Our Mission

Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs and experiences, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.

The Need in Our State

Every day 267,945 kids in New Jersey leave school with nowhere to go. They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

Our Reach

1,383 Adult Staff
819 Volunteers
87 Boys & Girls Club Sites in New Jersey

55,403 Youth Served
27,076 Registered Members
28,327 Youth Served Through Community Outreach
456,675 Meals
414,362 Snacks

Member Demographics

77% Ages 12 and Younger
23% Teens (13-19)
56% Male
44% Female
33% Live in Single-Parent Households
55% Quality for Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

69% Minority Races or Ethnicities
22% Caucasian
26% African-American
31% Hispanic/Latino
5% Multi-racial
3% Asian-American
1% Native American

Club Locations

Asbury Park
Atlantic City
Camden
Clifton
Elizabeth
Ewing
Garfield
Glassboro
Hackettstown
Haskell
Hawthorne
Hoboken
Jersey City
Kinnelon
Lawrenceville
Lincoln Park
Lodi
Long Branch
Maywood
Neptune
Newark
North Haledon
Orange
Passaic
Paterson
Paulsboro
Pequannock
Plainfield
Pompton Lakes
Pompton Plains
Prospect Park
Red Bank
Trenton
Union
Vineland
Wallington
Wanaque
Wayne
West Orange

Military Youth Centers

Earle Naval
Fort Dix
Lakehurst
McGuire Air Force
Picatinny Arsenal

Genesis P.

2023 New Jersey Youth of the Year

“Have courage to show the world how different you are. Being unique makes you stand out from the rest and allows you to follow your bright future.”

Aidan L.

2023 New Jersey Military Youth of the Year

“Giving up is an option that does not exist.”

Every dollar invested in the Boys & Girls Clubs returns $9.60 in current and future earnings and cost-savings to their communities.
Our Agenda for America’s Youth

Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s Agenda for America’s Youth focuses on solutions and policies that will have the greatest impact on the youth of this country, and the fight to strengthen them. America’s youth need a voice and with your help, we will close the opportunity gap for all youth in America.

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<td>Every young person should have access to a high-quality out-of-school time experience.</td>
<td>Club youth are the leaders, innovators and problem-solvers of tomorrow – developing skills to be change agents in their communities and beyond.</td>
<td>Clubs across the country provide over 4 million young people with a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Club members in 8th, 10th and 12th grades volunteer at significantly higher rates than their peers nationally. **</td>
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<td>Every young person has a right to a safe, positive environment in which to learn and grow.</td>
<td>Every child has a right to a safe, positive environment in which they can learn and grow.</td>
<td>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs are committed to supporting communities and local Clubs ensure the safety of all youth especially during youth are not in school. 90% of Club members say they could go to staff for help in a crisis.</td>
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<td>Every young person should be equipped to make healthy decisions resulting in positive social, emotional, and physical well-being.</td>
<td>When young people live healthy lifestyles, they are able to make decisions that result in their social, emotional and physical well-being.</td>
<td>Our programs help youth engage in positive behaviors that nurture their well-being. Club members learn how to manage stress, demonstrate good teamwork, eat well, and keep physically fit. Club teens are less likely to use drugs or alcohol and more likely to engage in regular physical activity than their peers nationally. **</td>
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<td>Every young person deserves to be well prepared for life and career.</td>
<td>When young people perform well academically, they graduate from high school on time, are motivated to learn and have a plan to succeed in today’s modern workforce.</td>
<td>Clubs equip youth with the soft and hard skills they need to succeed in the workforce and create access to partnerships for real-life experiences to explore career options. Among youth ages 12 to 17 living in households experiencing low income, Club members report higher grades than youth nationally.**</td>
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<td>Every young person has the right to safe, positive and inclusive environments where everyone can reach their full potential.</td>
<td>The mission and core beliefs of Boys &amp; Girls Clubs fuel our commitment to promoting safe, positive and inclusive environments for all.</td>
<td>Clubs champion opportunities for the unique challenges and circumstances in communities, while respecting and celebrating their strengths and cultures. 83% of Club members believe they can make a difference in their community.</td>
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