

#### What is the goal?



This report describes the current landscape of out of school time (OST) programs in the **D**istrict of **C**olumbia.

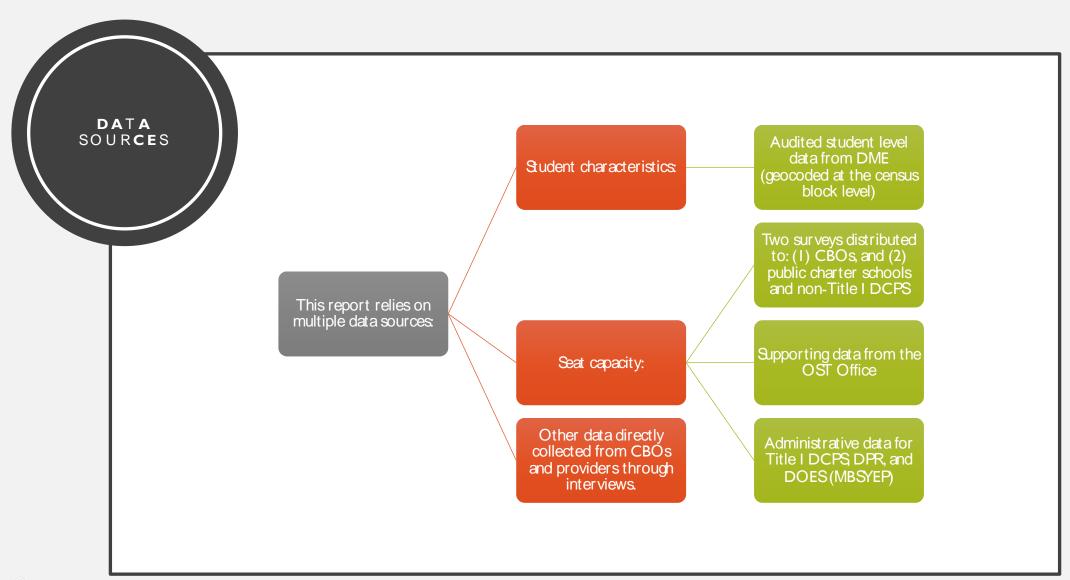


The report's purpose is to take stock of the existing OST programs in the city and assess whether those programs meet the needs of public school students (including both **D.C.** public schools and public charter schools).



This report focuses on subsidized OST programs, which include programs funded by federal or local government funds such as programs in Title I schools, programs in non-Title I or charter schools funded by school budgets, and programs provided by community-based organizations (CBOs), which receive grant funding from the **D**istrict.







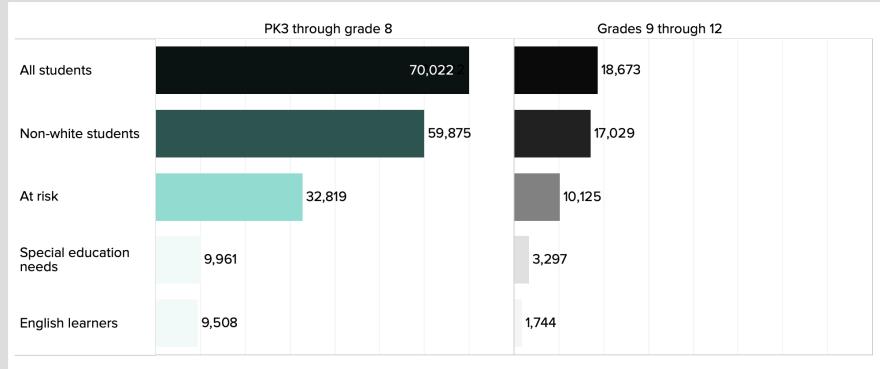
# CHARACTERISTICS OF DCPS AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS



### Characteristics of public school students

For school year 2021-22, audited student level data captures **89,905 students** who were enrolled in public schools (DCPS and public charters) across PK3 through grade 12.

- 68,888 students were enrolled in elementary or middle schools.
- 19,017 students were enrolled in high schools.



