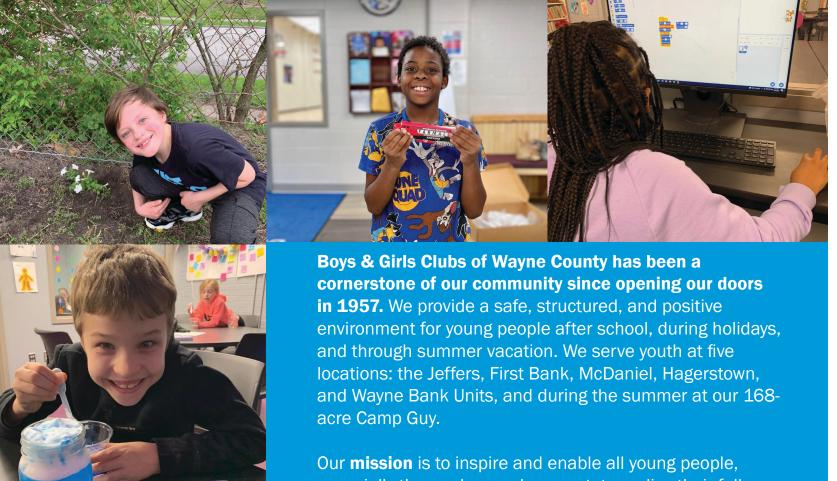




Whatever It Takes to Build Great Futures



Our **mission** is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Our **vision** is to be a leader in addressing the growing needs of young people through exceptional programming, staff, facilities, and strategic partnerships and collaborations.

We are excited to share this data-driven look at the real impact our organization has made on our community from 2020-2022. We hope it paints a clear picture of the benefits of providing safe places, leadership, and support to our young people.



### What's Inside:





#### **The Club Experience**

Great Futures Start Here: BGCWC Excels in Club Experience



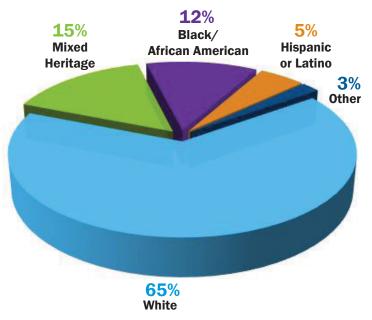
# Population & People

## A Snapshot of Wayne County Demographics

According to the latest U.S. Census data estimates, Wayne County, Indiana, has a population of approximately 66,553. The median household income is \$49,952 and lags the state by 20%. In the city of Richmond, the median household income is \$41,569. The Indiana Department of Education provides data that suggests 73% of Richmond Community School students are economically disadvantaged, as are 60% of students in the entire county.

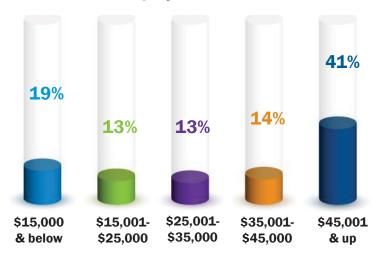
The latest US census data for Wayne County also indicates the following demographic representation: 87.2% White, 5.1% Black or African American, 3.4% Hispanic, 3.2% Mixed Heritage, .6% Asian, .4% Native American Indian or Alaska Native and .1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. This suggests the population is slightly more diverse than 2019 estimates.

#### **Membership by Ethnicity**



The Clubs throughout Wayne County reflect a more diverse membership than the county population, as illustrated in the pie chart on page 4. In addition, **58% of Club families** reported income levels that indicate they were **below the city's median income** and **61% were below the county's median income**. **16%** of member families did not report income data when completing the membership forms.

#### **Membership by Household Income**



#### **The Great Futures Generation**

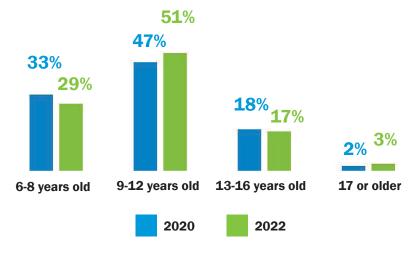
Membership at Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County costs **only \$15** a **year**. This value for afterschool care is essential to our community and is made possible through numerous grants, corporate and individual contributions, and government support.

