

MINNESOTA NEEDS BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Every day, over **219,277 children** leave school with nowhere to go. Clubs provide the consistent safety net youth need to thrive. They risk being unsupervised and unsafe during the critical hours between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

25,814
TOTAL KIDS SERVED

365,535
MEALS & SNACKS

3,429
KIDS DAILY AVG

Minnesota
Needs
Club Kids
Club Kids Need You.



IMPACT DEMOGRAPHICS

86%
FREE/REDUCED
LUNCH

30%
SINGLE-PARENT
HOMES

884
TRAINED, VETTED
STAFF

Communities Served

Bagley	Bemidji	Blackduck
Callaway	Cass Lake	Clear Lake
Coleraine	Deer River	Detroit Lakes
Duluth	Elbow Lake	Elk River
Grand Rapids	Hibbing	Little Falls
Mahnomen	Minneapolis	Mound
Nett Lake	Ogema	Perham
Ponemah	Ponsford	Red Lake
Richfield	Rochester	St. Cloud
St. Joseph	St. Paul	Sartell
Sauk Rapids	Tower	Waite Park
Walker	Waubun	White Earth

Member Diversity

AFRICAN-AMERICAN	32%
CAUCASIAN	21%
HISPANIC/LATINO	14%
MULTIRACIAL	8%
NATIVE AMERICAN	8%
ASIAN-AMERICAN	6%



TWIN CITIES' DECADE-LONG EVOLUTION OF ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS & LITERACY INNOVATION

Metro area Clubs have delivered structured literacy programming since 2016, building a strong foundation of academic support that complements classroom instruction and accelerates youth learning.

Club literacy programming aligns with the **2023 Minnesota READ Act**, identifying reading needs through evidence-based instruction:

- **LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling)** trained, vetted staff are equipped with deep knowledge of the **Science of Reading**.
- Early adopters of the nationally recognized **FastBridge** assessment tool to monitor reading progress and identify skill gaps.
- Utilizes **Lexia Core5 and PowerUp** evidence-based tools to provide adaptive instruction.
- Boys & Girls Clubs literacy program receives support from the **MN Dept. of Education** and partners with **Minneapolis Public Schools** to bring licensed teachers into the Clubs to provide focused reading support.

95%
MINNESOTA CLUB YOUTH WHO REPORT THEY ARE ON TRACK TO GRADUATE ON TIME

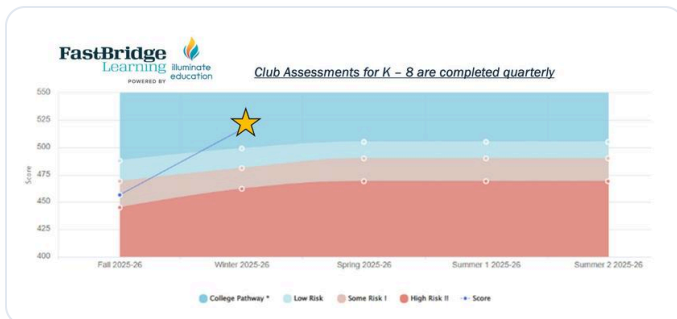


EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Leading education organizations partner with BGCTC. Members include:

Cambium Learning Group • Renaissance • Pathway2Careers • Spring Math Accelerate • Capstone

LITERACY IN ACTION: FASTBRIDGE DATA-DRIVEN GROWTH



Gianna is a second grader in north Minneapolis. From Fall to winter, she moved from the some-risk to the college pathway level in reading, raising her cumulative score by **60 points**.

"Adult connection drives learning. 94% of members report that adults at the Club care about them."

THE "WHOLE CHILD" ADVANTAGE

Beyond academics, Boys & Girls Clubs are a primary setting for physical health and mental resilience. We equip youth to manage stress, build strong identities, and avoid risky behaviors through high-impact, evidence-based wellness programming.

Fitness & Nutrition

21% vs 33%

OBESITY PREVALENCE

Club participants are significantly healthier than nonparticipants across standard metrics.

THE MENTORSHIP DIFFERENCE

About three-fourths of **Boys & Girls Club tweens and teens** said they are comfortable talking about personal topics with Club staff, including:

Personal Struggles	72%
Personal Identities	74%
Personal Goals	85%

Only 41% of national peers report having a trusted adult to talk to (NYOI).

TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE INTEGRATION:

- > Creating safe and welcoming spaces that ensure physical and emotional safety
- > Trauma-informed training, education, and resources for staff
- > Staff self-care: addressing secondary traumatic stress to ensure quality care
- > Group and individual sessions for youth led by social workers and therapists
- > Youth empowerment, voice, and choice in shaping program design

92%
POSITIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

90%
FEEL SAFE BEING THEMSELVES

79%
HANDLE DISAPPOINTMENT EFFECTIVELY

IMPACT IN ACTION: MIIGWAN

A **Club kid** from north Minneapolis found her voice in traditional drumming. *"At the Club, my culture is my strength,"* she shares. Miigwan is now a mentor to younger girls.

90%

OF CLUB KIDS REPORT HAVING A TRUSTED ADULT TO TALK TO IN A CRISIS



DEED Spotlight: Workforce Pipeline

Served 1,975 unique youth (ages 8-18), achieving 132% overall goal attainment for the SFY25 grant cycle.

WORKFORCE OUTCOMES

69%

ECON. DISADV.

53%

BIPOC YOUTH

40%

DISABILITIES

LEADERSHIP CASE: CAREER SUMMIT

Members participated in a leadership retreat focused on networking, public speaking, and teamwork—skills applied directly in workplaces today.

Teen Pathways Continuum

- **Career Launch:** Readiness skills.
- **Diplomas to Degrees:** Connections.
- **Money Matters:** Financial literacy.
- **Real-World Prep:** College & Fairs.

Industry Exposure Examples

ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION

Construction Laborer • Pipefitting • Architect • Electrician • Solar Tech

SPORTS, HEALTH & STEM

Sports Management • Registered Nurse • Biomedical Engineer • Web Dev

LOGISTICS & FINANCE

CDL Truck Driver • Robotics Spec • Financial Analyst • Claims Adjuster

PUBLIC SAFETY & ARTS

Firefighter • EMT • Graphic Designer • Lighting Tech

Economic ROI & Efficiency

10.32x

RETURN FOR EVERY \$1 INVESTED IN MINNESOTA

Leveraging support alongside DEED funding drives significant taxpayer impact through increased future earnings for Minnesota youth.

Data Sources: 2024 Minnesota Clubs Data Fact Sheet, SFY25 DEED Performance Report, FastBridge Academic Testing, National Youth Outcomes Initiative (NYOI).

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