Source: Student level data obtained from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education.

**Note:** Share of students who are not attending their by-right school is calculated at the ward level by based on the school students are attending and not by student residence.





### Where students live and attend school

Schools and students are distributed unevenly throughout the city.

Most public school students (72%) do not attend their byright, neighborhood schools. This is important because families might prefer OST programs at or close to their student's school or close to their homes. Additionally, families might be able to travel to third locations for programs.

Number of public and public charter schools			Share of students attending their by-		Share of students who attend a school in the ward they live		
	PK3-Grade 8	Grades 9-12	PK3-Grade 8	Grades 9-12	PK3-Grade 8	Grades 9-12	
Ward 1	14	2	63%	86%	56%	38%	
Ward 2	12	5	75%	N.A.	31%	7%	
Ward 3	9	1	22%	36%	69%	41%	
Ward 4	29	7	67%	83%	61%	45%	
Ward 5	41	6	89%	92%	47%	28%	
Ward 6	23	3	64%	N.A.	35%	13%	
Ward 7	35	8	76%	83%	70%	51%	
Ward 8	41	5	77%	64%	83%	80%	

**Source:** Student level data obtained from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education.

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### Economic and racial segregation (PK3 – Grade 8)

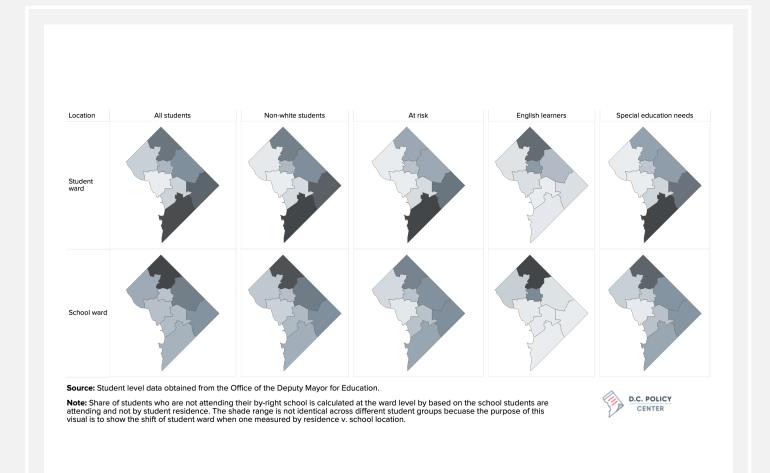
- Largely because of the structure of the housing market in D.C., students are deeply segregated by race, ethnicity.
- Schools generally do a better job mixing students of different socioeconomic backgrounds.





### Economic and racial segregation (high school)

- Many high school students who are Black live in Wards 7 and 8 and attend school in Ward 5.
- Half the Hispanic/Latino high school students attend school in the same ward.
- 47 percent of white high school students attend a single high school (Jackson-Reed).





# OST PROGRAM CAPACITY



### Providers and programs

There are 150 different OST providers offering 474 different types of OST programs in the District of Columbia.

This is likely an undercount since we only included the programs we can verify and seats we can count. This count likely misses more CBOs (especially fully private programs) and some licensed child development centers offering OST seats.

Source	Providers	Programs
Community Based Organizations	88	92
Public Charter Schools and non-Title I DCPS schools	58	58
DCPS Title I Schools	1	55
Department of Parks and Recreation	1	254
DCPS Summer Programs	1	14
Department of Employment Services (MBSYEP)	1	1
Grand Total	150	474

**Source:** Provider surveys conducted by the D.C. Policy Center, administrative data from DCPS for Title I schools, administrative data summaries from Department of Parks and Recreation, and administrative data summaries from the Department of Employment Services for the Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program.





#### **Seat capacity**

We estimate that there are 36,450 afterschool seats serving PK3 to grade 12 students.

In addition, there are 16,434 summer seats serving students in PK3 through grade 8, and 15,044 summer seats for high school students. (That number is 6,700 if MBSYEP is excluded).