In 2022, Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County had **1,801** active members who were enrolled and attended Clubs and served **3,566** additional kids through community outreach and events in Wayne County. Average daily attendance during the school year was 470. These numbers put the Club closer to pre-pandemic attendance levels.

Changes in membership age, racial demographics, household structure, and median income between our last Impact Report in 2020 and the current data from 2022 reflect a reduced membership amid the pandemic that is moving toward typical membership levels.

The Club's female membership ratio in 2022 was 2.26% higher than it was in 2020 and continued the overall growth trend for female membership.

#### **Change in Membership by Age**



#### **Membership by Gender**



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF WAYNE COUNTY

# Fostering the Next Generation of Graduates



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My oldest had struggled with school in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She attended tutoring classes at the Club. It helped her get on track. She is currently an honor roll student and no longer dreads school.

**Club Parent Testimony** 

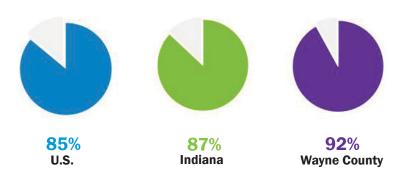
#### **High Graduation Rates Meet Low Proficiency Scores**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County primarily serves students across five public school districts: **Richmond Community Schools**, **Nettle Creek School Corporation**, **Western Wayne Schools**, **Centerville-Abington Community Schools**, and **Northeastern Wayne School Corporation**. Each school district has their unique strengths and challenges and serve different demographics.

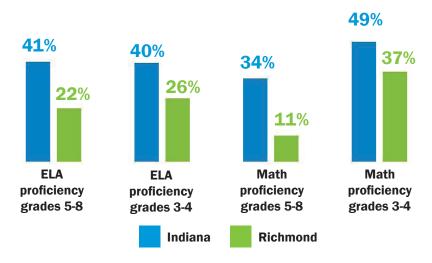
Wayne County schools exceeded both state and national graduation rates, with **92**% **of Wayne County students completing high school**. This would suggest that the challenge before our youth is not simply attaining high school graduation status but preparing for post-secondary success.

While high graduation rates are something to celebrate, standardized test scores suggest there may be a proficiency skills gap endemic throughout the State of Indiana. Results from the **Indiana Department of Education**'s *I-LEARN* student assessment show **less than 50% of Indiana 3rd-8th grade students performing at proficiency in English and Math**. This is especially the case for Richmond Community Schools, whose students tested below state averages. RCS students comprise 65% of BGCWC membership.

#### 2022 Graduation Rates



#### **2022 I-LEARN Grade-Level Performance Results**



#### **Preparing Our Youth for Academic Success**

At Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County, we strive to prepare our members to graduate from high school ready for college, trade school, the military, or employment. Our Clubs offer daily homework help, plus one-on-one tutoring for any youth that needs it!





Reading Lab includes specific reading sessions, reading corners throughout the Clubs, and the utilization of MyOn, an electronic book depository – like Netflix for reading – where kids reading levels are assessed and they are offered age-appropriate books to encourage them to read and improve their reading level. These tools support partnerships with Morrisson Reeves Library and Every Child Can Read to promote literacy as part of the Club's academic goals and 21st Century Learning Center objectives.



#### PROJECT LEARN

**Project Learn** is the evidence-based **Boys & Girls Clubs of America** program utilized in all Wayne County Clubs.

902 participants experienced various STEM activity programs like MyFuture.net, Thinking Like a Scientist, and Code in Class

868 participated in **Power Hour** (homework assistance and high yield skill building)

307 participated in tutoring

**291** participated in **Indiana Kids** program assessments

70% improved both their reading and math scores by 15% or greater

86% attended 15 weeks of homework sessions

69% completed 30 weeks of homework sessions

#### **National Youth Outcome Initiative (NYOI) Data: Academic Success**

**280 Wayne County Club members** completed the NYOI survey in 2022 and indicated the following:

78% believe they will attend college

**20**% believe they will pursue a Masters degree or higher. In the U.S. 8% attain a Masters degree, 2% attain a PhD and less than 1% attain a MD

