

What Parents Should Know About Title I Supplemental Services

In the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB), any Title I elementary or secondary school in their second year of School Improvement or Corrective Action is required to arrange for the provision of supplemental education services for eligible students enrolled in the school. Therefore, beginning this fall, several schools will be required to provide the option of supplemental services to parents with eligible children. **If your program provides tutoring, remediation or academic intervention, this could be a source of funding for your afterschool program.**

Please Note: Officials are still working to understand the best way to implement supplemental services. The Afterschool Alliance is committed to help find workable options for afterschool programs that will increase the pool of qualified supplemental services providers so that no child will be left behind. Please visit our website, www.afterschoolalliance.org, for updates and new information.

- ↓ The purpose of supplemental services is to ensure that students increase their academic achievement, particularly in reading, language arts, and mathematics. **Instruction must take place outside the regular school day (before or after school, on weekends, or during summer)** and may include assistance such as tutoring, remediation, and academic intervention.
- ↓ **Eligible children** include students from low-income families, as determined by the Local Education Agency (LEA) for purposes of allocating Title I funds to schools. Within this group, the lowest-achieving students will have priority for services.
- ↓ School districts are limited in how much they can spend to provide services for each child. **The per-child amount available for eligible children is the lesser of the LEA's per-child Title I, Part A allocation or the actual cost of the services. Parents of eligible students will be provided with a list of approved supplemental service providers that they can choose from.**
- ↓ State Education Agencies (SEA) are responsible for developing a list of approved supplemental service providers for school districts. Right now states are defining their criteria and the process for selecting providers, which may include a Request for Proposals (RFP) method. **SEAs must consult with parents, teachers, school districts, and interested members of the public to identify a wide array of providers so that parents can have a variety of choices. Thus, it is critical that you contact your state's Title I director immediately to tell them your afterschool program should be included on the supplemental services provider list and to find out about application deadlines.**
- ↓ Providers may include non-profit organizations, for-profit entities, institutions of higher education, and LEAs. **21st Century Community Learning Centers, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, YMCAs, and other community-based and faith-based organizations that have quality afterschool programs in your area may be eligible supplemental service providers.** Studies have shown that quality afterschool programs contribute to increases in academic achievement, particularly in low-income students. **Thus, it is important to let your school principal, Title I Coordinator and Superintendent know that your afterschool program is well-positioned to provide supplemental services in your community and should be included on the provider list.**
- ↓ **Parents of eligible children will be notified of the approved list of providers within the LEA or neighboring LEAs.** The provider list will include a brief description of the provider's services, qualifications, and demonstrated effectiveness. **Thus, your afterschool program should examine its overall capacity, curriculum, previous successes in improving academic achievement and parent outreach mechanisms in preparation for marketing the program as a supplemental services provider.**

For more information on Title I Supplemental Services, visit the No Child Left Behind website <http://www.nochildleftbehind.gov/parents/supplementalservices/index.html>. To contact your state's Title I director visit <http://www.titlei.org> and click on "Contacts" and then "State Directors" or call 1-800-USA-LEARN.