Grade Band	After School	Summer	Before School	Seasonal sports	Weekends	Seasonal Breaks	Single day school closures	Other
PK3 through grade 8	30,360	16,434	9,655	7,698	5,547	4,134	2,695	2,754
Grades 9 through 12	6,090	15,044	477	528	3,574	2,321	606	880

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#### NEED METRICS AND GAPS



FOUR
POTENTIAL
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LEVELS

Metric	Metric Definition			Estimated need				
		Pre-K to grade 8	Grades 9-12	Total				
Universal coverage	All children and youth in public schools*	69,888	19,017	88,905				
Broad income targeting	Children and youth in public schools living in households under 300 percent of the FPL	54,855	14,927	69,782				
"At risk" children and youth	Children and youth in public schools determined to be "at risk" for academic failure	33,654	9,157	42,811				
Narrow income targeting	Children and youth in public schools living in households below the poverty line	17,886	4,867	22,753				



GEOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS OF NEEDS, BASED ON WHERE STUDENTS GO TO SCHOOL





### CITY-WIDE GAP ESTIMATES UNDER FOURTHE METRICS

	Afters	school	Summer		
Goal	PK3-Grade 8	Grades 9-12	PK3-Grade 8	Grades 9-12	
Universal coverage	(39,528)	(12,927)	(53,454)	(3,974)	
Broad income targeting	(24,777)	(8,923)	(38,708)	116	
At-risk	(3,332)	(3,029)	(17,258)	5,924	
Narrow income targeting	2,334	1,235	(1,592)	10,188	

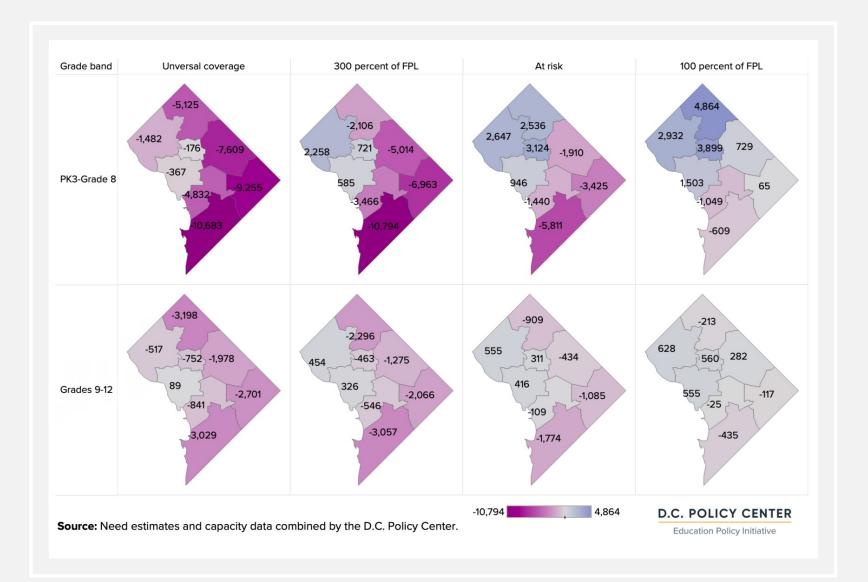
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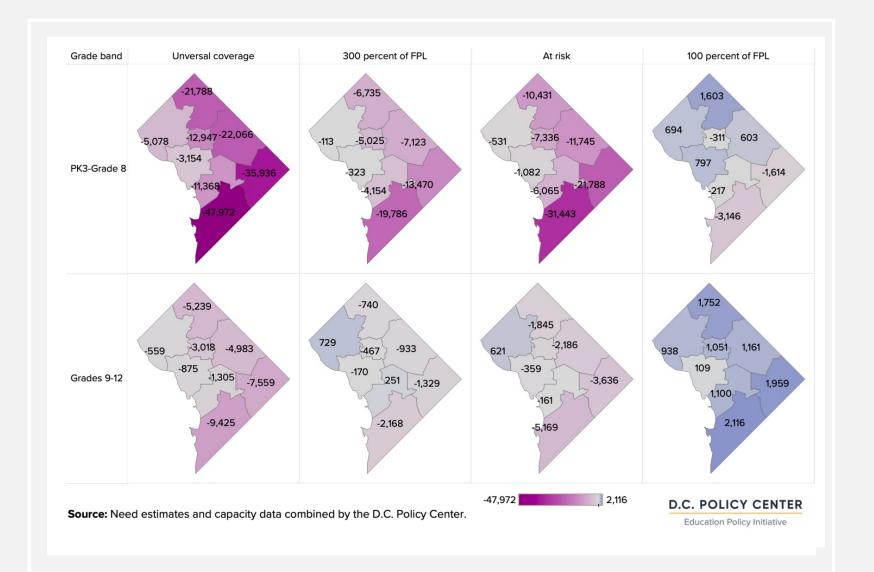


