



AUROLA
ILLINOIS
YOUTH SERVICES

Afterschool & Summer Program Proposal



Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois

Organizational Overview

Boys & Girls Club Mission Statement

**To enable all young people,
especially those who need us
most, to reach their full
potential as productive,
caring, responsible citizens.**



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BUILDING CONFIDENCE

Full Potential

- Mission Achieved: Productive, Caring,
- Responsible Adults

Workforce Readiness

- Beginning as early as preschool with soft skill building, career exploration, and discovering interests and pathways.

Reading, Homework, Academic Success

- Showing up to school with homework completed and reading at grade level

Social & Emotional Learning

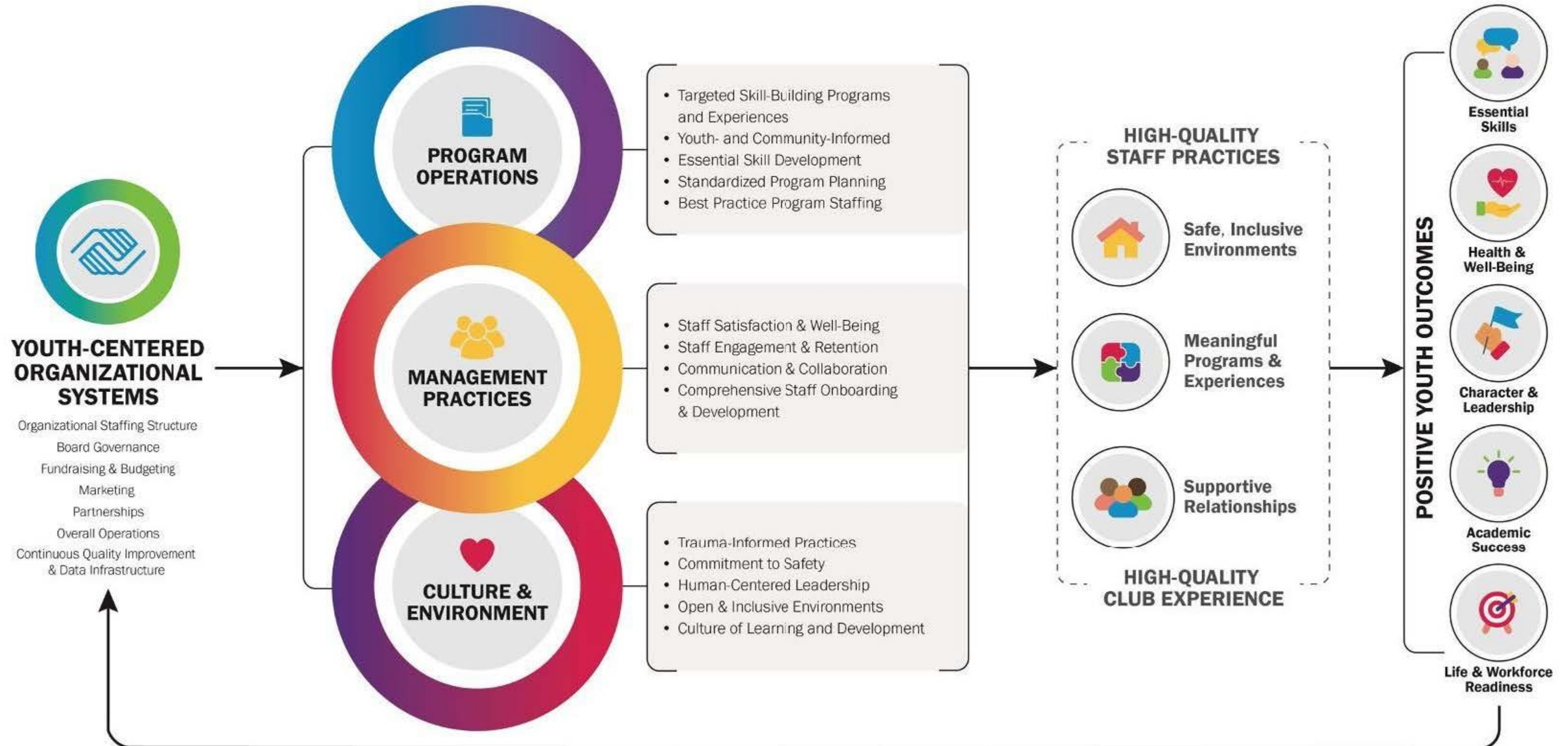
- Learning to manage emotions in a positive way.

