



Afterschool in the Time
of COVID-19:

Survey Results Find
Programs In Jeopardy
but Rising to Meet
Needs

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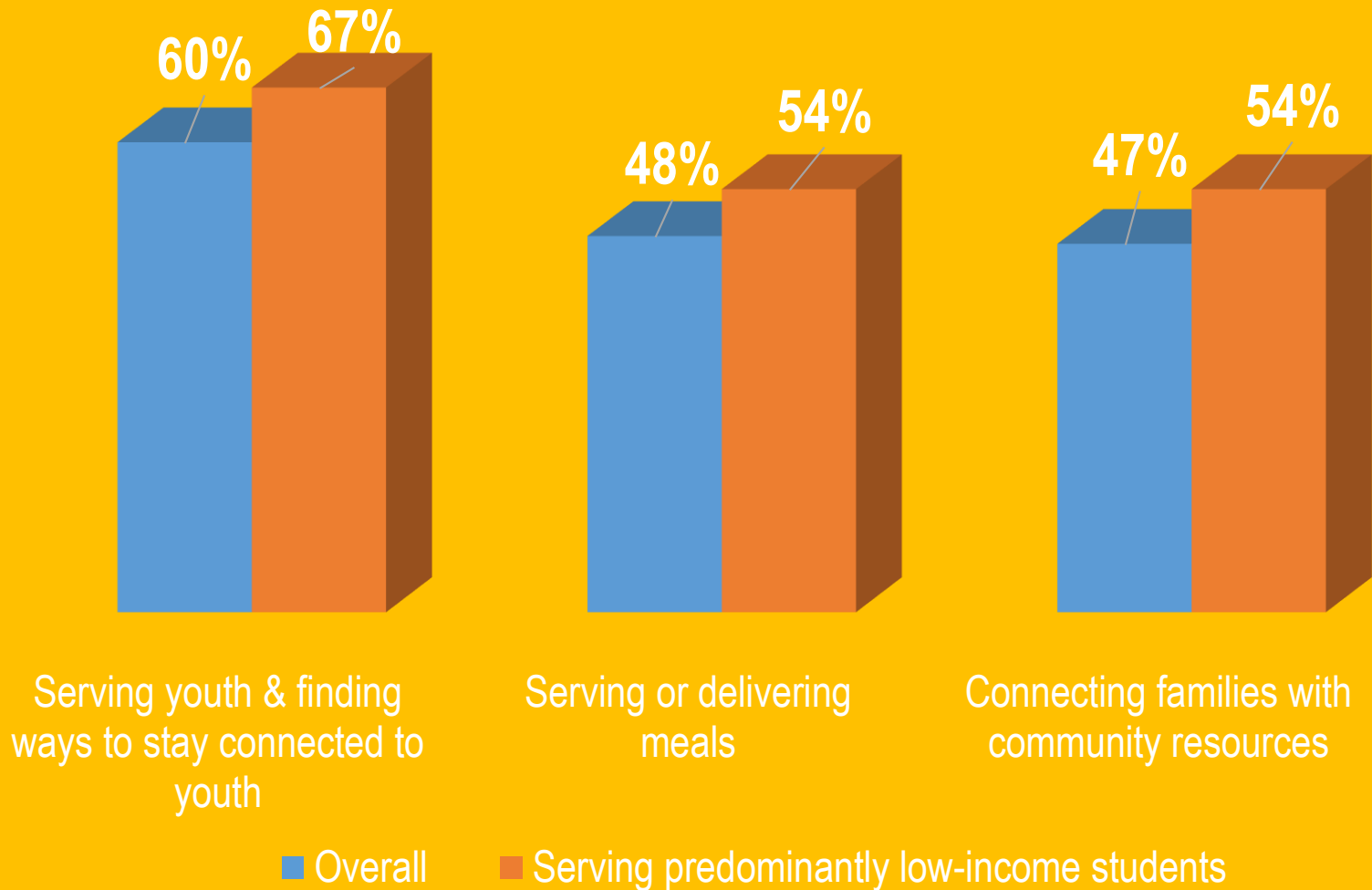
Methodology

- Online survey conducted by Edge Research
- May 28 – June 30
- n= 914
- 47 states and Washington, D.C.



