



21st Century Community Learning Centers

Vision Statement: Every young person should have access to a high-quality out-of-school time experience.

Background

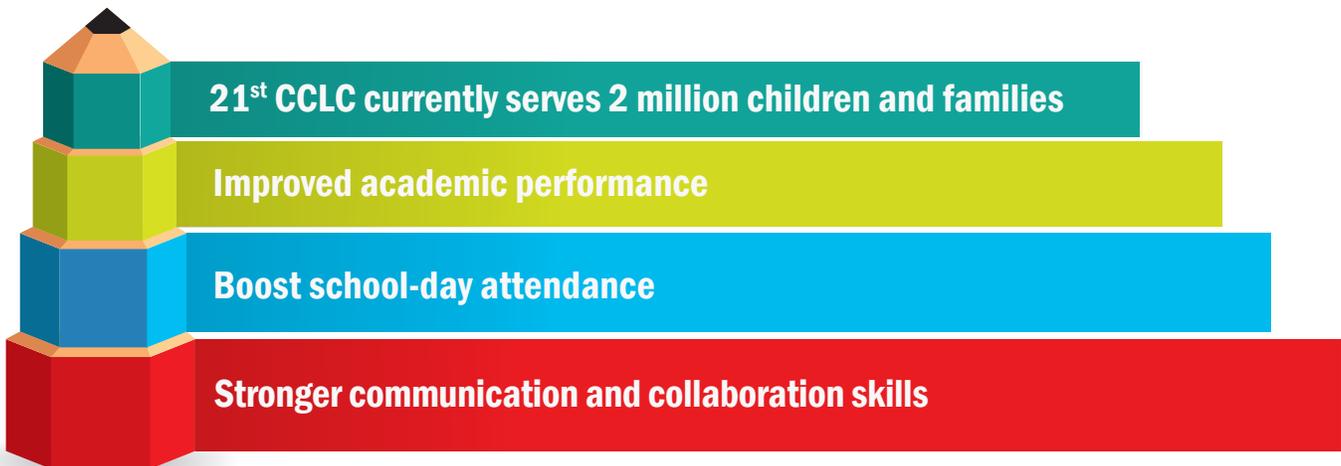
21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) provide high quality programming to a diverse group of children grades pre-K to 12th grade in communities nationwide. 21st CCLC programs provide academic enrichment opportunities for children during out-of-school time, including before-and after-school and over the summer, offering academic support and enrichment programs, STEM activities, tutoring and physical activities.



Every dollar invested in Boys & Girls Clubs **returns \$9.60** in current and future earnings and cost-savings to their communities.

Among Club teens, **97%** expect to graduate from high school and **87%** expect to attend college.

This initiative is currently the **only federal funding source** dedicated exclusively to **out of school time education programs**. 11.3 million school-age children are home without adult supervision after school. Cutting or eliminating funding for 21st CCLC would have a **devastating impact nationwide**.



Boys & Girls Clubs are now the **2nd largest provider of afterschool programs in rural America**—second only to public schools. There are **990 rural Clubs** that serve nearly **290,000 registered members**, which is **1 out of every 3** young people in rural areas where Clubs operate.



We ask that Congress support **\$1.32B** for **21st CCLC** in the FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations.

Out-of-School Time

Currently, youth spend more time out of school than in, making quality and impactful out of school time (OST) an economic, moral and national imperative for our country. 21st CCLC programs provide essential support to closing existing educational opportunity and achievement gaps for underserved students.

As a leader in the out-of-school time space, Clubs meet the needs of local communities across the country, keeping young people safe, providing opportunities for improving academic success, and building character and leadership skills, which helps increase youth resiliency and reduces high-risk activity.



In 2018, **212 Boys & Girls Clubs in 48 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico** received 21st CCLC funding for **565 sites**. This competitive grant provides **crucial resources** in local communities across the country and **establishes support systems** youth need for their success.

Success Story

Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks is a 21st CCLC recipient that was able to expand services into new communities. Currently, they serve about **22 percent** of the student body in their community, with **90 percent** of youth improving or maintaining grades and **35 percent** getting their first job with the help of the Club.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka is a 21st CCLC recipient and as a result has been able to expand Club services to **two additional school districts**, partnering with **four new schools** to infuse services needed to reach more children at or below poverty. This partnership resulted in **67 percent** of students making continuous improvement and/or maintaining high academic performance in math.



21st Century Community Learning Centers Outcomes

49% improved homework completion

49% improved class participation

37% improved behavior

37% improved Math & English grades