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What can I find in this directory?

The New Jersey Afterschool Directory is a good place to find programs that provide:

- Care for your children when school's out – including before school, after school, weekends, school vacations, and summer;
- A safe place for your children to stay afterschool;
- Tutoring, academic enrichment, or homework help; and
- Arts, sports, and many more activities.

Is there a charge for using this directory?

No, use of the directory is free.

Do I have to register to use the directory?

No.

What's the best way to search this directory?

There are several ways to search this directory, depending on your needs. You can search within 25 miles of an address, which is a good option if you are looking for a program near where you live or work.

You can search for programs within a specific town, city or ZIP code. In fact, you can search in three towns, cities or ZIP codes at a time. You can also find programs by clicking on cities and towns on a map.

If you already know which program you are looking for, you can search for it by name.

You can also browse the directory to see all programs listed in alphabetical order.

How can I search for a program with certain activities, age groups, or other features?

Start on the "Near an Address" or "By City/Town or Zip" tab. Select your location. Then, click on "Advanced Search Options" and select one or more criteria. Your search will return programs that meet ALL of the criteria you selected. For example, if you search for ages 5-8, arts/culture, sports, summer, and Spanish-speaking staff, your search results will show programs that meet ALL of these criteria. Please note that selecting advanced search options will narrow your search and you might not see any results. If you do not see any results, try again with fewer criteria selected.

What kind of special features are listed?

You can search for programs that offer special features under the "Advanced Search Option."

Included are: Programs that are offered before school, after school, in the evening or the summer; programs that are free or offer fee assistance; programs that are wheelchair accessible or are geared toward children with special needs; and programs where the staff speaks Spanish or other languages.

You can also search by "keyword" in the advanced search to narrow your search to listings with only certain words in them.

What age groups do programs in the New Jersey Afterschool Directory serve?

The directory is for programs that serve ages 5 to 18, or grades kindergarten through high school.

How can I search for a particular program or organization if I know its name? Option 1: Go to the "By Program/Organization" tab and type the name of the program or organization into the

keyword search box. If you know part of the name or are not sure of the spelling, you can enter the first few letters or word(s).

Option 2: Browse the lists of programs and organizations.

How can I find out whether there are programs at my child's school?

Option 1: Go to the "Near an Address" tab and enter the address of the school to begin a search.

Option 2: Go to the "Program/Organization" tab and enter the name of your child's school.

Does capitalization matter?

Searching is not case-sensitive. You can type your address or a keyword in lowercase or uppercase letters.

If a program is listed in this directory, does that mean New Jersey After 3 endorses it?

No.

New Jersey After 3 (NJ3) and Public Services Enterprise Group (PSEG) do not endorse or recommend any programs or organizations listed in this directory. The responsibility for providing and maintaining accurate directory listings rests with the afterschool providers. Parents, guardians, and others are encouraged to contact programs directly and look for [key indicators of quality](#).

Families are encouraged to check with the [New Jersey Department of Children and Families Office of Licensing](#) for the most current list of licensed programs.

What kinds of programs are listed in this directory?

The New Jersey Afterschool Directory lists programs that are located in New Jersey, provide staff supervision for school-age children (grades K-12); and operate during out-of-school time (including before school, after school, weekends, school vacations, and summer). Programs may be located in school buildings, child care centers, community centers, or other facilities. Programs include a variety of activities, including academic, arts, community service, family services, health and nutrition, life skills, sports and recreation, technology as well as faith-based programs.

How many programs are in the directory?

More than 2000 programs are listed in the directory.

Are only afterschool programs listed here?

No.

Programs can offer before school, evening, school vacation, or summer activities as well.

Are classes and activities listed here?

No. At this time, the directory does not include single classes and activities such as dance or karate classes or swimming lessons.

How often is information updated?

Information is updated on an ongoing basis. On the information page for each program listing, you can see when that particular listing was last updated.

Where does the information about the programs come from?

The program providers submit information to this directory.

What sort of information can I find out about a program from this directory?

There are a variety of questions that programs are asked to provide to this directory. They include the name of the organization that runs the program, the program location, contact information, the type of activities it offers, where it is accredited or licensed, the student-to-staff ratio, when programs are offered, etc.

There is also a map listed with each program. If you click on it, you can see where the program is located. For more information, click on "get directions."

How can I see more information on a program?

Click on the name of the program to see details.

I'd like to map where various programs are located to compare them to where I am. Can I do that?

Yes. When you get your "Search Results," you can do several things:

You can check off programs you are interested in and then click on "map checked programs" to see them on a map; or you can click on "map 10 closest" to see the 10 that are closest to the address or city/town you submitted for your search.

You can also click on "print checked programs" if you want a copy of information on specific programs.

I'm having trouble seeing the information in the directory. Why is that?

The screen resolution on your monitor might be too low. The site width is optimized for the resolution of 1024 by 768. If yours is set to lower than that, scrollbars will appear which you will need to use to see all the information, or you can change your screen resolution to make more of the application appear on the screen at one time.

Is there a way to organize the information that I see on the Search Results page?

Yes. You can sort information by the program name, organization name, city where it is located (all in alphabetical order), distance from the city/town or address that you submitted in your search, and by whether the program provides transportation.

How can I save the information I find?

Listed at the top of each program is an option to print it or to email it.

What if I have questions that aren't answered here? How do I find out more?

If you have further questions about the New Jersey Afterschool Directory or how to enter a new program, please contact info@njafterschool.org.

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