



UNDERSTANDING OUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Salt Lake conducted a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment, a collaborative effort with Pathway Group, which spanned August to December 2023. It aimed to capture the needs and challenges facing families and children across Salt Lake, Tooele, and Carbon Counties.

Youth Programming Gaps

Utah is facing a **65% gap** between the need and the capacity at approved childcare facilities for youth under 6 years old according to the Utah Department of Workforce Services' 2020 Child Care Access in Utah report. In Salt Lake County, that means over 35,000 kids need childcare at a licensed facility. In addition, **only 28% of Afterschool Network programs** reported offering services for teens.

Community Challenges & Concerns



Development & Infrastructure

Many survey participants feel a longing for stability and fear that the places they call home today will not look, feel, or function the same in the near future as resources are put into expansion.



Homelessness

Respondents understand the underlying complex issues facing those experiencing homelessness, especially youth, and fear a lack of support has broader social implications.



Safety

Many outlined a paradox of feeling safe in their community while also harboring fears of extreme violence, such as mass shootings.



Economic Issues

There is a rising fear over the lack of opportunity for young people entering the workforce due to unequal allocation of resources in school, deepening the educational divide.



Health & Well-being

Many participants express deep concern with the rising cost of medical care, especially for mental health services, which they feel are scarce in their community.



Social Issues

Social unrest is a common theme in responses, reflecting a sense of turbulence and division within the community, especially over discrimination and systematic inequality.



Financial Security

With the rising cost of everyday goods, responses illustrate anxiety about today and the future, especially to provide education and opportunity to youth.



Children's Futures

Respondents highlighted how multifaceted their desire for their children's education is. A quality education would provide robust social and emotional support, a path to professional and personal opportunity, and opportunity for long-term success.

ADDRESSING OUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS



Youth Programming Solutions

Educational & Skill Development

To meet the needs of our community we offer courses in teen dating safety, financial literacy, computer science, programming, career readiness skills, leadership development, and more at age appropriate levels from childcare to teens.



Mental Well-Being

Club staff are continuously trained in how best to provide trauma-informed care, lead social-emotional learning activities, and help youth work through anxiety and stress in the way that works best for kids: play.

Community Service & Engagement

Keystone Club and Torch Club are youth led programs that allow kids of all ages to develop service projects for their community, within their Club, and grow their leadership and civic engagement skillsets through volunteerism and advocacy. Youth learn that they are agents of change for positive influence in their community.



Affordable Community Sports

We offer soccer, basketball, and hockey programs that provide children with opportunities to develop resilience, leadership skills, and a sense of accomplishment. More importantly, they offer a space where kids feel valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

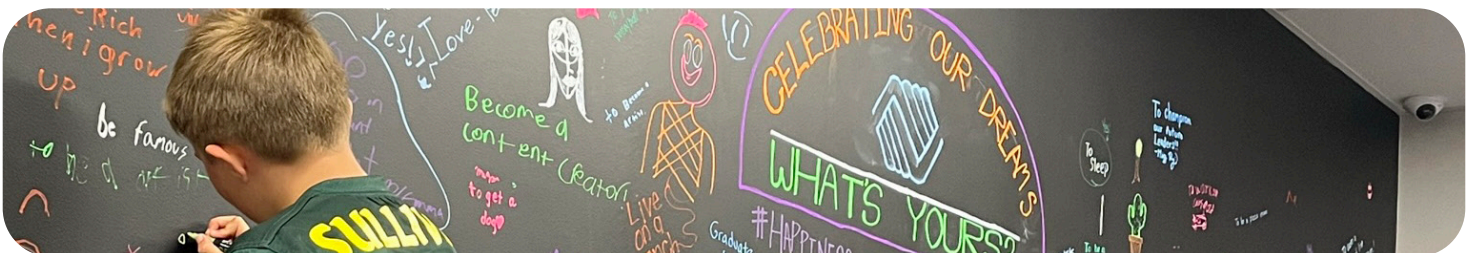
Cultural & Artistic Enrichment

Beyond offering art in Clubs as a regular activity, staff also connect with community members to bring their skillsets to Club and provide youth with perspectives on theater, painting, sculpture, baking, and more. In addition, youth explore the cultural backgrounds of their fellow Club members and community at large through many lenses.



Affordable Service

In order to make Club available for all children, we only charge \$20 for the school year, and \$20 for the summer for elementary through high school aged youth. Our childcare prices remain low as well, with full day childcare at \$140 a week for preschoolers and going down from there.



Learn more about Club at www.gslcubs.org