

### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

# **2018 ARIZONA FACT SHEET**



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ARIZONA ALLIANCE

# The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs and experiences, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.

# The Need in Our State

Every day 214,043 kids in Arizona leave school with nowhere to go<sup>1</sup>. They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

The Club provides me with the confidence to express myself completely and unreservedly.



Marena S Arizona Youth of the Year



#### **Club Locations & Military Bases**

# **Our Agenda for America's Youth**

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At Boys & Girls Clubs of America we believe who you are, where you're from, or the circumstances that surround you shouldn't determine your access to experiences or opportunities. Our Agenda for America's Youth focuses on solutions and policies that will have the greatest impact on the youth of this country, and the fight to strengthen them. America's youth need a voice and with your help, we will close the opportunity gap for all youth in America.

### Out-Of-School <sup>4</sup> Time

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

# The Need

Nationally, 11.3 million school-age children are home without adult supervision after school.

### What We Do

Clubs across the country provide over 4 million young people with a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours.

# **Our Impact**

**54%** of Club Alumni said the club literally "saved my life".

# Safer Childhoods

Every young person has a right to a safe, positive environment in which to learn and grow.

# The Need

Nationally, 49% of youth grades 4–12 reported being bullied at least once during the past month.

# What We Do

Boys & Girls Clubs are committed to supporting communities and local Clubs ensure the safety of all youth especially during out-of-school time when statistics show youth violence escalates in communities between the hours of 3-7 p.m.

# **Our Impact**

Older Club Teens are **41%** less likely to get into a physical fight than their peers.

# Health & Wellness

Every young person should be equipped to make healthy decisions resulting in positive social, emotional, and physical well-being.

### The Need

Nationally, 33% of high school students report currently using alcohol and 22% using marijuana in the past 30 days.

### What We Do

Our programs help youth engage in positive behaviors that nurture their well-being. Club members learn how to manage stress, demonstrate good teamwork, eat well, and keep physically fit.

### Our Impact Club 12<sup>th</sup> graders are

26% more likely to abstain from alcohol than their peers nationally.

#### Education, Career Readiness & Leadership Development

Every young person deserves to be well prepared for life and career.

# The Need

21% of young people in Arizona fail to graduate from high school on time.<sup>2</sup>

# What We Do

Clubs equip youth with the soft and hard skills they need to succeed in the workforce and create access to partnerships for reallife experiences to explore career options.

# **Our Impact**

**97%** of Club teens expect to graduate on time and **86%** expect to attend college.

# Equity & Inclusion

Every young person has the right to safe, positive and inclusive environments where everyone can reach their full potential.

# The Need

Nationally, nearly 1 in 5 children live in poverty and 50% live in lowincome families.

### What We Do

Clubs champion opportunities for the unique challenges and circumstances in communities, while respecting and celebrating their strengths and cultures. **Our Impact** 

**83%** of Club members believe they can make a difference in their community.

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