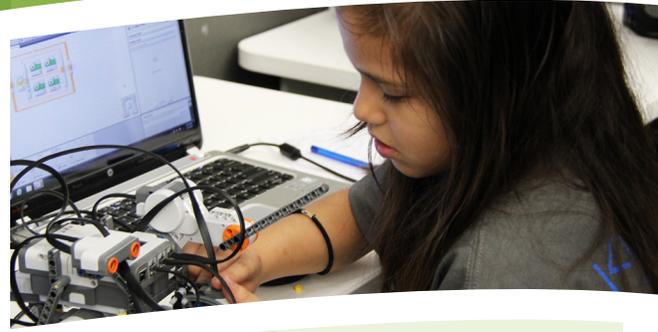


# Making the CASE for Kids



## Because what happens between school and home matters

Harris County Department of Education's Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment for Kids, or CASE for Kids, collaborates with philanthropic, corporate, small business and civic partners to bring greater funding and better quality to out-of-school time programs in Harris County.

Our vision is a connected community investing in opportunities for school-age youth.

Our mission is to strengthen, support and sustain afterschool programs and other out-of-school time activities that benefit Harris County youth. Afterschool providers, community-based organizations, child care centers, school districts and charter schools can all take advantage of our services, which include:

- **Funding** – Resource Administration and Grants Management
- **Quality** – Training, Coaching and Technical Support
- **Sustainability** – Coordination of Community Collaborations and Networking Opportunities

### More about CASE for Kids

Since its creation in 1999 to ensure that every child in Harris County has access to an afterschool program, CASE for Kids has leveraged more than \$150 million to support out-of-school time programming. This year, CASE is on track to serve 15,000 youth through services provided by 233 community partners. CASE for Kids maintains a growing database of more than 800 community partners and stakeholders who seek to raise awareness about the importance of out-of-school time investments in the lives of youth.

### More about Harris County Department of Education

HCDE supports the educational needs of 25 school districts in Harris County. Services are extended to children, adult learners, educators, local governments, charter schools and taxpayers. Our year-round services continue to evolve to help students achieve. To learn more, go to [www.hcde-texas.org](http://www.hcde-texas.org).

For more information about CASE for Kids, go to [www.afterschoolzone.org](http://www.afterschoolzone.org).

Harris County's best afterschool partner

## Services include:

### Funding for Programming

CASE for Kids leverages funding through strategic partnerships and the collaborative grants process for the provision of direct services to Harris County youth through the following programs:

- **Partnership Project** – for comprehensive, Monday through Friday programs serving kids ages 5-12.
- **City Connections** – for nonprofit organizations with out-of-school time projects based on a content area of expertise; allocated by City Council district service areas.
- **The Literacy Initiative** – for out-of-school time vendors integrating numeracy and literacy lessons for kids ages 5-12 in licensed child care facilities.
- **Collaborative Grants** – for local out-of-school time vendors, afterschool program providers, local school districts and public charters; includes 21st Century Community Learning Centers awards.
- **Afterschool E-Bid** – for local out-of-school time vendors wishing to market the sale of contracted services that have been approved through a district bidding process.

### Quality Support

CASE for Kids builds the capacity of afterschool and summer school-age program providers through training, professional development and coaching:

- **Quality Framework and Resources** – learn about the five core best practices and how they are linked to current research and state and national afterschool standards.
- **Professional Development** – attend our workshop series, online trainings and annual conference. All content is aligned with the CASE for Kids quality framework and geared to address the needs of administrators, managers, out-of-school time vendors or frontline staff.
- **Program Support and Assessment** – invite us for an on-site visit, participate in an evidence-based evaluation model and receive coaching from our trained staff.
- **Lending Library** – check out curriculum, activity kits and manipulatives from our state-of-the-art collection.
- **Kids' Day Series** – participate in one of our hands-on projects. Kids' Days are educationally-themed lessons that culminate in field experiences coordinated by the CASE for Kids team.