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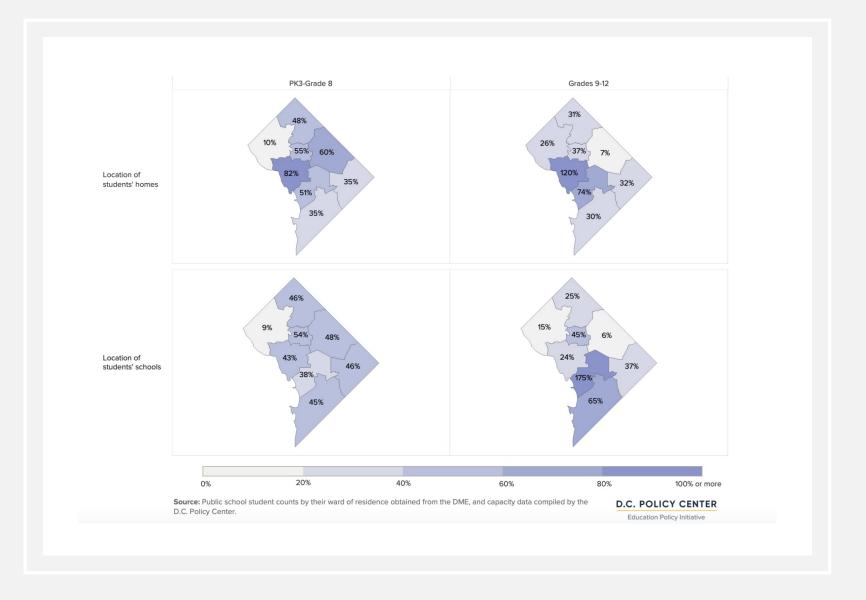




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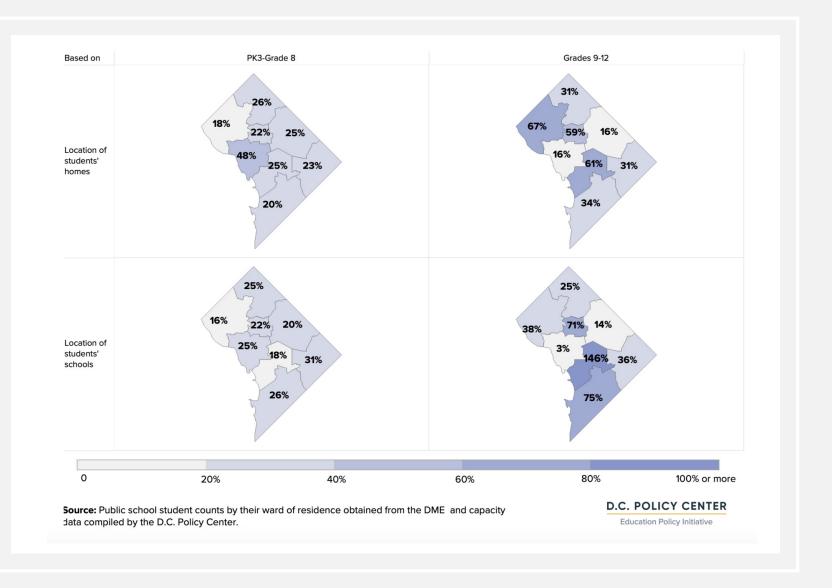