94% in high school maintain a C average or better

90% indicated they enjoy learning

83% like activities that push them to learn new things

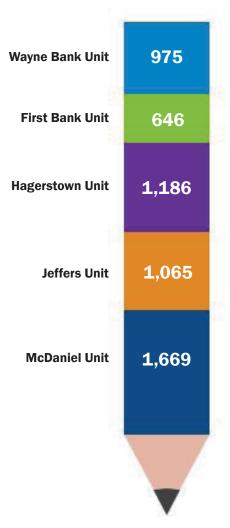


#### **Student Learning Recovery Program**

**The Student Learning Recovery Program** is a state pandemic relief effort which provided funding to address learning loss and deliver academic support. This funding enabled the Club to open the **Wayne Bank Boys & Girls Club**. This Club predominantly supports students from Western Wayne Schools.

Wayne Bank Boys & Girls Club served **167 individual members** in 2022 and **90 members achieved the desired attendance to meet the participation objectives** of the Student Learning Recovery Program.

#### **2022 Total Tutor Visits by Unit**



In 2022, Clubs provided **2,770 hours of tutoring** by local licensed teachers from Wayne County schools.

#### **New Program Spotlight:**



During 2022, BGCWC hired a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Coordinator to provide specific training to staff members to prepare them to better serve youth. Training has included Trust Based Relational Interventions (TBRI) to make staff more aware of their own challenges and specific well-being activities. The SEL Coordinator has also facilitated the delivery of **Positive Action** - a new evidence-based program that motivates students to build upon behavioral successes. The goal of these new initiatives is to **address barriers students may have that preclude them from the learning process and to help promote well-being and positive mental health** for the youth of Wayne County.

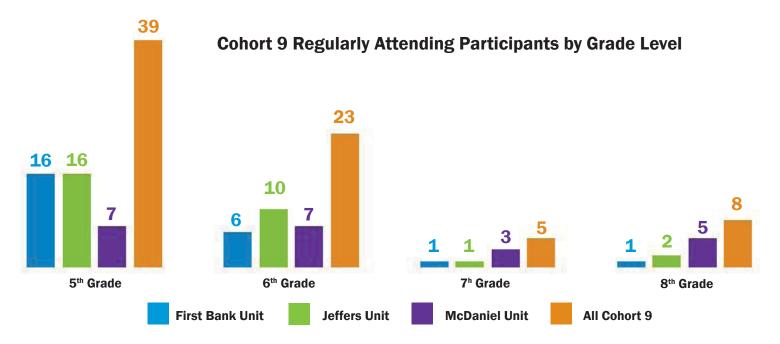


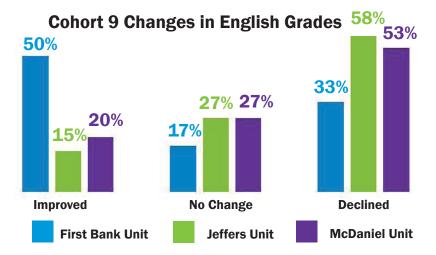


#### 21st Century Learning Center



**21**st **Century Community Learning Center** (21st CCLC) is a designation that allows Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County to work directly with Richmond Community Schools to share individual student performance and work with the schools to improve academic opportunities for students. Our First Bank, Jeffers, and McDaniel Units are all designated 21st Century sites.

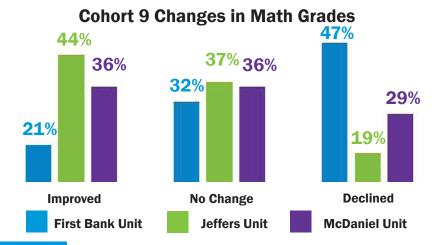




Data from **Praxis**, BGCWC's local third-party evaluator for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC, shows that for the 2021-2022 school year of Cohort 9, the Clubs were 13 participants short of the regularly attending participants goal of 88 participants who attended 45 days or more.

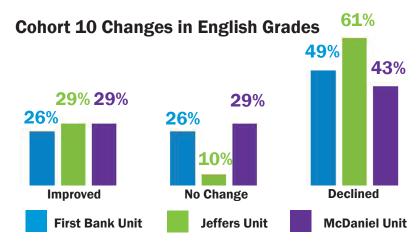
One of the key measures of the program is that students maintain or improve their Math and English/Language Arts performance throughout the year. For each Club that goal was 60% or 65% of participants for each subject.

