterschool
Excellence
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Phone calls will NOT be forwarded from our old numbers. If you're in the neighborhood, please stop by! Our office hours are nine to five, Monday through Friday!

**SPOTLIGHT ON
SCHOOL AGE**



Spotlight on School Age: Around AZ

Throughout the year in Arizona, tens of thousands of school-age youth attend DHS-licensed before school, after school, and summer programs, taking part in enriching and engaging programming that reinforces their classroom learning and prevents summer learning loss. These programs offer a wide variety of fun, educational and hands-on activities, including STEM, literacy, arts, sports, nutrition, character education, digital citizenship, service learning, and homework help and tutoring.

By the Numbers:

As of June 2016, **DES child care subsidies provide 25,984 youth**, ages 5-12, with **access to licensed OST programs**. However, **due to the gap in subsidy funding, there are still 3,273 youth who are stuck on the wait list**, and unable to access these high-quality programs.

**Read the first Spotlight on
School Age**

KidsCare for Uninsured Arizona Youth



KidsCare is now available as a health coverage choice for working families. Families across Arizona who earn too much to qualify for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), yet cannot afford the cost of private health insurance, will be able to apply for low- or no-cost coverage through KidsCare, which is tailored specifically to the needs of Arizona children. According to AHCCCS, **30,000 Arizona youth may be eligible for this coverage.**

Enrollment will be ongoing, with coverage beginning September 1st. Families can apply through [AHCCCS](#) or get free, professional help close to home by scheduling an appointment.

Share with your families that they can call 1-800-377-3536 or visit www.CoverAZ.org/connector to book a time and location online.

Combat the Summer Slide with Reading

Read for Success is an evidence-based program by [Reading is Fundamental](#) that helps early grade youth improve reading proficiency and combat summer learning loss. This program motivates youth to read by providing access to high-quality book collections, summer books for youth to choose and own, and enriching STEM and art activities.

[Read for Success Matching Grant Program](#) supports the adoption of the Read for Success model for the 2016-2017 school year. Eligible organizations include school districts and individual schools, public libraries, community-based organizations, civic organizations and other youth-serving entities that serve pre-k through 3rd grade.

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