

City of Lawrence
Outside Agency
Bi-annual Report
2016

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org. Reports on activities from January 2016 to June 2016 are due on July 15th 2016. Cumulative reports on activities from January 2016 through December 2016 are due on February 15th 2017.

Agency Name: Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence

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1. Give a brief narrative of the activities that were funded with City funds over the reporting period checked above. During the reporting period the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (BGCLK) continued to carry out their Formula for Impact to ensure great futures for the youth of Lawrence.
The formula includes the youth who need us most + an outcome-driven Club experience = 3 priority outcomes
Youth who need us most-
In 2015 the Club served youth in 14 different after school program sites across Lawrence. In conjunction with many strong community partners the BGCLK staff provided a safe, positive place for youth to thrive during out-of-school hours.
Outcome-driven Club experience-
Power Hour- Each day at least 30 minutes was dedicated to homework with tutoring if needed,
Project Learn- Program reinforced knowledge and skills learned in school by integrating fun, educational activities
Triple Play- daily physical activity, nutrition education, sportsmanship and healthy relationship programming.
SMART Moves- prevention program focused on developing decision-making skills and building healthy lifestyles.
Torch Club- community service clubs focused on giving back to other organizations in Lawrence.
3 Priority Outcomes-
Academic success- 67% achieved more than the expected gain on standardized reading and math tests
Good Character and Citizenship- 53% of our teen members volunteer at least once a month
Healthy Lifestyles- 65% are active five or more days each week

The Formula for Impact ensures that quality programs are being implemented with youth who need the club the most everyday. This is a vital resource for families in the community.

2. Provide specific detail (and supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate progress made toward your goals/objectives.
Process Outcome #1: As a result of providing, a safe haven through after school programs, during 2016 Boys & Girls Club will provide 3,000 children (minimum 1,400 per day) with after school programs at 14 sites, with transportation from an additional elementary school and four middle schools. These sites will provide 175 days of after school programming from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 54 days out-of-school programming from 7:30-6:00 p.m. Numbers served are tracked using Vision, a member tracking software, and through the Boys & Girls Club annual report.
Progress: During 2016, Boys & Girls Club has provided programs to 2,525 kids (1,581 Average Daily Attendance) at 14 sites.
Process Outcome #2: During 2016, a minimum of 1,000 children ages 6-15 will receive life skills and prevention education through the SMART programs. Numbers served are tracked using Vision, a member tracking software, and the Boys & Girls Club annual report.

Behavioral Outcome #1: Based on yearly participant evaluations, a minimum 90% of participants will report feeling safe in Boys & Girls Club programs, a measure that will reflect their daily connections with supportive adults.

Behavioral Outcome #2: 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.

Behavioral Outcome #3: Based on pre and post-tests, 80% of SMART program participants will show an increase in alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs knowledge.

Progress: During 2016, 1,365 members have received life skills and prevention education through the SMART programs. Results from the pre/post survey are going through analysis of our external evaluator.

Impact Outcomes: The long-term benefits of healthy learning behaviors and life skills will provide youth with the foundation to resist pressures toward substance abuse. By offering strong programming in prevention, youth participants will transform into resilient, engaged, and healthy community members.

Progress: Everyday Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence offers a wide-range of programming for its members in five core areas. Those areas include character & leadership, education & career, health & life skills, sports, fitness & recreation, and the arts. The programs and activities are carried out by well-trained caring adults.

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

The Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (BGCLK) believes GREAT FUTURES START HERE. This is not just a national campaign slogan but a conviction to deliver youth development programs, in 3 priority impact areas, that provide the tools and resources to shape the future of Lawrence youth and impact the citizens of Lawrence. Because of the support from the City we are able to do this in a variety of ways, the Club offers a safe place for youth to be after school, a place for the youth to recognize their dreams and have a support system to make those happen. By providing over 1,500 youth a safe place, family members of those members are able to stay at work allowing them to be proficient in their job duties and getting their work completed. Many parents' jobs 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 the company they work for. 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. The Boys & Girls Club prides themselves on 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?

Finding caring, qualified part-time staff to carry out BGCLK programs is often a challenge. Each year the Club struggles with finding enough part-time staff to place at every site. The Boys & Girls Club employs over 200 part-time staff and finding and keeping the right staff is often difficult for our programs. The administrative and marketing team are always working on creative way to advertise the positions to audiences that are qualified yet sometimes overlooked due to the high number of college students in the community. The part-time group leader position is challenging and we often times lose staff because of the high expectations of the job. However, BGCLK is committed to finding and keeping the right part-time employees and continue to find unique solutions to hiring and retaining qualified part-time staff.

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

Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence will spend 100% of the allocation for 2016.