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#### COVERAGE RATIOS: SUMMER PROGRAMS





### CUMULATIVE COUNT OF SEATS: PK3 TO GRADE 8 AFTERSCHOOL

	D.C.	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8
Under 0.25 miles	38	46	59	2	48	51	30	34	34
Under 0.50 miles	197	264	428	15	284	191	174	150	188
Under 0.75 miles	502	765	1,027	54	734	450	440	389	458
Under 1.0 mile	948	1,502	1,805	118	1,356	894	807	729	870
Under 1.5 miles	2,164	3,577	3,200	284	2,789	2,480	1,758	1,644	2,026
Under 2.0 miles	3,632	5,930	4,788	574	4,320	4,480	3,399	2,780	3,365

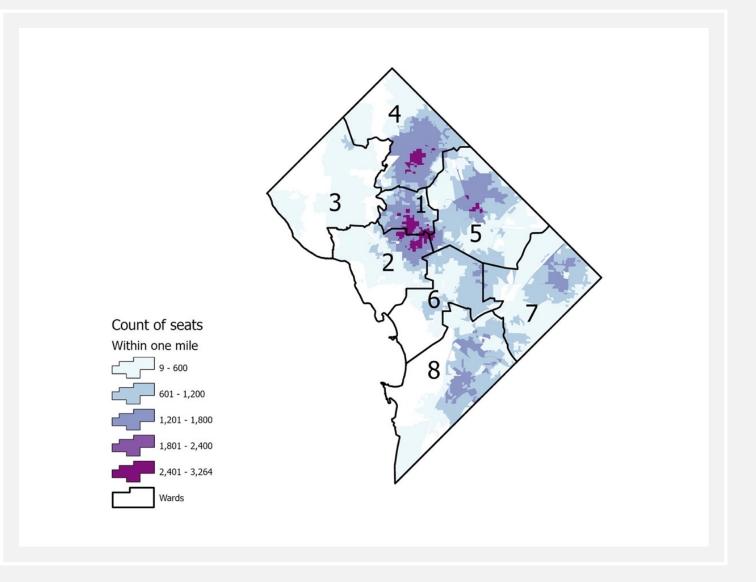
Source: Student level data provided by DME, and provider data compiled and geocoded by the D.C. Policy Center.



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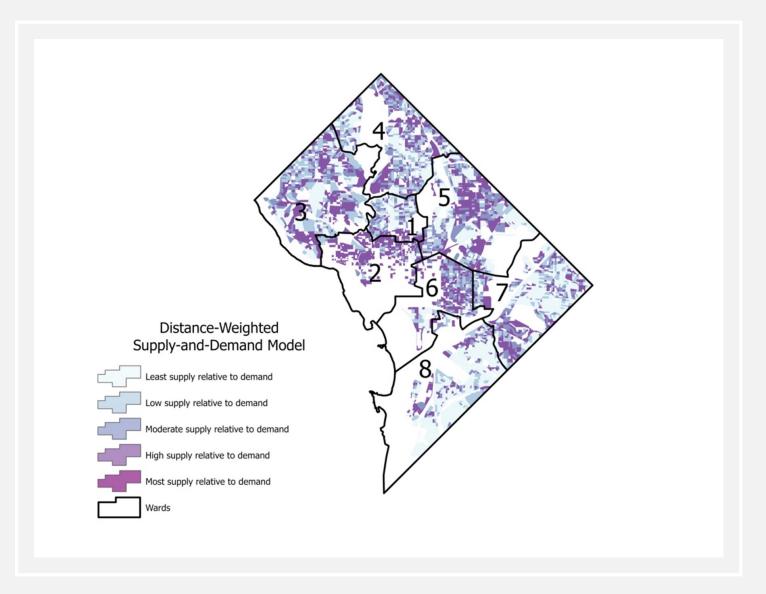


