



The SHINE (Schools & Homes in Education) Afterschool Program

is dedicated to offering the children and families in Carbon and Schuylkill Counties the support and care they need to thrive. This has never been more evident than during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite unprecedented challenges, SHINE rose to the occasion.

From March 2020 to March 2021, SHINE:

- Served 1,100 students
- Operated programming for 45 weeks
- Operated in 12 centers (March-October 2020)
- Served 18,200 meals
- Hosted 147 students and their families during STEAM Family Engagement Nights presented by the Carbon County Environmental Center
- Distributed 2,700 monthly STEAM bags with materials for hands-on, virtual SHINE lessons

During the 2020-2021 School Year:

- Eight SHINE Afterschool Centers operated virtually
- Three SHINE Afterschool Centers operated primarily Face to Face
- One SHINE Afterschool Center transitioned from Virtual to Face to Face

“ The homework assistance was great since my child was struggling not being in the classroom. ”

– Palmerton area parent

“ I don't like learning virtual. My SHINE teachers help me out because they know I try really hard. I love SHINE. ”

– SHINE student