



FY 2023 OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative Grantee Profile

Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Program Overview and Background

Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) provides mentoring to youth ages 6-17 through the Mentoring at Boys & Girls Clubs (MBGC) program. BGCA is uniquely positioned to drive positive outcomes for young people in diverse communities throughout the country. The MBGC approach is comprehensive and cost-effective, leveraging BGCA's nationwide Club network to connect at-risk youth with mentors, skill-building prevention programs, and positive youth development. These risk factors include involvement in the juvenile justice system, as well as individual, family, and environmental risk factors for substance abuse.

Program Services

Program services for youth include relationships with one or more mentors and engagement in two prevention programs, including at least one evidence-based program. Three prevention strategies, social and emotional development, bullying prevention, and intensive mentoring with case management, are utilized by mentors to meet specific mentee needs. Families are engaged throughout the program and supported with referrals to community partners as needed.

Target Population

We aim to provide mentoring under this grant to young people with any one or more of the following:

- Single Parent Household
- Academic Challenges
- Juvenile Justice Involvement
- Victimization
- Substance Impact or Misuse
- Rural Location
- Facing Discrimination based on Race, Ethnicity or Gender Identity
- Youth with Disabilities



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Headquarters in Atlanta, GA

Founded in 1906

1,423 Program Locations

Grant: JJ FY23 Mentoring: Opioids

Award Number: 15PJDP-23-GG-01322-MENT

Award Amount: \$2,000,000

Mentoring Model & Structure

- Site-based, school-based
- One-to-one, peer, group, school-based, community-based, e-mentoring, hybrid (1:1 in a group setting), combined (both group and 1:1 mentoring)
- Partnering with juvenile justice agencies, schools, corporate sector
- Programs focus on Sports, STEM, Arts, Community Service, Academics, Gender-specific, targeted Gang Prevention, Youth with Disabilities, College Readiness, Substance Misuse/ Impact, Youth Victims (Child Abuse or Exploitation), and General



Mentor Recruitment & Training

- Peer Mentoring included in programming
- For mentor recruitment, we target Peers (Youth), College Students, Adult Volunteers, Athletic Coaches, Law Enforcement Officers, Program Staff
- Duration of program services: Varies
- Expected intensity of match contact: Minimum of 4 hours per month
- Expected length of a match: Minimum of 9 months
- Expected frequency of match contact: Minimum 4 times per month
- Number of training hours required before a mentor is matched with a youth: 3 hours

Additional Resources

- Boys & Girls Clubs of America Website: www.bgca.org

this data is accurate as of June 2024.

For more information on our OJJDP grant:

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