



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE AUSTIN AREA

FACT SHEET

- **About us:** Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area (BGCAA) is Austin's leading youth development agency currently serving more than 8,200 registered members annually (approximately 2,400 per day) and engaging with more than 12,700 kids annually at 32 locations in Bastrop and Travis Counties.
- **Established:** Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area was established in Austin in 1967 and has been serving the Austin area for 52 years.
- **Mission:** Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.
- **The vision:** We work to provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.
- **Core focus:** Programming at Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area is provided in three core areas:
 - Academic Success,
 - Good Character & Citizenship
 - Healthy Lifestyles
- **Critical need:** More than 105,000 Austin-area Title 1 youth lack free or affordable programming after school each day and during other out-of-school times. Our Boys & Girls Clubs are centralized in communities where there is an identified need with an opportunity to serve the kids who need us most.
- **Closing a gap:** While Austin has experienced tremendous economic growth, tens of thousands of kids in Austin, from all walks of life, leave school every day with no place to go. They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe; these after-school hours of 3-8 p.m. are the very time when risky behavior is shown to escalate.
- **Open when youth and families need us:** TEKS-aligned (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) programs provided by Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area meet the need of Austin area youth during their most vulnerable times: 3:00-8:00pm after school and during other out-of-school times.
- **Fun, growth & enrichment:** Our fun, engaging and educational out-of-school time programming options mean kids' empty, unsupervised hours are filled with academic enrichment, leadership and healthy living skills, meals, fun physical activity, positive adult role models, and social connections with peers, as well as a place to belong. Clubs provide a chance to succeed and essential skills to thrive in school, work, and life.
- **Academic success:** 99 percent of high school senior Club members in Austin for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years graduated on time.

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- **Home Club:** The Home Club on the Sheth Family Campus opened in April of 2019 following its groundbreaking one year earlier in April of 2018. The Home Club will serve 1,000+ kids in East Austin each year, providing a place for families to gather and grow together. It was established to address real challenges facing youth in East Austin. It is a critical component in reaching the young people who need us most, more often and with greater impact. The Home Club also serves as the flagship location for BGCAA and for the first time locates local administrative offices together with the youth that the organization serves.
- **Life-changing impact:** 54 percent of alumni nationally say that Boys & Girls Clubs saved their life. We are a nurturing, inspiring presence every day for vulnerable kids in the greater Austin area.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area – By the Numbers

Based on 2018 BGCAA reporting

ATTENDANCE

- Average daily attendance: 2,500
- Total registered members: 8,200
- Total registered teen members: 2,960
- Teen average daily attendance: 340
- Total youth served: 12,700

MEMBERSHIP

- Members ages 5-12: 63%
- Teens: 35%
- Minorities: 90%
- African America: 21%
- Arabic: .74%
- Asian: 1.25%
- Caucasian: 10%
- Hispanic/Latino: 59%
- Multi-racial: 5.5%
- Native American: .25%
- Undisclosed race/ethnicity: 1%
- Percent of members who qualify for free/reduced-price lunch: 85%
- Members in single-parent households: 31%

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- Character and leadership participation: 3124
- Arts participation: 3356
- Health & Life Skills Participation: 4980
- Sports, Fitness & Rec participation: 5755
- Education & Career participation: 6467
- STEM participation: 3356

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