Basic Needs: Food, Safe Place, Family Support

- Members have a physically & emotionally safe place & a hot meal.

Accessible Out-of-School Programs and Services

- Removing barriers for kids to attend out of school programs.





Our Programs



**Project Learn &
Power Hour**



**Youth Leadership
& Service**



S.M.A.R.T. Moves



Triple Play



Youth Arts



**Life & Workforce
Readiness**



Club Impact on Families & Partners



95%

Families that believe “The Club is a safe place for my children to work, learn & have fun.”

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Families that believe “At the Club, the staff really care about my children.”

94%

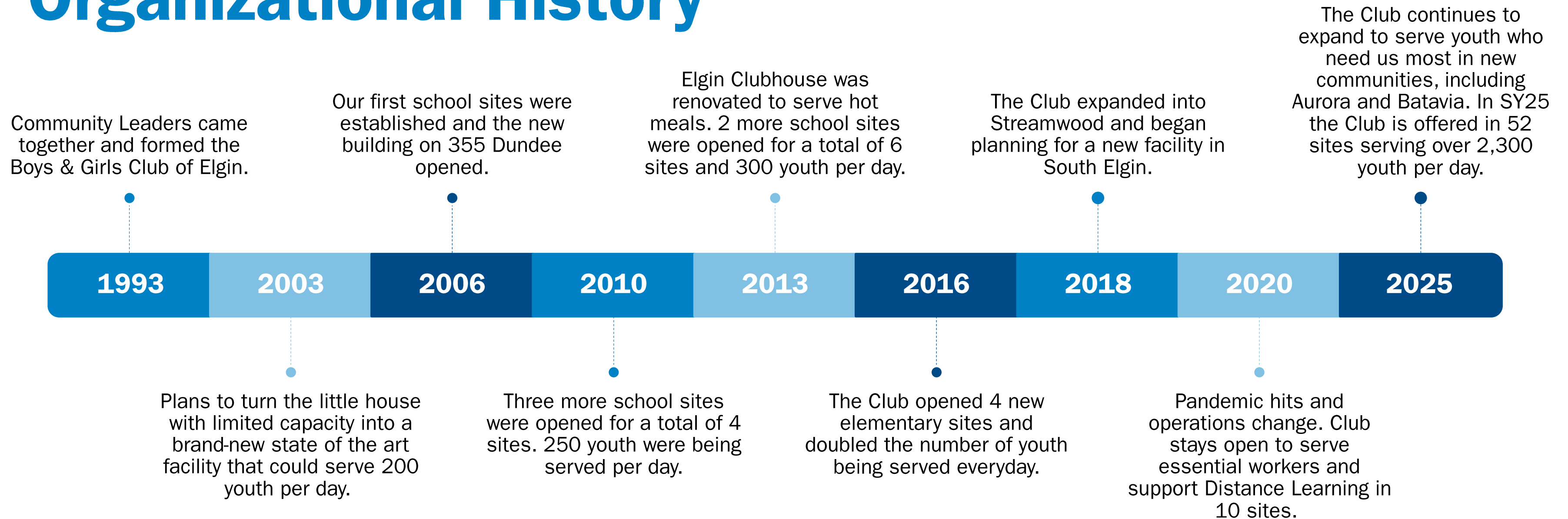
School faculty & staff that would recommend the Boys & Girls Club of North Central IL to another school district or community partner.

91%

School faculty & staff that believe the Club is an important part of their school.



