

2024-25 Neighborhood Youth Centers and Boys & Girls Clubs

Purpose and Design

Since 2018, the Neighborhood Youth Center (NYC) funding has gone to the CT Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs in alignment with legislative intent. The Boys & Girls Clubs in Connecticut are dedicated to fostering academic success and enrichment opportunities for youth across the state. Through structured afterschool programs, members receive support that enhances their learning experience, encourages personal growth, and builds a foundation for lifelong academic achievement.

The **Power Hour Homework Help Program** provides club youth with guided assistance to complete their schoolwork while developing self-directed learning habits. Additionally, **Project Learn** enrichment programs offer engaging activities that reinforce learning through hands-on experiences and skill-building exercises.

Funding

A total of **\$1,000,000** was allocated in fiscal year 2025 to support academic success and enrichment after-school programs at **54 Boys & Girls Club sites** across the state. This funding enables the Clubs to provide essential resources, qualified staff, and program materials that directly benefit youth participants.

Program Locations

Programs are implemented across multiple Boys & Girls Club sites in Connecticut, serving youth in the following locations:

- **Ansonia, Bloomfield, Bridgeport, Bristol, Burlington, Greenwich, Groton, Hartford, Meriden, Milford, New Britain, New Haven, Redding Ridge, Ridgefield, Shelton, Fairfield, Stamford, and Waterbury.**

Number of Youth Served

Boys & Girls Clubs in Connecticut collectively serve **18,238 members** who participate in various programs. In 2023:

- **6,992 members** received support through the **Power Hour Homework Help Program**.
- **5,111 members** participated in **Project Learn enrichment programs**.

These programs provide vital academic assistance and enrichment opportunities that help students stay engaged in their education and build essential skills for future success.

Outcome Data

The impact of these programs is reflected in key academic and behavioral metrics among participating youth. The following indicators highlight the effectiveness of Boys & Girls Club programs in promoting educational success:

- **55%** of youth are **on track to graduate from high school**, with an additional **20% on track with some risk**.
- **85%** of youth reported earning **mostly A's or B's** in the previous academic year (**46% mostly A's, 39% mostly B's**).
- **65%** of youth reported **not skipping any days of school** in the past four weeks.
- **69%** of teens expect to complete a **4-year college degree or greater**.
- **92%** of youth and teens expect to **graduate from high school**.
- **71%** of youth perceive school as **important or very important** for their future (**40% very important, 31% important**).