



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
IN COLORADO



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## Unleashing Potential

Boys & Girls Clubs across Colorado are committed to the betterment and wellbeing of Colorado's next generation of leaders. We recognize that not all young people are granted the same opportunities and advantages.

Our Clubs serve as great equalizers to help level the field of opportunity for all youth to unleash their full potential. As Colorado's largest and most comprehensive out-of-school youth development program, Boys & Girls Clubs are uniquely positioned to transform lives and enrich communities.



## Did You Know?

## BGC Delivers

A 2022 Colorado childcare market rate study found that the daily cost of school-age care is \$36.43 per child, on average. This comes to over \$9,000 per year, per child.

The average annual cost to attend a Boys & Girls Club in Colorado is \$200, per child, and most families pay nothing. In 2021, statewide operational costs were over \$32 million, and the annual fees families paid equaled less than one percent of that amount.

According to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency, the highest rates of juvenile crime occur between 3 and 6 pm and during the summer months (out-of-school).

Boys & Girls Clubs in Colorado operate daily after-school, during school breaks and during the summer months, giving youth a safe place to be when schools are closed.

According to the Nation's 2022 Report Card, Colorado's 4th and 8th grade students saw significant decreases in both reading and math scores, falling lower than any scores over the past five years.

Each year Clubs offer over 200 dedicated hours of academic programming with some Clubs strategically partnering with school districts for targeted and coordinated student impact.

In 2021, the Colorado Children's Hospital declared youth mental health a state of emergency. Currently, suicide is the leading cause of death for young people in Colorado.

Over the past decade, Boys & Girls Clubs have put strategic emphasis on embedding social/emotional and mental health resources into the Club environment. The Club environment exists to increase protective factors; making youth feel valued and that they belong. Many Clubs have dedicated professionals on staff such as counselors and behavior specialists to work directly with youth and families who need additional support at no extra cost.

The Colorado Talent Pipeline Report calls attention to widening skill and equity gaps across many industries. These gaps can be particularly difficult to close for those entering the workforce that come from disadvantaged circumstances. Statistics show that young people from low-income and minority backgrounds face significant barriers to accessing employment opportunities, with higher rates of unemployment and lower wages compared to their more privileged peers.

Workforce development programming is a cornerstone of Boys & Girls Club's tween and teen programming. By providing access to career-readiness programs, job training, and mentorship opportunities, Boys & Girls Clubs help young people develop the skills and qualifications they need to succeed in the modern workforce.



## By The Numbers

Our low-cost/no-cost model, allows us to serve some of Colorado's most historically marginalized and vulnerable populations. Keeping costs low allows for all youth to access our Clubs and opens the door to the opportunities that are granted through our innovative programming.



45,000



Youth Served Annually

85

Locations



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Over 250

Unique Youth Development  
Programs Offered Each Year



4,000 Youth Development  
Professionals

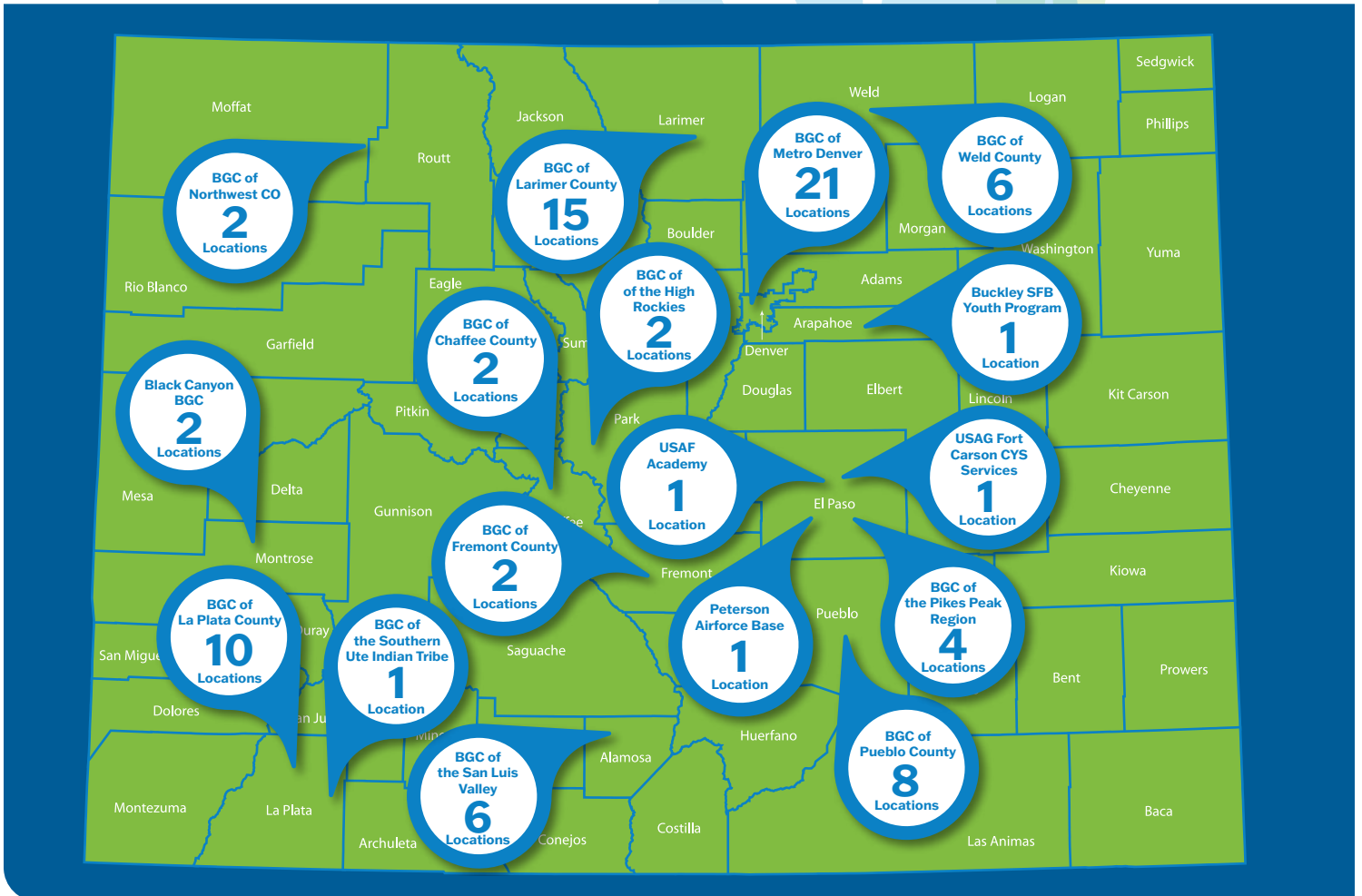




## What Club Members Say

- 91% have an adult at the Club they can talk to if they have a problem
- 85% say they have a strong sense of belonging to their Club
- 90% say at the Club they get to try new things
- 57% feel safer at the Club than any other place
- 92% expect to graduate high school on time
- 72% expect to go on to higher education after high school

## Across The State



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