Organizational History

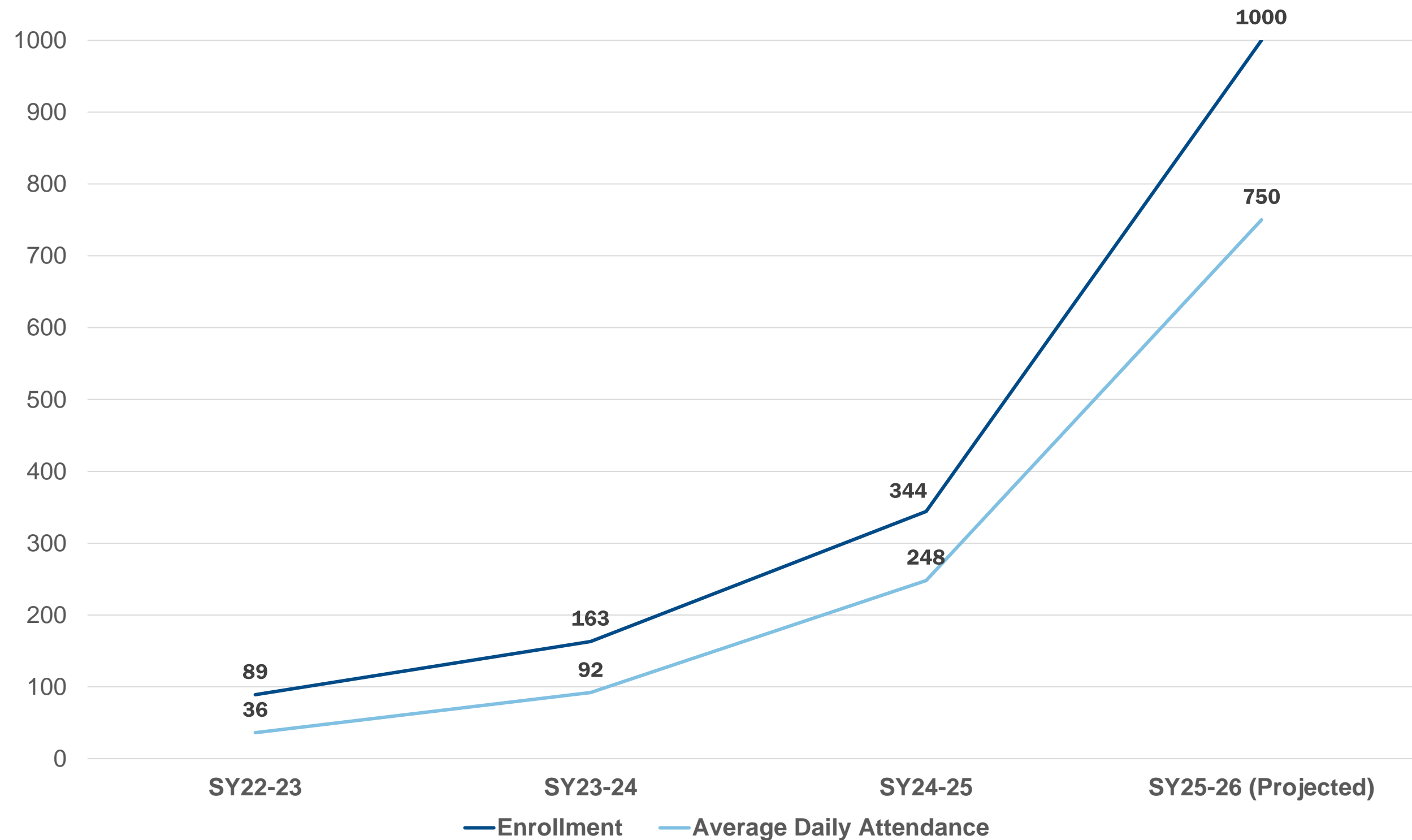


Aurora Footprint

- **Fall 2022:** Aurora programming began under the leadership of Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois (BGCNCIL) after a grassroots coalition of local community members presented a compelling case for support to Boys & Girls Clubs of America regarding local need and opportunity.
- **Key Partners:** In partnership with West Aurora SD129, and with the support of partners like the City of Aurora, AWEF and CFFRV, 4 school-based programs began, serving Aurora area youth daily.
- **Current Services:** By September 1, 2025, we will be operating 22 Aurora area sites, including a Club at Waubensee Community College, aimed at removing childcare as a barrier to higher education and training, and a new partnership serving all elementary schools in East Aurora School District 131.
- **New Partnerships:** We've welcomed new opportunities with organizations like Aurora University, bringing social work services to youth across our region.
- **Our Moonshot:** BGCNCIL has launched a "Moonshot," our bold vision to serve 10,000 youth at 100 sites in the next 1000 days, across our region to fulfil unmet need for enriching, affordable programming. By reaching more children and families with essential programs, we're creating brighter futures and stronger communities.



