

21st Century Community Learning Centers

2019-20 Program Year Summary



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INTRODUCTION

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) initiative supports the creation of local programs to provide students and their families with high-quality academic enrichment opportunities and services. Centers are designed to target students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools and provide support during non-school hours.

The purpose of this report is to share a summary of outcomes Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver (BGCMD) delivered in program year 2019-2020 as a result of 21st Century's Cohort 8 funding, which supports three Club sites: Green Valley Ranch Boys & Girls Club, Beach Court Boys & Girls Club and Westminster Boys & Girls Club. These are located at KIPP Northeast Charter School, Beach Court Elementary and Hidden Lake High School, respectively, the first two of which serve primarily youth attending the schools in which they are located, and the latter of which serves youth from more than 20 surrounding schools.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS RESPONSE TO COVID-19



When faced with the COVID-19 pandemic, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver remained committed to providing support to its 21st Century families and community members, both virtually and with in-person programming. The pandemic created many obstacles and challenges for families; therefore, we have been meticulous about creating an integrated program model that serves all families through use of various mediums such as technology platforms, physical activity kits and social media.

At Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver, we have leaned in to support the students, families and community we serve. We have charted a new path to support our families in this time of crisis with an emphasis in providing holistic services for families.

[Mental Health Outreach](#)

Since March, our team of social workers, along with our Program Leads, have regularly placed calls to families to check on their wellbeing, and they have served as a connector to critical resources. In addition, the Mental Health staff have conducted tele-therapy appointments with our youth. These supports continue today.

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As we have uncovered specific needs of our families, we have delivered needed food and essential supplies. The needs of our kids, community and school districts are still changing daily, and sometimes hourly, so we will continue to listen and adapt.



Beach Court Boys & Girls Club at Beach Court Elementary

STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Attendance at our Cohort 8 sites continued to grow from last year. A total of 648 students attended afterschool enrichment programs at Beach Court Elementary (122 attended), KIPP Northeast (216 attended), and Hidden Lake High School (310 attended) during the 2019-2020 school year. That is 5% higher (617 total students attended) than the 2018-2019 school year for these same programs. 21st Century Community Learning Centers define a 'regular attender' as a student who attends the program more than 30 days during the course of the school year. Our Cohort 8 sites saw 458 regular attenders throughout the 2019-2020 school year. That is 17% higher than our regular attenders from last school year. The 458 regular attenders from this school year exceeds our proposed goal of 260 regular attenders by 75%.

617
Students
Served

PERFORMANCE: Students Served

GOAL: To reinforce and complement regular academic programming, 21st Century programs provided additional services, programs and activities designed to increase essential skills in areas including positive youth development, service learning, career exploration and competency-based learning.

RESULTS: Our afterschool enrichment programs work hard to create a positive environment where youth can feel safe, feel challenged, and build positive relationships with trusted adults. To capture youth voice and feedback, BGCMD utilizes the Survey of Academic and Youth Outcomes (SAYO) survey. SAYO is an annual research-based measurement tool that gives youth a voice and allows them to share the impact of our enrichment programs. The

survey focuses on program experience, youth feelings about their future goals, and competencies such as reading/writing/interacting with others. 149 youth completed the SAYO survey at our Cohort 8 sites (21 at Beach Court, 51 at KIPP,, and 77 at Hidden Lake). The survey results returned high scores in key performance scales such as Supportive Adult, Future Planning and Actions, Youth Feel Challenged, Competency as a Learner, and Competency as a Reader. These results show that youth felt encouraged by staff, challenged by new and exciting activities, and confident in academic and social settings.

