



3) Behavioral Outcome #3: Based on quarterly staff progress reports, 50% of participants will maintain or improve on three learning behaviors; (a) follows directions, (b) accepts responsibility for behavior, and (c) uses cooperation skills.

Progress: An external evaluator conducts an evaluation for each program site and then compiles an organizational evaluation. The over-all organization evaluation has not been completed for the 2012-2013 school year. Boys & Girls Club will provide City officials with the evaluation as soon as it becomes available.

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

The Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence impacts the citizens of Lawrence in many ways. The first is the impact the program has on its young citizens. The Club offers a safe place for youth to be after school, a place for the youth to realize their dreams and have a support system to make those happen. The programs provide a place to complete homework, work on academic skills and acquire new skills. By providing over 1,000 youth a safe the place, family members of those students are able to stay at work allowing them to be proficient in their job assignments and getting their work completed. Many parents job continue even though school hours are over and having their child(ren) at the Club they are able to be efficient, productive workers which in turn helps make a profit for their company. Also, allowing parents to be able to work allows them to make an income which they in turn spend in Lawrence, helping the city's economy.

In addition, by helping members improve academically, build character and citizenship, and increase healthy lifestyles, we increase the probability that these members will grow up to be higher earning adults who contribute to our community. On the flip side, when young people who need us most don't get the support they need after school to improve in these areas, many times they end up as adults in our community safety net of unemployment, homeless shelters, drug and alcohol treatment, jail, etc. These safety net costs are a drain on our economy.

4. What barriers, if any, have you encountered?

One barrier that Boys & Girls Club faces is finding adequate teachers for the SMART Moves curriculum. While the Club employs highly qualified staff to carry out the program the preventative curriculum sometimes requires staff with experience in providing sensitive lessons. The Club's administrative staff continues to work with community partners to identify instructors that are comfortable and capable of providing sensitive lessons.

5. Review the line-item budget you provided in your application. How much of your allocation has been spent?

As of June 30, 2011 Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence has spent 50% of their allocation.