Annual Youth Engagement in Aurora



America Needs **Club Kids**



51% of Club alumni say
that the Boys & Girls Club
saved their life.

For every \$1 invested in
Boys & Girls Clubs, over \$10
is returned to the
community.



Demonstrated Success in Partnership with the City of Aurora

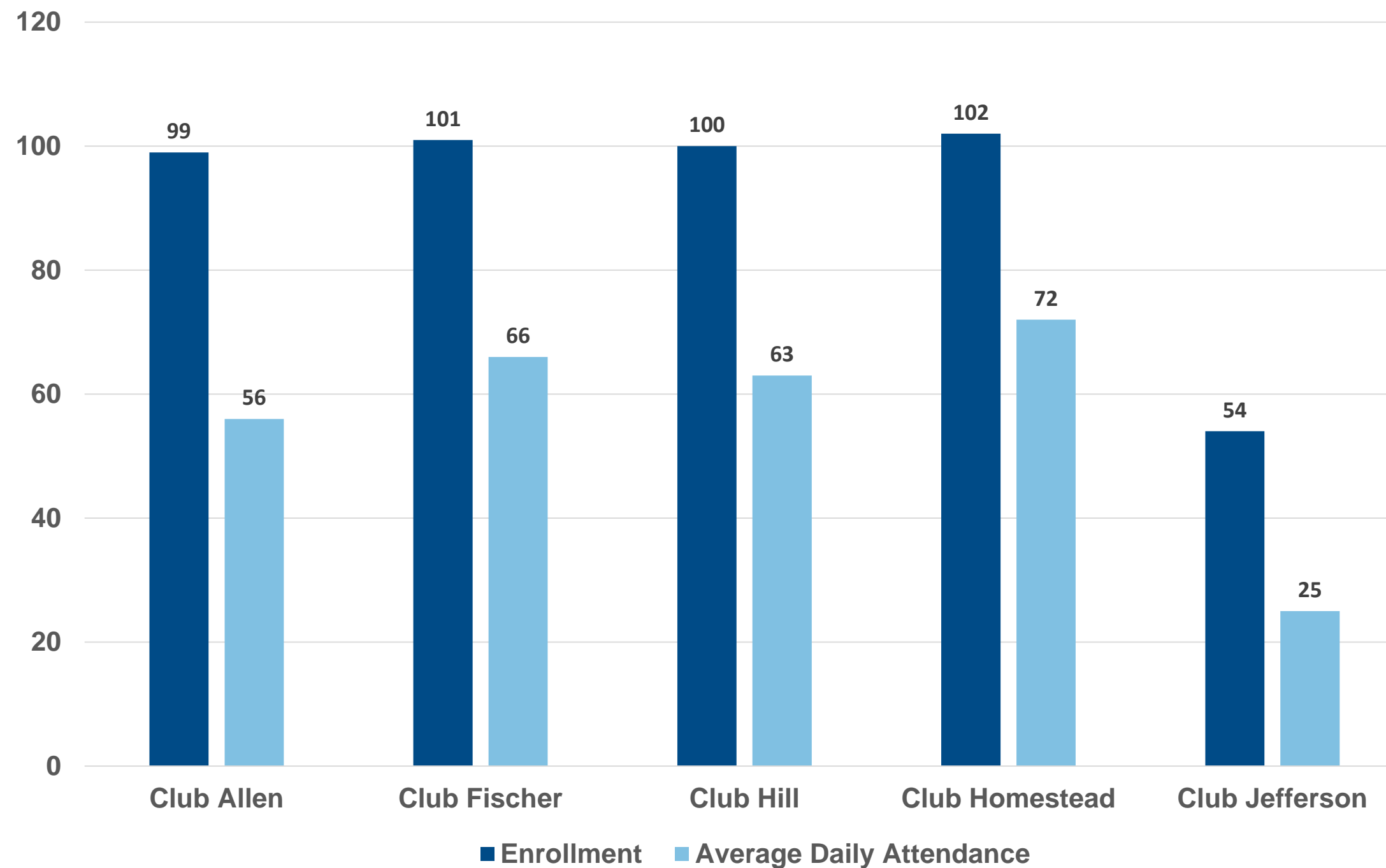
Summer 2025



2025 Summer Camp Goals

- Provide a safe and fun environment for 450 campers across 5 locations throughout Aurora.
- Ensure camp is fully staffed to reduce waitlists and reach full capacity.
- Create opportunities for youth to build new skills and display their talents.
- Integrate community partners for on-campus enrichment activities and engaging off-campus excursions.

Youth Engagement Summary Summer 2025



456 Total Campers Enrolled

282 Youth Served Daily (on Average)



Summer 2025 Enrichment Partners



- **Windy City Mobile Fun**

