

32n Out-of-School Time Programs Expand Equitable Reach in Michigan

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A record \$57 million in 2024-25 state funding was invested into Michigan's K-12 out-of-school time (OST) programs for competitive grants, called 32n OST, up from \$50 million in the previous year. 32n OST is designed to fund quality OST programming in under-resourced neighborhoods. In 2023-24, 32n OST operated 733 program sites, with 919 sites applying for support totaling more than \$78 million. In 2024-25, both the number of applications and funding requests increased substantially, with over \$122 million requested to support 1,251 program sites. Through the competitive process, 673 sites were awarded funding, collectively proposing to serve more than 56,000 youth. Additionally, \$4.5 million in carryforward funds from the previous year supported 122 additional program sites, bringing the total number of funded sites in 2024-25 to 795.

The MiLEAP OST Team, in collaboration with Michigan Afterschool Partnership, spent the months of July, August and September of 2024 on efforts to make information on applying for 32n OST funding available to a wide range of eligible organizations. Small grassroots community-based organizations serving under-resourced neighborhoods were the primary targets of 32n OST outreach. Outreach began with in-person introductory meetings in five cities: Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Detroit, Flint, and Petoskey. In addition, the MiLEAP OST Team hosted several virtual technical assistance sessions throughout the grant application process; this includes 9 sessions on the use of the online application platform as well as 9 grant application sessions. **These efforts resulted in a broader service reach, with increased engagement in under-resourced, rural, and racially and ethnically more diverse areas.**

Figure 1 shows sites in relation to communities' resources, suggesting the '24-25 program cycle successfully expanded reach into low- and very-low-resourced areas.

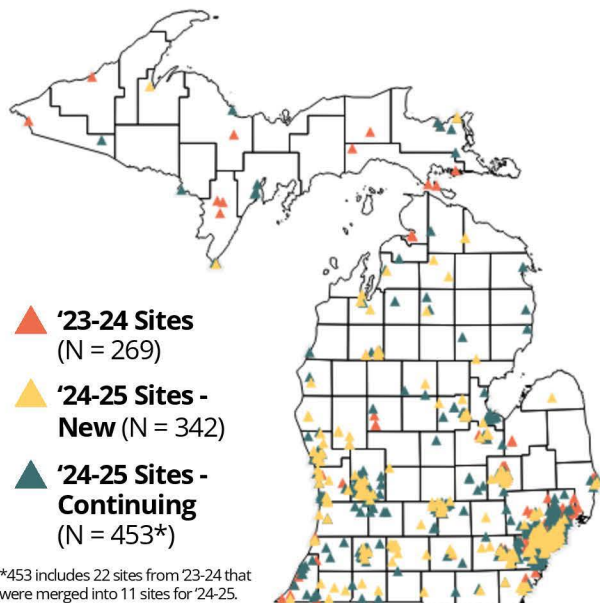
Figure 2 shows site distribution by geographic type, suggesting the '24-25 programs increased access for rural communities.

Figure 3 shows site's community racial/ethnic demographics, highlighting the '24-25 programs' broader reach into non-White communities.

Figure 4 presents challenges reported by site managers, highlighting a strong need for additional support in addressing staffing shortages, transportation barriers, and youth mental health concerns.

Map 1 shows the locations of 2023-24 and 2024-25 32n OST sites. The '24-25 32n OST funding has reached 73% of all Michigan counties.

Map 1. 2023-24 and 2024-25 32n OST Sites



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Figure 1. 32n OST Sites (%) by Community Resources¹



Figure 2. 32n OST Sites (%) by Geographic Type²

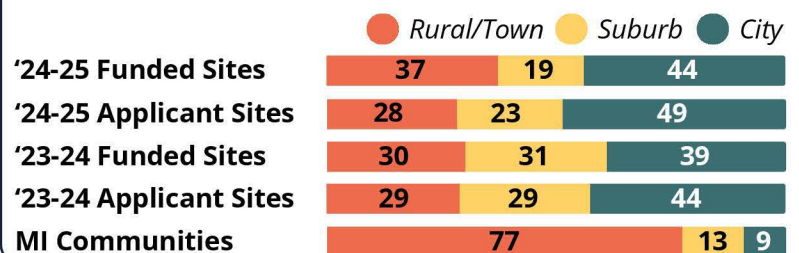


Figure 3. 32n OST Sites (%) by Community Race/Ethnicity³

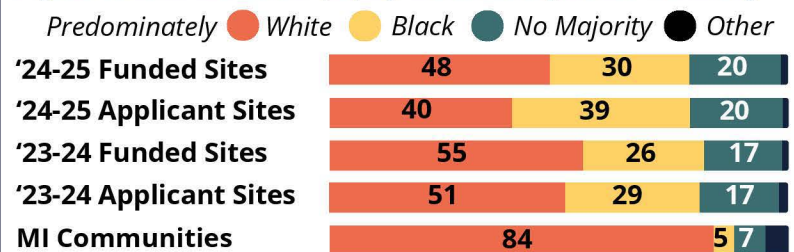
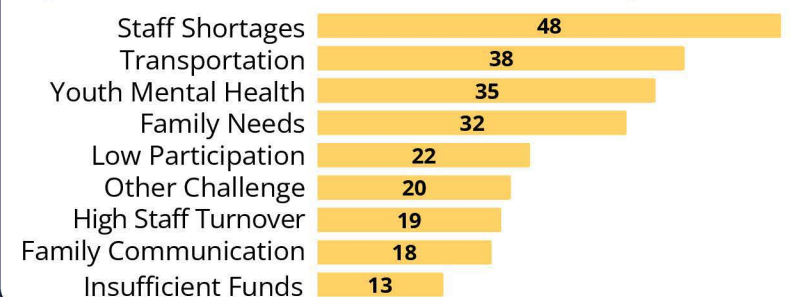


Figure 4. '23-24 32n OST Sites (%) With Challenges (N=445)



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