



FY 2024 OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative Grantee Profile

Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Program Overview and Background

Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) is uniquely positioned to drive positive outcomes for young people in communities throughout the country. Mentoring at Boys & Girls Clubs is a multicomponent mentoring program that will leverage BGCA’s nationwide Club affiliate network to connect at-risk youth with caring mentors to provide positive youth development and targeted skill-building prevention programs that address individual youth risk factors.



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Program Services

Project activities include small group, one-on-one, and peer mentoring, delivered in the youth development environment of a Boys & Girls Club, and a variety of programs building skills in risk avoidance, academics, leadership development, and workforce. Mentors and mentees will be matched based on mutual interests and individual mentee needs and risk factors. Mentees and mentors will meet for 1-2 hours a week for a minimum of one year. Youth and family partnerships are a core program strategy. Program enhancements include online training to support subgrantee practice alignment to the best practices in mentoring research, a resource guide featuring youth-driven antibullying strategies, and an updated mentee orientation process featuring youth-initiated elements. Anticipated youth outcomes include increases in social competence, school attendance, GPA, and positive family relationships; decreases in antisocial behavior and substance abuse; and increased resistance to involvement in delinquency.

Headquarters in Atlanta, GA

Founded in 1906

27,070 Youth Served

1,431 Program Locations

1,379 Sub Grantees

Grant: JJ FY24 Mentoring: National

Award Number: 15PJDP-24-GG-01661-MENT

Award Amount: \$28,000,000

Mentoring Model & Structure

- Site-based
- One-to-one, Group, Peer, Combined (Mentee receives both group and 1:1 mentoring)
- Partnering with Juvenile Justice Agency, School, Law Enforcement Agency
- Programs focus on General

Target Population

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

- Juvenile Justice Involvement
- Youth At-Risk/High-Risk
- Military-Connected Youth
- Native Youth



Mentor Recruitment & Training

- 7,734 mentors recruited under this grant
- For mentor recruitment, we target Adult Volunteers and Program Staff
- Duration of program services: 9-12 months
- Expected intensity of match contact: 1 hour per session
- Expected length of a match: 9-12 months
- Expected frequency of match contact: Weekly
- 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 January 2025.

For more information on our OJJDP grant:

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