



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA**



Nita Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers

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

Background

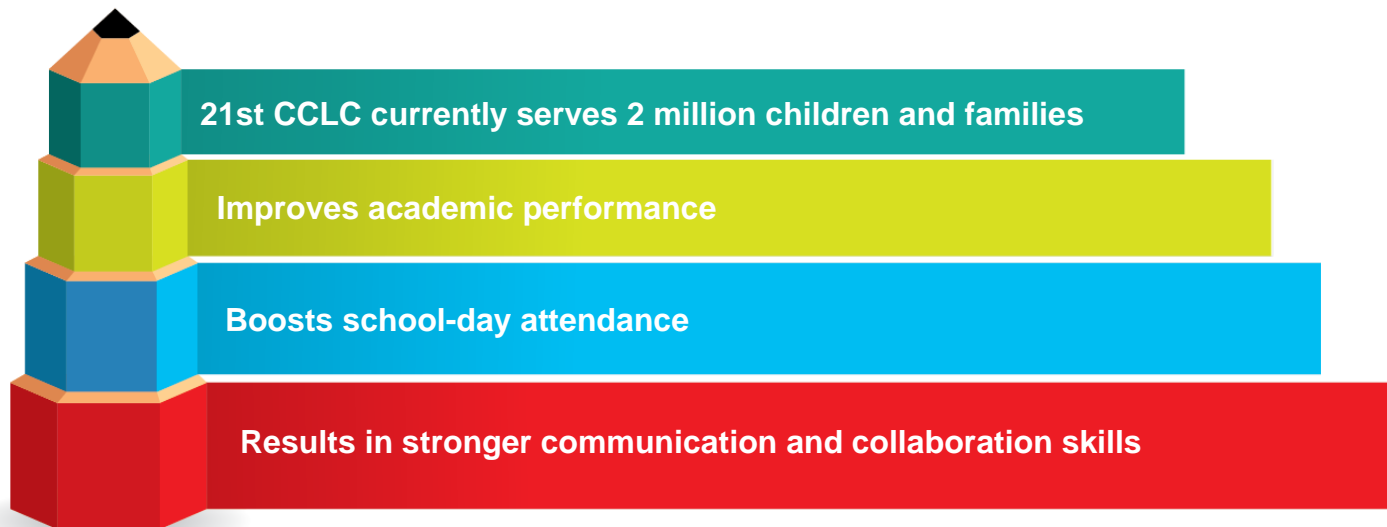
Nita Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) provide high quality academic programming to a diverse group of children grades pre-K to 12th grade in communities nationwide. 21st CCLC programs provide academic enrichment opportunities for children during out-of-school time, including before-and after-school and over the summer, offering academic support and enrichment programs, social emotional learning, 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, 76% are on track to graduate on time.

This initiative is currently the **only federal funding source** dedicated exclusively to **out of school time education programs**. 7.7 million school-age children are alone and unsupervised afterschool. Cutting or eliminating funding for 21st CCLC would have a **devastating impact nationwide**.



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 the country. 21st CCLC make it possible for more youth to participate in out-of-school time programs like the ones at Boys & Girls Clubs that provide academic enrichment opportunities including academic support, STEM activities, tutoring, social-emotional learning and more.

As a leader in the out-of-school time space, Clubs meet the needs of working families and 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 2019, **215 Boys & Girls Clubs in 46 states and Puerto Rico** received 21st CCLC funding serving an estimated **63,000 youth**. This competitive grant provides **crucial resources** in local communities across the country and **establishes support systems** youth need for their success.

Success Stories

For nearly 20 years, the **Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin** has partnered with the local School District to administer **three separate 21st Century Community Learning Center grants** to provide after school programs for schools with high rates of poverty. Five additional after school program locations opened because of the value provided in additional learning and enrichment. Together, partnership sites serve nearly **400 members** per day.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka's Montara Unit is operating in its third year as a 21st CCLC. While these programs are typically offered afterschool and during summer, COVID school closures necessitated all-day programs during the school year. Open 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the Club serves **52 kids per day** and has delivered over **350 hours** of specialized learning assistance. Kids also receive two meals and a snack daily while receiving school support, games, exercise and social engagement that helps alleviate social-emotional challenges caused by remote learning. For local school administrators and teachers, the Club's 21st CCLC has delivered – for students in a remote or hybrid learning model – valuable and consistent support, allowing them to maintain grade-level academic progress. All-day Club services enable many families to continue working while knowing their kids are at a safe place.



Nita Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Outcomes

- More than 2 in 3 regularly attending students improved homework completion
- More than 2 in 3 regularly attending students improved class participation
- 1 in 2 regularly attending students improved math and Language Arts grades