Providing supports

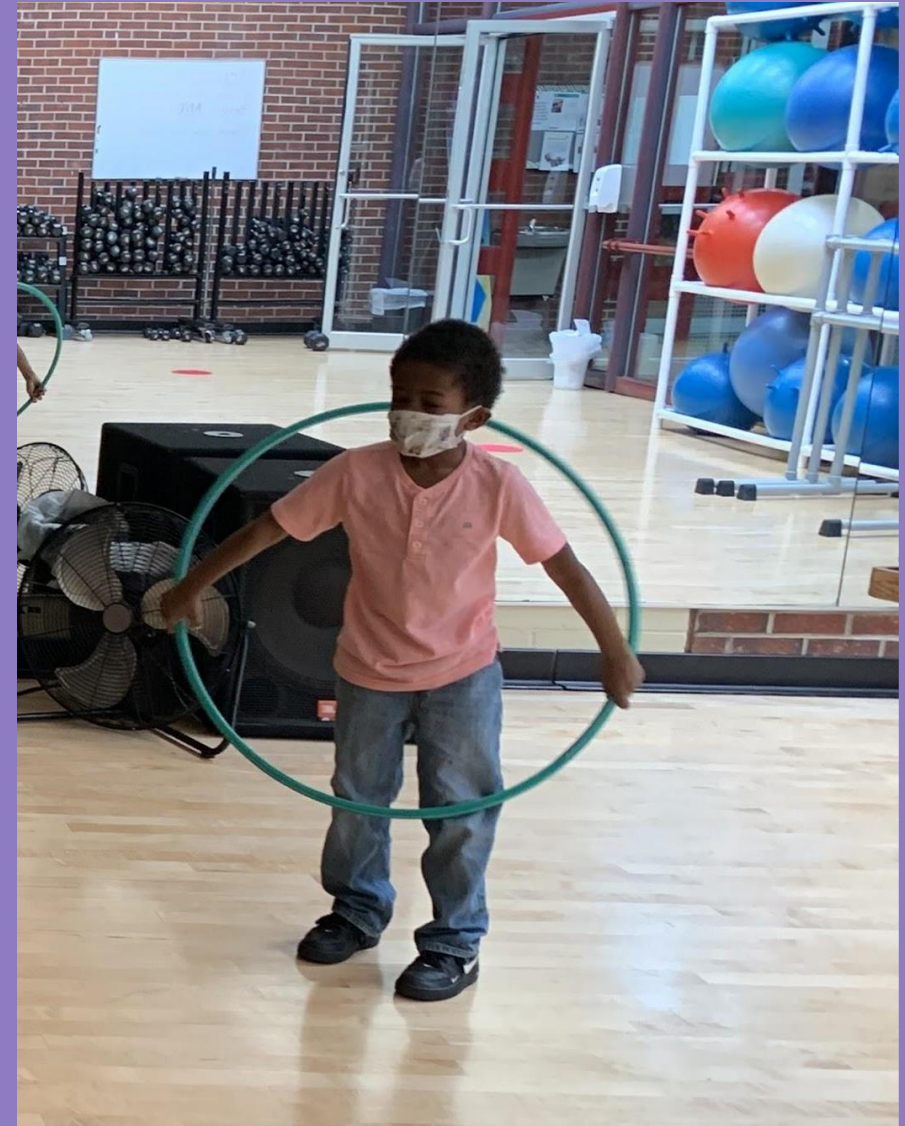
- 70% of respondents are serving students in some capacity



