**General Afterschool Sample Posts and Tweets**

**Remember to add #TANHillDay23 or #UWTNHillDay23 at the end of each post.**

**These posts are just suggestions.**

**See the fact sheets for more afterschool statistics about Tennessee.**

**We recommend using photos of your own programs with the posts.**

You can begin using some posts up to a week before Hill Day on the 15. Use tags according to which medium/channel you are using, not all at once. Also, try to use statistics and provide links that go pack to those statistics. Legislators want to see numbers and proof, not just empty platitudes.

* Join us on Facebook and Twitter @TNAfterschool and @UnitedWaysTN on March 15 as we honor @pagewalley4statesenate (FB), @PageWalley (Twitter), @StateRepresentativeMarkWhite (FB), and @RepMarkWhiteTN (Twitter) for passing the Handle with Care legislation during the 2022 session to help TN school children.
* Join us on March 15 as we visit @(legislator handle here) to advocate for afterschool, to abolish TN sales tax on diapers, wipes, and formulas, and for other programs that help TN families and their children.
* More than 70 percent of students in STEM afterschool programs reported positive gains in science career interest and knowledge and building skills such as perseverance and critical thinking. Tell your legislators that #AfterschoolWorks in Tennessee. <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/data/geo/Tennessee/stem>
* 86% of TN parents want afterschool programs funded! Public funding brings greater opportunities for students to explore hands-on STEM learning in their afterschool programs. #AA3PM <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/data/geo/Tennessee/overview>
* In TN, 78% of parents report that their child's afterschool program offers STEM learning opportunities. See more on #AfterschoolSTEM in the new #AA3PM report. <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/data/geo/Tennessee/overview>
* TN parents value STEM learning in afterschool and summer programs – 75% of parents say they agree that afterschool programs help children gain interest and skills in STEM! #AA3PM <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/data/geo/Tennessee/overview>
* Credit for learning expands educational opportunities for youth, allowing them to pursue experiences that speak to their interests. See how afterschool is playing a role. <http://afterschoolalliance.org/documents/issue_briefs/issue_credit_for_learning_79.pdf>
* #AfterschoolSTEM learning is on the rise! See what STEM looks like in afterschool in #AA3PM report: <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/data/geo/Tennessee/stem>
* Unmet demand for afterschool programs has spiked for youth in rural communities. For every rural child in an afterschool program, four more children are waiting to get in. New #AA3PM report reveals the struggles families are facing in rural communities. [aa3pm.co/rural](http://aa3pm.co/rural)
* Survey results from @BeALearningHero & @WallaceFnd find that the top reason parents enroll their children in extracurricular activities is for their child to gain new experiences, ideas, and perspectives.
* 83% of rural parents agree that all young people deserve access to quality afterschool and summer programs! Investment in afterschool programs helps expand learning opportunities for youth in underserved communities and communities of color. [www.aa3pm.co/rural](http://www.aa3pm.co/rural)
* More families than ever are struggling to find an afterschool program for their kids—42% of parents nationwide report a lack of available programs. #HelpKidsRecover <https://helpkidsrecover.org/>
* New #AA3PM data shows that 92% of rural parents are satisfied with their child’s afterschool program and 96% are satisfied with their child’s #SummerLearning experience! [www.aa3pm.co/rural](http://www.aa3pm.co/rural)
* New #AA3PM data finds more families than ever are struggling to access afterschool, with barriers including cost (55%), transportation (50%), and program availability (45%). Learn more about challenges facing families in rural areas: [www.aa3pm.co/rural](http://www.aa3pm.co/rural)
* Afterschool programs help encourage positive outcomes for youth and are #HelpingKidsRecover. But nearly 25 million kids are missing out. <https://helpkidsrecover.org/>
* 4.5 million children in rural communities who are not enrolled in an afterschool program would be enrolled in one were available - a 43% increase from 2014. See new #AA3PM data on youth in rural communities. [www.aa3pm.co/rural](http://www.aa3pm.co/rural)