

Annual Report 2017



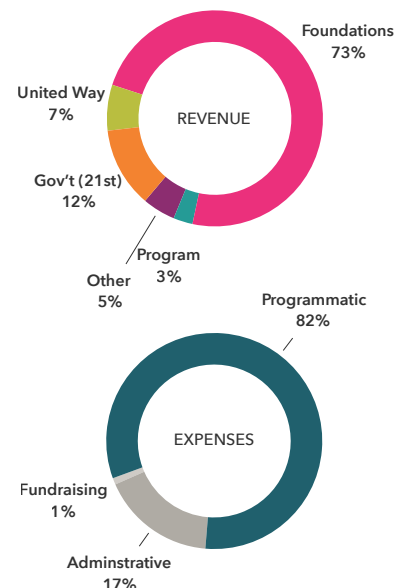
Vision

Every youth in every community will benefit from the power of afterschool.

Mission

To unite Minnesota's afterschool community and strengthen afterschool programs through partnership, education, and advocacy.

Financials



At Ignite, we have:

- 4 staff
- 6 Board Members
- 1 Americorps Vista

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Partnership

Launched **The Afterschool Blueprint**: a roadmap to collaboratively build a statewide system of professional development for youth workers.

Held **3 regional partnership meetings in Greater MN** which brought **75 people from over 25 organizations** together to move our mission forward

Welcomed **2 new staff: a Program Improvement & Partnerships Manager and an Americorps VISTA member** to grow our work and impact!

Updated our **communication materials** to better demonstrate how our network works with partners to strengthen afterschool.



Education

Trained 15 people from across the state to deliver the **Beyond the Bell** curriculum— adding more access to training that supports high quality afterschool in Minnesota.

300 people (up from 200) from over 100 organizations, 46 in greater Minnesota, participated in **Making Meaning with Multiple Data Sets (M3)**— Ignite's signature continuous program improvement process. **That's 40,000 youth participating in programs committed to improve quality!**

Over 200 people from over 147 organizations honed their afterschool skills in 46 sessions at the **Capturing Imaginations: Building Skills** Conference, a partnership with SciMathMN.

Promoted the use of **Believe. it. Build it., Minnesota's Guide to Effective Afterschool Practices** through 3 greater Minnesota trainings.

15 organizations from all across the state met for a year to improve the quality of STEM learning in afterschool through Ignite's **STEM in Afterschool Cohort**



Advocacy

150 guests attended Lights on Afterschool, co-sponsored by the Weisman Art Museum to celebrate 12 recipients of the first ever Afterschool Champion Awards and to raise awareness about afterschool

130 afterschool and youth policy advocates attended the Youth Policy Forum to learn more about 2017 successes and legislative priorities for young people.

Rallied the afterschool community to tell their afterschool story as decision-makers determined whether or not to continue federal 21st Century Community Learning Center funding.

Partnered with 4 organizations to host **Youth Day at the Capitol** which trained **450 young people about civic engagement, the legislative process, and how to meet with legislators.**