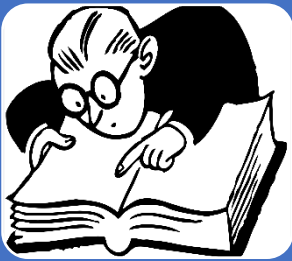
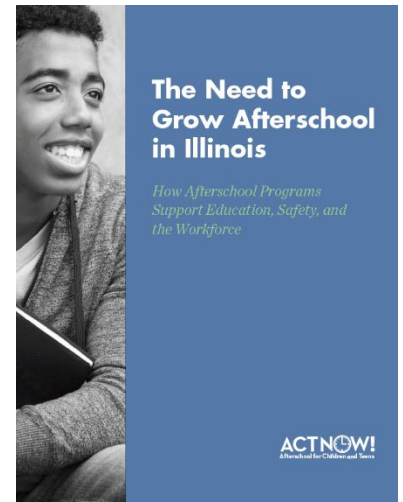


How to Use the ACT Now White Paper: The Need to Grow Afterschool in Illinois



Educate Yourself

- Explore data that shows how afterschool can affect areas of need in Illinois, including in education, safety, and workforce
- Learn the arguments and data in support of afterschool programs in Illinois



Communication with Parents and School Administrators

- Use data and arguments from the white paper to convince parents and school administrators to partner with your afterschool programs by showing them the positive impact programs have on students



Social Media

- Use statistics and graphs from the report in social media posts to support afterschool programs, especially during national days of celebration for out-of-school time programs like Lights On Afterschool and National Summer Learning Day
- Cite the white paper in posts advocating for your programs or posts highlighting how your program helps improve education, safety, and the workforce



Advocacy

- Bring the white paper with you to meetings with policymakers to educate them about the importance of afterschool and cite to data from the report
- Cite to the white paper in writing letters to legislators to argue in support of afterschool programs