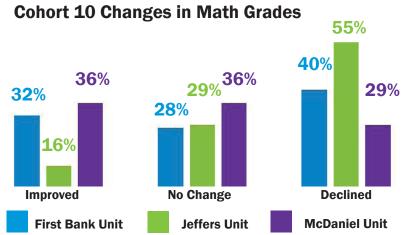
As the graphs to the left note, the percentage of students whose grades declined was higher than expected, challenging our ability to achieve this goal. This highlights the impact of the pandemic on school performance and why it will be important for the Clubs to maintain efforts to support academic success.



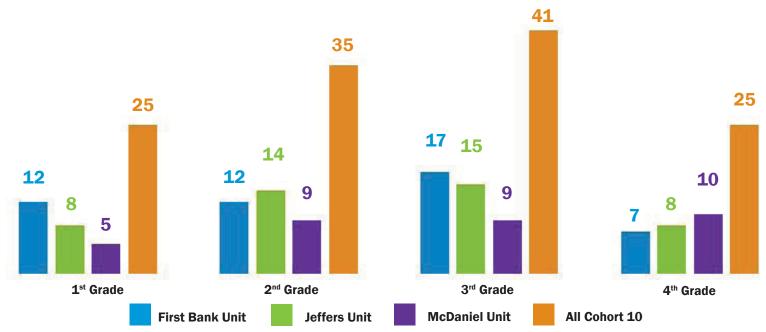
Our previous Cohort 8 was renewed as Cohort 10 through the 2024-2025 school year. Data from Praxis also shows that for the 2021-2022 of Cohort 10, the Clubs met the regularly attending participants goal which was 80. The total number of participants achieving the goal of 45 days in attendance during the school year was 126, among all three Richmond Clubs.

As with the case of Cohort 9, the percentage of Cohort 10 students whose grades declined was higher than expected. Our Clubs are committed to meeting the academic achievement opportunities in our community and will use this data in moving forward with Cohort 10.









**94**% of Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County parents surveyed strongly agreed: "The Club is a safe place where my child learns and has fun."

# Developing Fit and Active Habits for Life



As a kid I've always went to the Club, so I tried it for my son and he loves it so much. Keeps him on his toes and keeps his brain going.

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Club Parent Testimony

#### **Physical and Mental Health in the Hoosier State**

According to the Indiana Youth Institute, **one in three Hoosier children ages 10-17 are overweight or obese** (34%). While childhood obesity presents a concern nationally, this issue is especially relevant in Indiana. **Hoosier children are 15% more likely to be obese than their peers nationwide**. This ranks Indiana as the 9<sup>th</sup> highest rate of childhood obesity. In comparison to all neighboring states, Indiana has the highest rate.

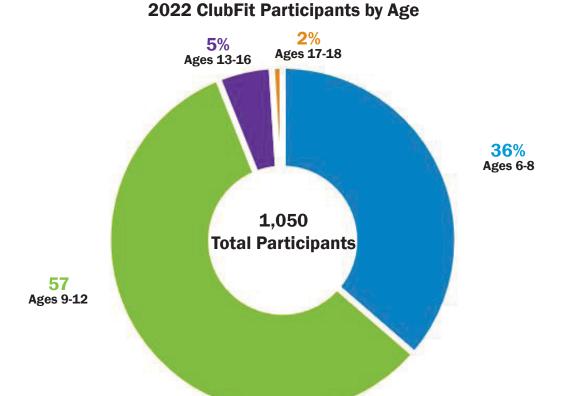
Mental health is also a concern for Indiana students. Indiana Youth Surveys conducted by Indiana University indicate that approximately 37% of Indiana high school students have felt sad or hopeless for two weeks or more in a row in 2022, 76% of Indiana high school seniors are at risk for the perception that substance use does not cause harm, and 68% of Indiana high school seniors are at risk for lack of prosocial community involvement. BGCWC programming is designed to address community indicators where 50% of the population is at risk, which indicates that the risk is prevalent in Wayne County along with other Indiana students.