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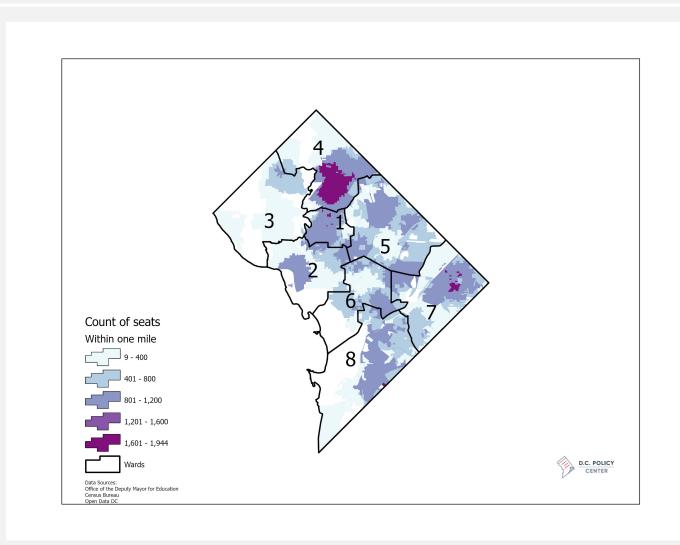


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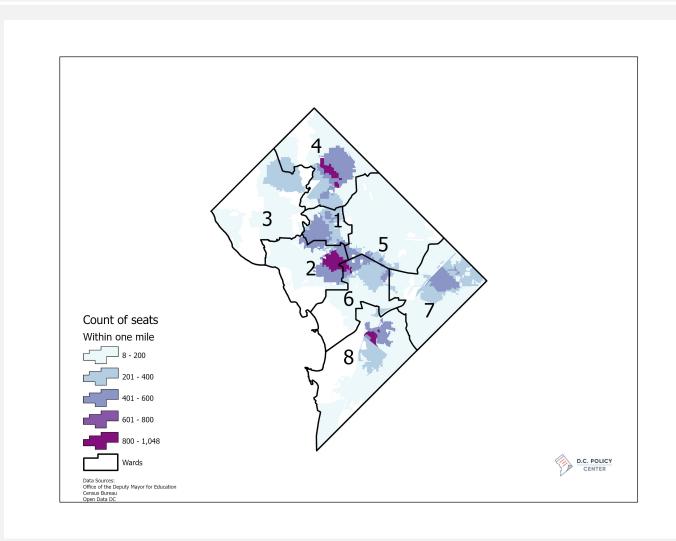


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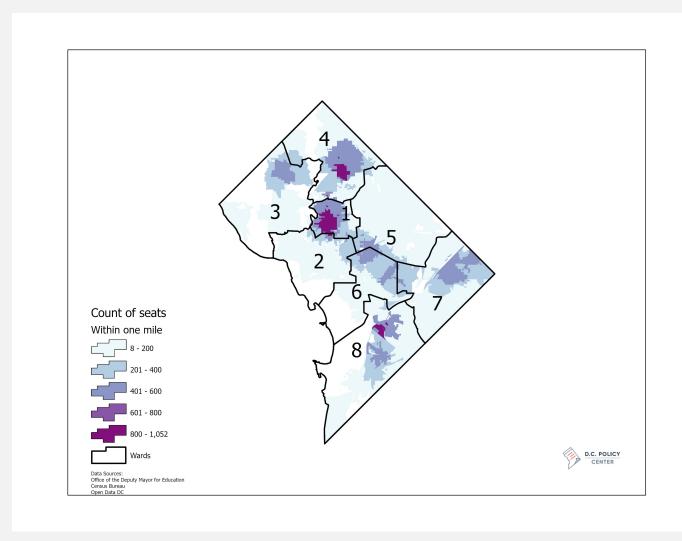


#### HIGH SCHOOL AFTERSCHOOL SEATS WITHIN A MILE





#### HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SEATS WITHIN A MILE





## PROVIDER CHARACTERISTICS AND CONCERNS



#### **Provider characteristics**

180 providers responded to our survey.

Most OST providers have been in operation for long periods of time and operate in a single ward.

Most OST providers offer program five or more times per week, 2 to 4 hours a day.

