



# Benefits

After-school hours are a critical time for youth.

Kids who are involved in after school programs have the opportunity to...

- learn new skills and develop their talents,
- become active in a variety of recreational and enrichment activities,
- develop appropriate social, leadership and character skills,
- do better in school.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center





# Risks

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Kids who are on their own after school are more likely to...

- engage in risky behavior,<sup>1</sup> (smoking, alcohol and drug use, sex)
- become victims of crime or accidents,
- have fewer social skills,
- receive poor grades; drop out of school.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center

<sup>2</sup>Afterschool Alliance