- Members teamed up to play a variety of video games from racing to sports in a large gaming truck.

- **Musical Improv**

- Youth developed confidence through music and story-telling.

- **Junior Achievement**

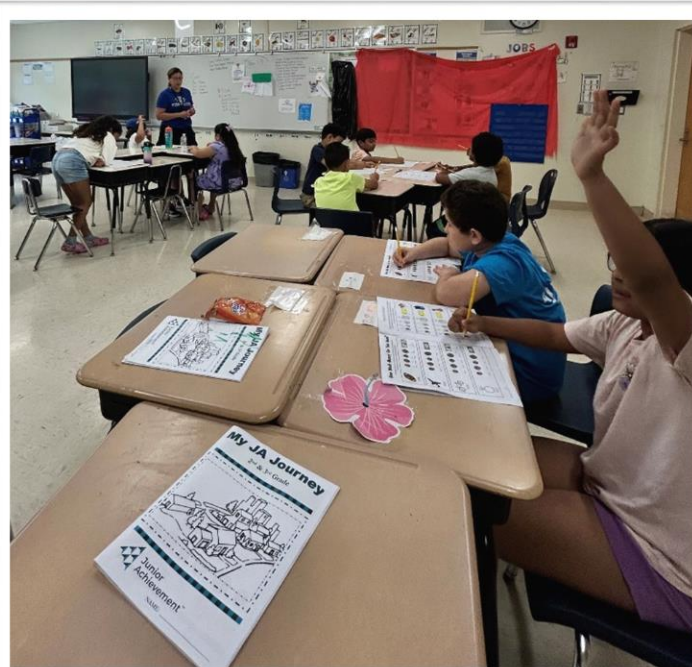
- Youth learned about financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

- **University of Illinois Extension**

- Partners from U of I implemented the Illinois Junior Chef Program to teach cooking skills.

- **APS Training Academy**

- APS led a hands-on coding workshop through story-based missions and interactive play with robots.



Summer 2025 Engaging Excursions



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Kane County Cougars
Baseball Game



Blackberry
Farm



Bowling at
Funway

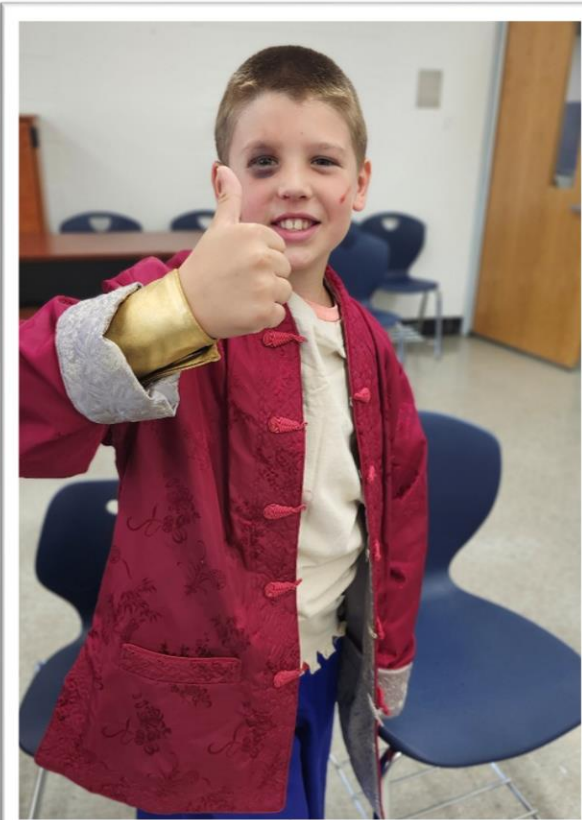




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Summer 2025 Theatre Production