OST providers most frequently use school meetings, their websites, and social media to reach families.

Most CBOs work with at-risk students and special populations.

OST providers typically keep participant to staff ratio under 15 to 1.

CBOs are more likely to have bilingual staff compared to programs organized by schools.

Programs organized by schools are more likely to have behavioral support services compared to CBOs.

PTO involvement is rare in the OST landscape.



#### **Provider concerns**

**Staffing**, especially delayed clearance, and less interest in part-time in person work, need to increase wages.

**Funding**, especially the mismatch between when CBOs receive funds and have to provide services, volatility of funding, and trouble securing space for programming.

**Rising costs** including inflation, insurance costs, and salaries.

**Enrollment and attendance** which have declined post-pandemic.

**Changing needs of students**, including socioemotional support, economic hardship, and academic support.



## EXPERIENCE OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



#### Parent surveys and listening sessions

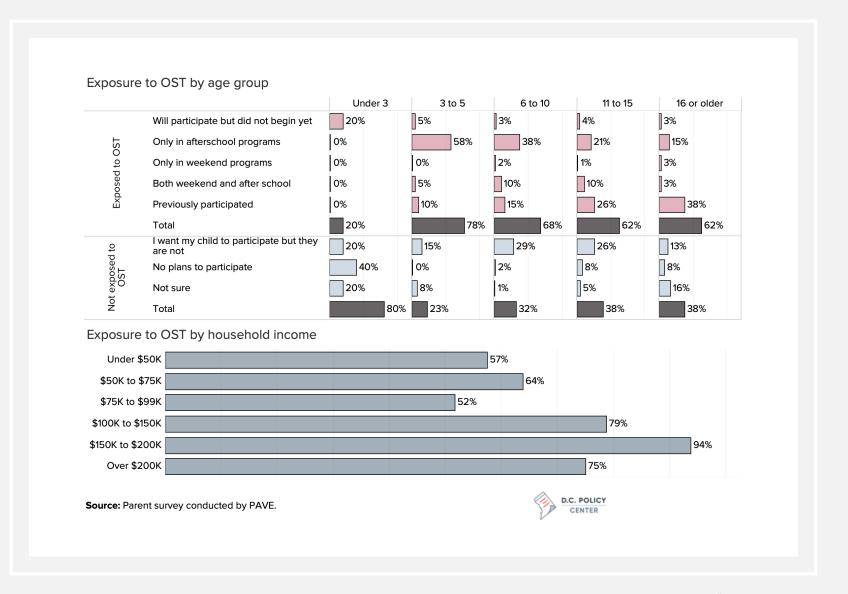
Two parent surveys were conducted by DC PAVE (one in English, on in Spanish). The survey was disseminated to 200 households, representative of D.C., and 181 households, representing 318 children, responded. Those who completed the survey were given a \$50 gift certificate as an incentive.

The D.C. Policy Center conducted a listening session on the experience of parents with OST programs on October 29, 2022, at the PAVE Office. Approximately 30 parents or guardians--all members of PAVE's citywide board—attended.

The D.C. Policy Center also received summary results of five parent listening sessions conducted by Georgetown students in conjunction with DC Action.

