



# Youth OJP Mentoring Program



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE NORTH VALLEY  
Serving Butte & Glenn Counties

"Every youth is one caring adult away from being a success story." - Josh Shipp

## Background

The National Youth Mentoring Program Initiative, administered by the Department of Justice through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, demonstrated through a comprehensive three-year study that BGCA's group mentoring approach positively impacted social skills for 32,900 youth, potentially yielding substantial cost savings for taxpayers and the Club. The estimated total savings amounted to \$374,622, with an average per-youth amount of \$4,921, indicating a maximum potential savings of up to \$110,891,000.

*More than one in three young people report that they have never had an adult mentor, highlighting a significant gap in access to valuable mentoring programs for youth.*

## Youth Mentoring is Effective

Boys & Girls Clubs of America underscores that consistent Club attendance significantly boosts the likelihood of teens engaging in monthly volunteering, with 66% of 12th graders, in contrast to the national average of 29%. Additionally, mentoring, particularly for at-risk youth, elevates the probability (51%) of assuming leadership roles compared to those without mentors (22%). Furthermore, Club members aged 12 to 17 from low-income backgrounds excel academically, with 74% achieving A's and B's, as opposed to 67% nationally.

By employing a combination of group and one-on-one mentorship strategies, Boys & Girls Clubs deliver distinctive and impactful youth mentorship experiences, yielding evidence-based positive outcomes. These approaches foster peer-to-peer relationships, refine critical social skills, and fortify connections to positive adult influencers and communities. This framework not only offers both



"My favorite part about the mentoring program is learning how to influence others and help others and help other people learn to make the right choices. My mentor cares and asks me how my actions affect others when I don't make good choices." - Dylan, 15

group and one-on-one interactions but also nurtures robust mentor-youth and peer relationships, providing essential emotional support and a sense of belonging.

Beyond personal growth, mentorship sharpens essential social skills, enhancing communication and empathy. It also establishes enduring connections with positive adult role models who offer inspiration and practical guidance. This nurturing environment encourages the exploration of talents in a safe space, ultimately equipping youth with the confidence and purpose needed to navigate life's complexities.

## Driving Solutions

- Improved Academic Performance
- Enhanced Social Skills
- Increased Self-Confidence
- Higher Aspirations and Goal-Setting
- Decreased Risky Behaviors
- Improved Decision-Making
- Greater Civic Engagement
- Resilience and Coping Skills
- Long-lasting Relationships
- Increased Sense of Belonging and Support

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