“How I Became a Pirate”




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Summer 2025 Phillips Park Fun Day



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Summer 2025 Youth Survey Data

- 99% of surveyed youth said, “I had **FUN** at camp this summer.”
- 99% of surveyed youth said, “I felt **SAFE** at camp this summer.”
- 99% of surveyed youth said, “I liked the **ACTIVITIES** we did at camp.”





Proposed Continued Partnership with the City of Aurora

Fall 2025 through
Summer 2028



Contract Overview: School Year 2025-2026

- West Aurora SD129 – 6 Elementary Schools
- East Aurora SD131 – 14 Elementary Schools
- August 14th, 2025 to May 28th, 2026
- Monday through Friday, dismissal to 6:00 P.M.
- Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Projected Enrollment: 1,000 youth members
- Estimated 80% attending Club on full scholarship





Contract Overview: Summer 2026

- June 8th to July 30th, 2026
- Monday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.
- 4 Traditional Camps for 4 Weeks
 - West Aurora SD129 – Hill Elementary
 - East Aurora SD131 – Allen Elementary
 - Indian Prairie SD204 – Fischer Middle School
 - Oswego SD308 – Homestead Elementary
- 1 City-wide Theatre Camp for 4 Weeks
- 1 Rotating Downtown Aurora Camp for 4 Weeks





Sample School Year Weekly Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:30-4:00	Snack & Mind/Body Reset	Snack & Mind/Body Reset	Snack & Mind/Body Reset	Snack & Mind/Body Reset	Snack & Mind/Body Reset
4:00-4:45	Power Hour & Project Learn	Power Hour & Project Learn	Power Hour & Project Learn	Power Hour & Project Learn	Youth Leadership
4:45-5:30	S.M.A.R.T. Moves	Enrichment Partner – APS Training Academy	Life & Workforce Readiness	Enrichment Partner – ComEd Solar Ovens	Triple Play
5:30-6:00	Triple Play	Youth Arts	Triple Play	Youth Arts	Social Recreation

Leadership Model

- **Regional Director:** Oversees all operations and collaborates with community stakeholders
 - **Area Manager:** Oversees several Club sites, ensuring a strong partnership and successful Club operations
 - **Site Coordinator:** Supports a team of 2-5 Youth Development Assistants, responsible for the day-to-day operations of a Club program with a focus on safety protocols
 - **Youth Development Assistant:** Builds relationships and implements programs with a group of 15-20 youth



Safety Policies & Procedures



- Alignment with Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Illinois Department of Human Services for all safety protocols
- Criminal background checks including fingerprinting for all employees and volunteers with regular, recurrent contact with youth members
- All employees CPR & First Aid trained
- Standard protocol for reporting and addressing critical incidents
- Required safety training for all employees
 - Child Abuse Prevention
 - Mandated Reporting
 - Grooming Prevention
 - Review of Safety Policies – restroom use, one-on-one policy, off-site supervision, etc.
- New Employee Orientation for all employees to highlight expectations as a Youth Development Professional