#### **Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles Among Wayne County Youth**

We recognize the growing need for opportunities to get involved in physical activities, learning healthy eating habits, and living a drug-free life. Our Clubs offer fun, creative ways for youth of all skill and fitness levels to get moving, plus great programs to prevent drug use!



**ClubFit** uses the evidence-based **CATCH** (Coordinated Approach to Children's Health) curriculum to ensure members are engaged in physical fitness activity. The fitness activity is combined with nutritional education to ensure members are motivated to improve their health and fitness.





During the 2013-2014 school year, Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County sought to reach 150 kids in Wayne County with substance-use prevention programming. In 2022, through two different funding opportunities, partnering with the **Wayne County Sheriff's Department** and delivering programming in every Wayne County School, the Club reached 2,240 students! Programs supporting students in 2022 included **Lifeskills Training**, **Too Good For Drugs**, and **Too Good For Violence**.



#### National Youth Outcome Initiative (NYOI) Data: Healthy Lifestyles

280 Wayne County Club members completed the NYOI survey in 2022 and indicated the following:

64% reported they were eating three or more fruit or vegetable servings a day

36% were physically active five days or more per week

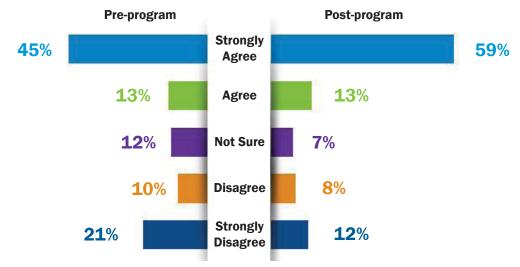
72% indicated they are able to stay calm when stressed

92% understand how feelings influence their actions



The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention rates Lifeskills Training as an effective program for combating substance use. In 2022, 481 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from Richmond Community Schools participated. **90% of participants indicated their health and life skills improved because of the program**.

#### Responses to "I would say NO if someone tried to get me to drink alcohol."

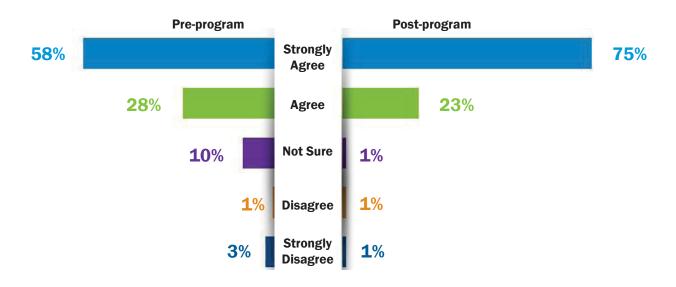






Too Good For Drugs is an evidence-based curriculum previously recommended by **SAMHSA** (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration). It provides lessons designed for each grade level. In 2020, 1,349 students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Wayne County schools were served. **95% of participants in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade indicated an improvement in their health and life skills and their character and leadership skills while 85% of students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade indicated the same.** 

### Responses to "I am confident that I can use my peer-pressure refusal strategies to avoid pressure to smoke, drink, or use marijuana."



#### **New Program Spotlight:**



#### **Too Good for Violence**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention rates Too Good For Violence as a promising program for combating substance use. In 2022, 411 students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade from Richmond Community schools were served.

85% of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students indicated an improvement in their character and leadership skills while 87% of students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade indicated the same.



# **Cultivating an Engaged and Committed Community**



My child loves coming to the Club because there is so much to do. I appreciate the Club activities that give her an opportunity to really learn new skills as well as help others.

**Club Parent Testimony** 

#### **Barriers to Access and Connections**

Data from Indiana Youth Surveys suggests that **community involvement among teens has declined in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic**. The consequences of these ongoing socio-economic challenges are further amplified for people of color who have experienced historical bias in Wayne County.

#### **Instilling Values of Good Character & Citizenship**

When we believe in our youth, they start to believe in themselves, too. We're dedicated to providing avenues for young people to develop leadership skills through community work, learn how to be an effective team member, and get passionate about their impact on the world!

