In 2014, 23.7% of children and youth in Onondaga County are living below poverty. The state average was 22.1% in 2014.

In your region, there are 2 Advantage After School Programs, 11 21st Century Community Learning Centers Programs, and 4 Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention Programs.

72,200 New York children participate in Advantage and 21st CCLC programs, as of September 1, 2016.

84% of parents support public funding for afterschool programs.*

1.1 million students are still in need of access to high-quality afterschool programs in New York State.*

584,000+ New York students go home unsupervised after school.

Long-term participation in a high-quality afterschool program can help close the achievement gap.**

For every 1 student with access to a program, there are still 2 waiting to get in. In rural areas, 3 are waiting.*

“After school programs help [students] to be successful and also give their parents peace of mind. Drop out rates go down, crime rates go down, students are healthier and happier. When students are successful, our whole community is successful.” - DONNA LUPARDO, NYS ASSEMBLY

* Afterschool Alliance, America After 3pm, 2014 / ** Deborah Lowe Vandell, The Achievement Gap is Real, 2013