Sustainable Membership Model

Low to No Cost Afterschool Programs

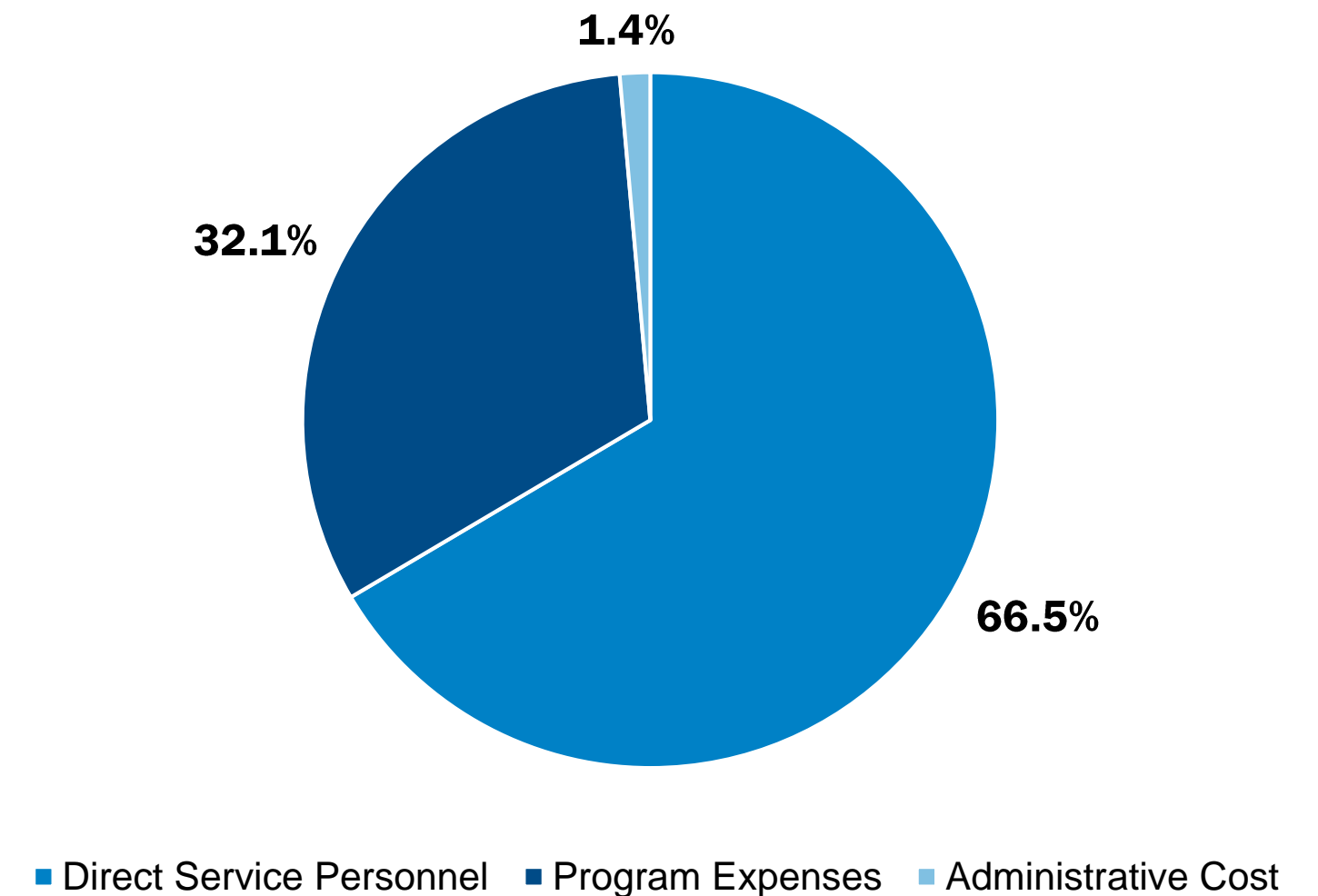
- Fees based on family income
- CCAP state childcare subsidy allows for full scholarships
- Estimated that 80-85% of youth would attend Club for free
 - CCAP subsidy
 - Private foundations and donors
- Maximum monthly cost would be \$200/child