PERFORMANCE: Family Members Served

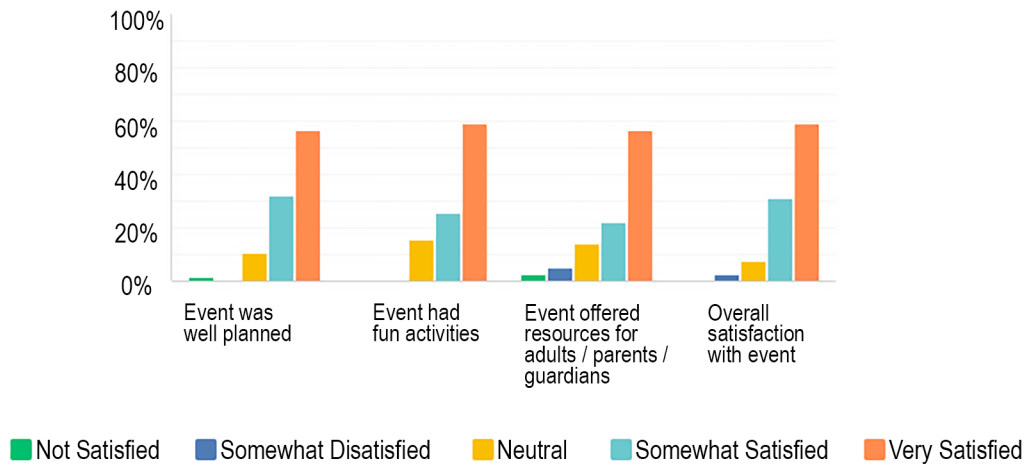
GOAL: To increase active and meaningful engagement in children's education, 21st Century funds provided Boys & Girls Club services, programs and activities for families of students served by Community Learning Centers. Activities included English as a Second Language (ESL) proficiency courses, parenting classes, culturally relevant activities, and opportunities for parents and caretakers to become more involved in their child's development.

RESULTS: Since the start of the COVID pandemic, BGCMD has remained committed to providing support for our 21st Century Community Learning Center families and community members. BGCMD understands that the pandemic has created many obstacles and challenges for families. In response, we have been adapting to the real-time needs of our Club kids and families. During the pandemic, our Cohort 8 sites have provided additional resources such as food/water, educational resources, toys/games, digital tablets, and gift cards for groceries for 333 families within metro Denver. On August 24, 2020, we opened our doors at Hidden Lake High School to provide afterschool enrichment for Westminster Public Schools' students grades K-12.

Each of our sites hosted multiple family engagement events throughout the duration of the 2019-2020 school year. Combined between the three sites, we had more than 200 total people attend the family night events (Beach Court: 61, KIPP: 71, Hidden Lake: 89). Due to the pandemic, each site made the decision to cancel multiple family engagement events for the remainder of the school year. Regardless, our staff remained committed to serving families after the closures. In spite of the pandemic, Cohort 8 sites exceeded our family members served goal by 155 (Goal: 400, Outcome: 555).

At the conclusion of each school year, our organization asks families to complete a survey to gather feedback on their satisfaction with our family engagement efforts.

Satisfaction Ratings for Family Engagement Events



SUCCESS STORIES

Learning to Love Reading

Beach Court has a student that has attended the program since we opened in 2018. She started as a second grader and had a hard time with reading comprehension. She would read during her time in the program, and when she took her Accelerated Reader (AR) tests she would usually get between 60%-70% questions correct. When she returned to the program this year, our education specialist worked consistently with her to help her improve her test scores though AR and Renaissance MyOn. Her reading scores improved over the course of the year and before we closed our Club facilities during the pandemic, she had the most reading points in the AR program. Reading used to be something this student was shy about and rarely did out loud, but now with her scores higher she is feeling more confident and it is a source of pride for her.

Building the Next Generation of Leaders

BGCMD runs a teen program named Keystone at our Westminster location. This program provides leadership development opportunities for teens in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. The Keystone group organized and hosted a family night event to raise money to attend the BGCA Keystone National Conference next year. The teens made posole and horchata for all the families in attendance and also set up and coached a flag football game for our younger members. Members of our Keystone program also invited a local chapter of a car club. Parents had the opportunity to vote on artwork in the gym and listen to multiple teens present poetry that they created through a Spoken Word workshop.



Green Valley Ranch Boys & Girls Club at KIPP Northeast

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