

WHATEVER IT TAKES TO BUILD GREAT FUTURES



**Minnesota Boys & Girls Clubs
Make a Difference:
Serving 23,000+ Youth
In 36 Communities, and
On 4 Native Amer. Reservations**



**82% of Minnesota
parents agree: All
young people
deserve access to
quality afterschool
and summer
programs**



**84% of Minnesota
parents support
public funding for
after-school and
summer learning
programs.**



The Social ROI of Boys & Girls Clubs

- ▶ For every \$1 invested in Clubs, there is a \$10.32 return in economic benefits to Club members, their families, and society.
- ▶ The ROI study measured improved physical and mental health outcomes, increased academic performance, increased lifetime earnings, reduced juvenile system involvement for youth members, increased caregiver earnings, and increased taxes paid.



Research shows that high-quality youth development programs, like those offered by Boys & Girls Clubs, improve youth outcomes including school attendance, civic engagement, and graduation rates while decreasing participation in risky behaviors. Our youth outcome data demonstrates proof of this impact:

93%

of Club youth expect to graduate high school; higher than the national on-time high school graduation rate of 86%.

95%

of Club teens (9th-12th grade) believe they have the skills they need to be successful in a job.

86%

of Club members report helping the community through volunteerism or other acts



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

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2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



For over 15 years, Minnesota Boys & Girls Clubs have collaborated with DEED to provide youth workforce training across the state. This partnership equips young individuals with essential technical and soft skills for the evolving job market. Programs include career exploration workshops, mentorship, and hands-on training, helping youth make informed career decisions. This initiative empowers young people and strengthens the state's workforce.

Programs such as SMART Moves and Money Matters offer essential training in **interpersonal skills and personal finance**, which are crucial for success in today's job market.

Career Launch empowers young people to explore high-demand careers, develop application and interview skills, and gain practical training and experience as they **prepare for post-secondary education and future careers**.

Over 5,000 young individuals engage in the Clubs' youth workforce programs throughout the state each year, establishing it as one of the **largest statewide workforce development initiatives for those under 18**.

In 2025-2026, the Clubs aim to broaden their workforce programs to **reach additional communities**, focusing on more **targeted career pipeline partnerships**, as well as career path navigation and mentoring.

Boys & Girls Clubs provide a safe and supportive environment where youth who need us the most can receive the academic assistance they need to succeed. Through programs like homework help, Exact Path, literacy and STEM activities, Clubs help ensure that all young people are achieving at their appropriate grade level.

One-time funding from MDE has offered Club youth access to the Exact Path program, which provides **evidence-based personalized learning pathways in K-12 math, reading, and language arts**. This program utilizes assessments to pinpoint each student's specific needs and deliver tailored instruction.

Minnesota Boys & Girls Clubs have expanded to meet the increasing needs of youth across the state. To further support these young people, Clubs are looking to **expand academic assistance programs and strengthen partnerships with schools**, including mentorship **initiatives and strategies to improve school attendance**.

98%

of Minnesota Clubs' 5th-12th graders are now learning at their appropriate grade level

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