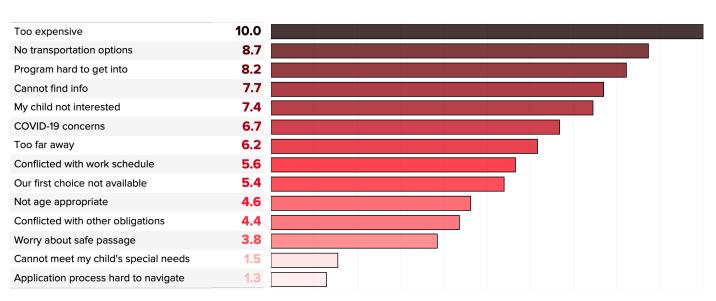










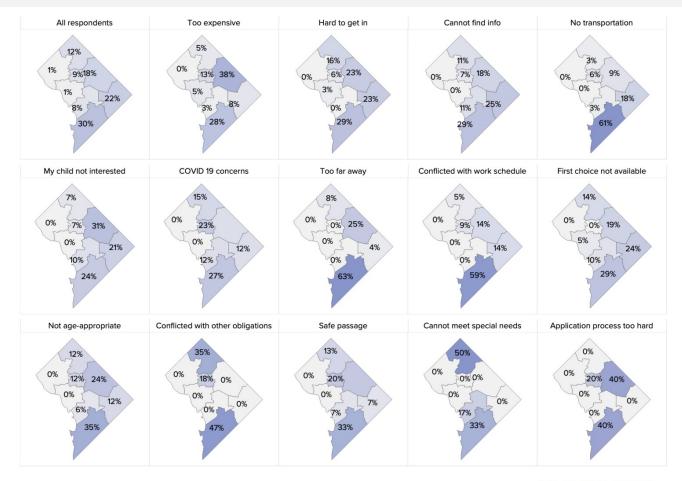


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PARTICIPATION CONSTRAINTS BY WARD



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#### **Most mentioned parent concerns**



Transportation, especially feeling safe on public transportation options.



Affordability, especially for summer and high quality programs.



Information, about how to find, and enroll in programs.



### **RECOMMENDATIONS**



# Recommendations on data collection and coordination

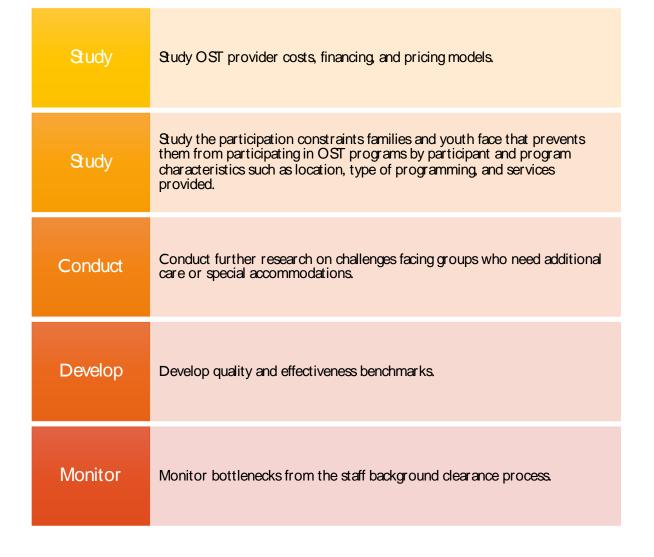
Collect standardized data about OST programs provided by the District government and organizations that receive government funding.

Collect information on OST programs operated by fully private providers that do not receive public funding.

Increase coordination between OSE and the OST office to develop a better understanding of the role of licensed child development centers in the OST landscape.

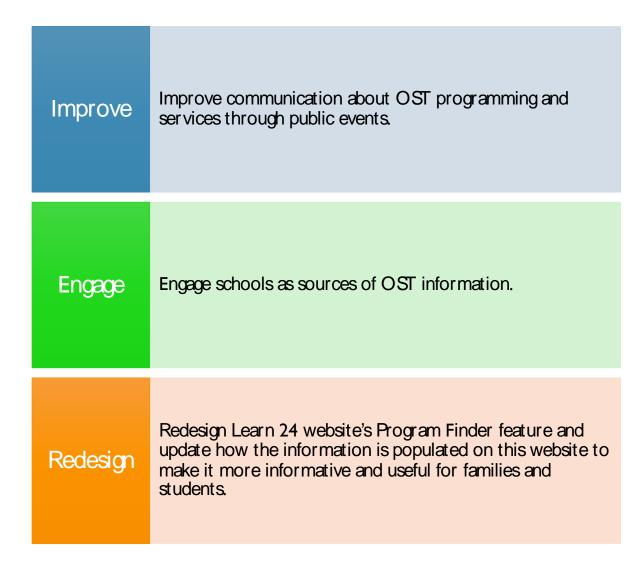


## Recommendations for further research and action





Recommendations on community engagement and information dissemination





### QUESTIONS?