### National Youth Outcome Initiative (NYOI) Data: Good Character & Citizenship

**280 Wayne County Club members** completed the NYOI survey in 2022 and indicated the following:

83% of Wayne County Club teens age 13 to 15 said they feel like they can stand up for what is right

95% of Wayne County Club teens age 13 to 15 said they try to help when they see people in need

**84**% of Wayne County Club teens age 13 to 15 said they believe they can make a difference in their community

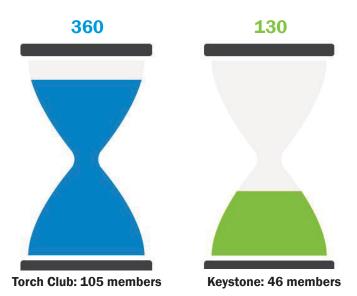






Our **Torch Club** and **Keystone** programs practice Club and community service while preparing teens for success in education and career planning. Keystone serves members ages 14 and older and Torch Club is for members ages 10 – 13.

#### **2022 Volunteer Hours by Club**



2022 volunteer projects for the programs included:

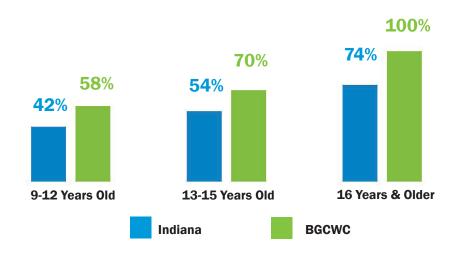
- Holiday turkey giveaway and hygiene drive to support families in need
- · Winter clothing and blanket drive
- Cut-and-tie blankets for **Briana's Hope**, a recovery support agency
- Supporting the Trick-or-Treat event at Safety Village of Wayne County
- Helping the **Dwyer Center** prepare diaper bags with supplies for families
- Supporting the kid zone at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Fair
- Supporting the Community Resource Fair at First Bank Boys & Girls Club
- Creating free library boxes at two Club locations
- Pet supply drive for HELP the Animals

## The Club Experience

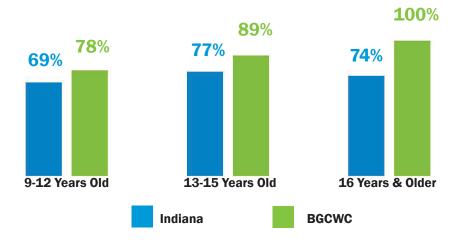
#### **Great Futures Start Here: BGCWC Excels in Club Experience**

In addition to collecting data on results for youth achievement in academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character & citizenship outlined on previous pages, the National Youth Outcomes Initiative (NYOI) surveys conducted by Boys & Girls Clubs of America also tracks members' perceptions of the Club. This data offers insight into the overall quality of the Club Experience offered at BGCWC. As the graphs illustrate, **BGCWC exceeds state composite scores in key member measures**. This is a great reminder that doing **Whatever It Takes** leads to a positive impact on our members!

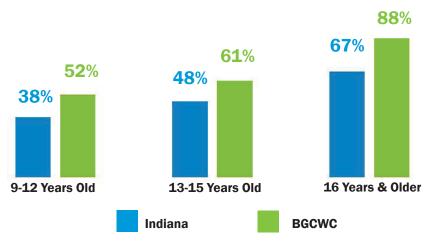
#### **Member Ratings for Overall Experience**



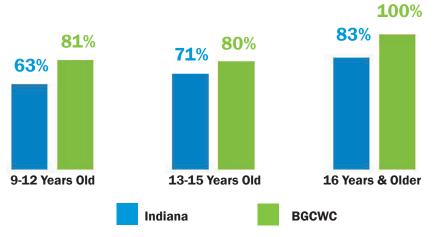
#### Member Ratings for Safe, Positive Environment



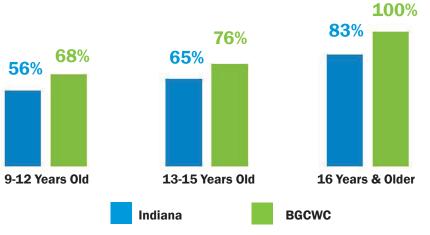
#### **Member Ratings for Supportive Relationships**



#### **Member Ratings for Opportunities & Expectations**



#### **Member Ratings for Fun & Belonging**





### **GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**