Contract Overview: Year 1

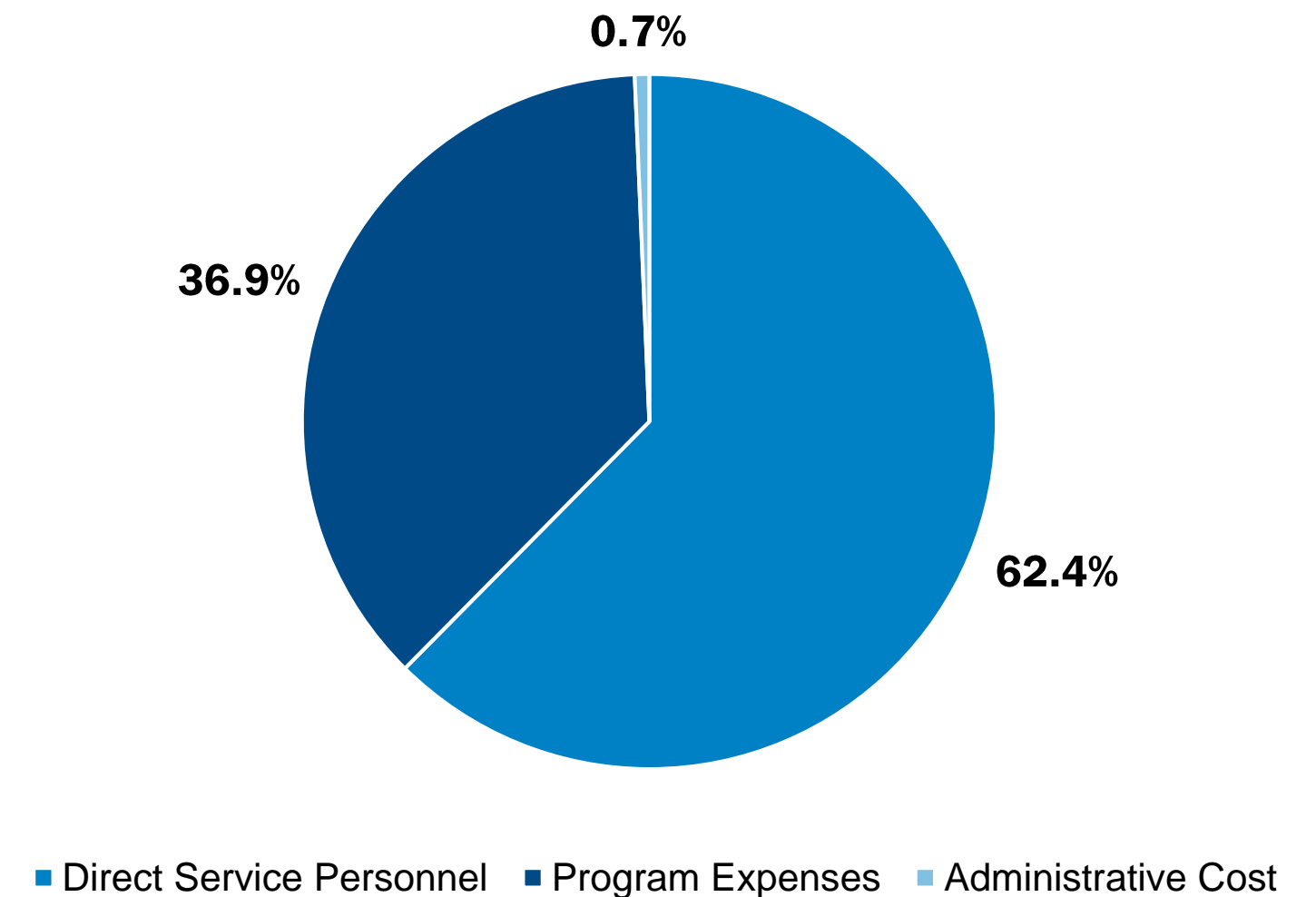
- Fall 2025 through Summer 2026
 - Fall 2025 Semester: \$226,000*
 - Additional funding to support opening 14 new sites in East Aurora D131 & exploring partnerships with other Aurora school districts
 - Spring 2026 Semester: \$150,000
 - Summer 2026 Traditional Camps: \$150,000
 - Summer 2026 Theatre Camp: \$30,000
 - Summer 2026 Downtown Aurora Camp: \$27,000
 - Total Contract: \$583,000





Contract Overview: Year 2 & Year 3

- Fall 2026 through Summer 2027 & Fall 2027 through Summer 2028
 - Fall Semesters: \$150,000 each
 - Spring Semesters: \$150,000 each
 - Summer Traditional Camps: \$150,000 each
 - Summer Theatre Camps: \$30,000 each
 - Summer Downtown Aurora Camps: \$27,000 each
 - Total Contract: \$507,000





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**Our expanding team
is ready to impact
ONE THOUSAND
YOUTH MEMBERS
in Aurora this year!**



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