18%

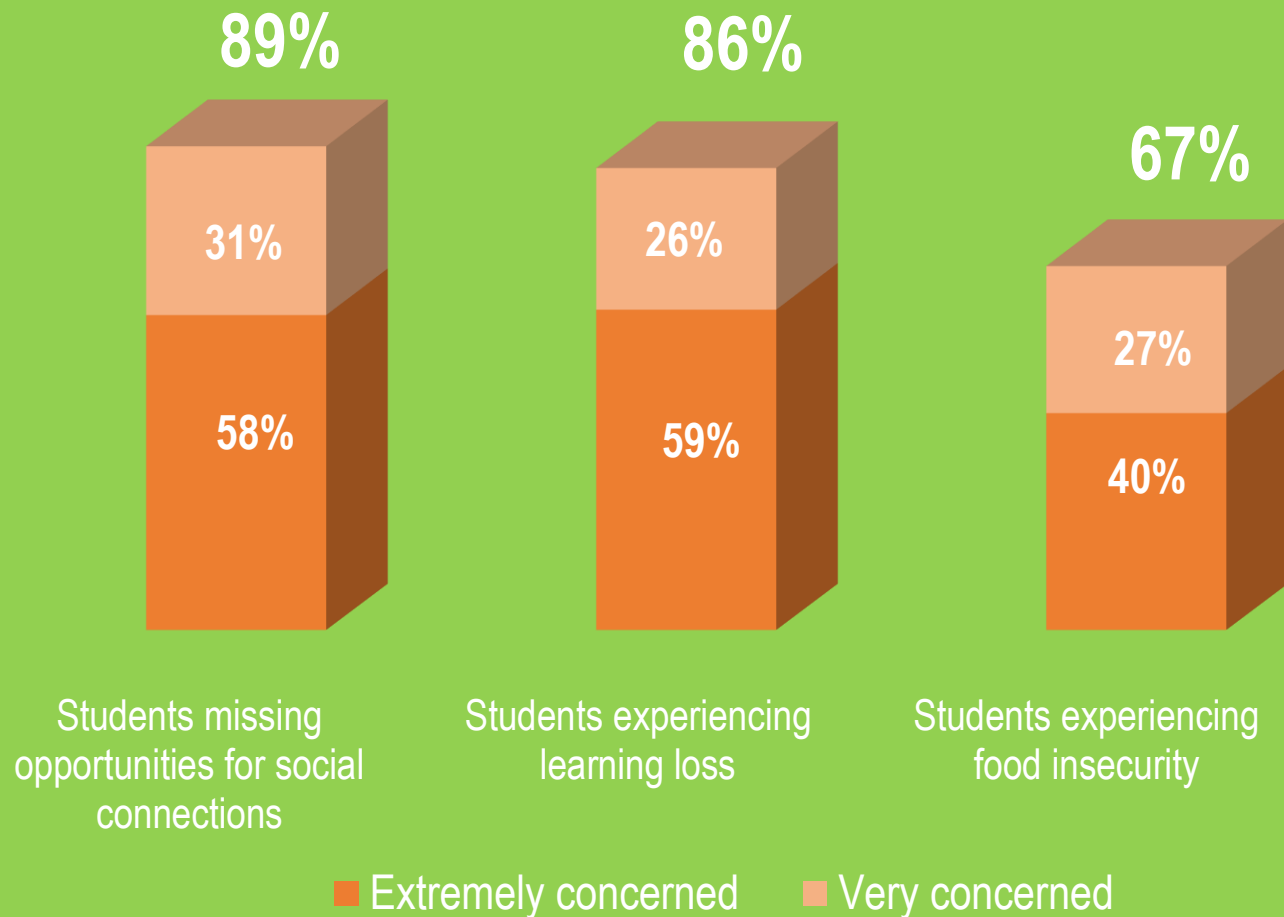
of programs

serving children of
essential workers



Concerns about children and families

- 78% of respondents were “extremely” or “very” concerned about losing touch with student in need





84%

of programs
are concerned that they
won't be able to provide
services – in person or
virtually – this fall

More than 8 in 10

program providers say

funding (84%) and
better guidance and
resources to protect
the health and
safety of staff and
students (82%) is
“extremely” or “very”
important

A hopeful outlook

52%

of program providers
are optimistic about the
future of their
afterschool program





61% of programs
planning to offer
summer programming

Learn More & Next Steps

Fact Sheet -

<http://afterschoolalliance.org/documents/Afterschool-COVID-19-Wave-1-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Topline Findings -

<http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/documents/Afterschool-COVID-19-Wave-1-Provider-Survey-Toplines.pdf>

Data Dashboard –

<http://afterschoolalliance.org/covid/Afterschool-COVID-19-dashboard.cfm>

Respond to Wave 2 of Survey:

<https://3to6.co/survey>

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Since the first statewide stay-at-home orders were issued in mid-March, individuals across the United States have found their lives and livelihoods upended by the coronavirus. As states enact safety measures and transition between phases of reopening to combat the virus, families are struggling with school closures, job losses, food insecurity, and more. Afterschool programs are joining local efforts to address the urgent needs of children and families while facing an uncertain future themselves.¹

Throughout the crisis, many afterschool providers have been innovating to stay connected with students and keep them safe, healthy and engaged in learning, even while struggling to keep their own doors open. Many programs face budget shortfalls and will need additional staff and professional development, as well as more space and resources to provide consistent care for children and families as school schedules shift.

In the first in a series of surveys that take the pulse of the afterschool field, it is clear that although afterschool programs remain a vital partner to help young people emerge from this crisis strong, resilient, and hopeful, they are in need of dire support.

The future of afterschool programs is in jeopardy

The *Afterschool in the Time of COVID-19* survey finds that afterschool programs are severely affected by the hardships created by the pandemic. As programs work to continue to provide services in their communities, they face their own struggles, from funding to staffing, with a majority unsure if the worst is over or yet to come (55%).

84% of programs report that they are concerned that they will not be able to provide services in the fall

