

Youth Development Programs

The **Positive Place For Kids**



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

Character & Leadership Development

Empowers youth to support and influence their Club and community, sustain meaningful relationships with others, develop a positive self-image, participate in the democratic process and respect their own and others' cultural identities.

Youth of the Year

Promotes and celebrates youths' service to their Club, community and family; academic performance; spiritual values; life goals; poise and public speaking abilities. Candidates are chosen to compete on state and regional levels to receive scholarships.

Keystone Club

This chartered club provides service and leadership for youth ages 14-18. Youth plan and implement activities in areas such as service to Club and community, leadership development, education and career exploration, unity, free enterprise and social recreation.



Torch Club

Youth ages 11-13 may participate in this small-group leadership and service club. Youth plan and implement activities in areas including service to Club and community, education, health and fitness, and social recreation.



Education & Career Development

Enables youth to become proficient in basic education disciplines, apply learning to everyday situations and embrace technology to achieve success in a career.

Chase Power Hour

After-school activities help youth become more successful in school. Clubs provide homework help and tutoring through this program.



Junior Staff Development

A comprehensive program, activities in this area assist Club members in exploring a career in youth or human services. This program is supported by Workforce Development Services.



Club Tech

Programs and activities in Club Tech build youths' computer skills and integrate technology into other program areas. Sponsored by OJP Crime Prevention.



The Arts

Programs and activities in this area help youth develop their creativity and cultural awareness through knowledge and appreciation of the visual arts, crafts, performing arts and creative writing.

Fine Arts

This national year-round program encourages Club members to explore artistic expression through a variety of mediums, techniques and ideas.



Photography and Multi-media

Youth receive exposure to proper use of photography and video equipment learning all aspects of photography, video production, and graphic arts.



Health & Life Skills

This program area helps develop Club members capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals and live successfully as self-sufficient adults.

SMART Moves

This program teaches Club members of all ages conflict resolution and prevention strategies, preparing them to resist the temptations of drug, alcohol, premature sex and violence.



SMART Girls

This is a small-group program that enhances girls' physical and emotional well-being and increases their self-esteem. This program is supported by Tri Kappa and Legacy Foundation.



Passport to Manhood

Activities and discussions in this program promote positive behavior and teaches responsibility to young boys. Passport to Manhood is supported by the Hammond Police Department and Lake County Drug Free Alliance.



Afternoons R.O.C.K.

This program places emphasis on engaging youth in organized, exciting and interactive after-school activities. Afternoons R.O.C.K. is supported by the Geminus Corporation.



Rites of Passage

This intensive program is designed to prepare youth in dealing with adulthood. It is a social recovery plan for parents and youth designed to harvest productive adults for our communities. Sponsored by Foundations of East Chicago.



Triple Play

Empowering youth to eat right is a generation-changing, life-enhancing program goal and Triple Play's nutrition component, called Healthy Habits, covers the power of choice, calories, vitamins and minerals, the food pyramid and appropriate portion size. Triple Play is sponsored by Coca-Cola, Kraft Foods, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and Health Visions Midwest/4communities Implementation Project.



Sports, Fitness & Recreation

This program area develops fitness, positive use of leisure time, skills for stress management, appreciation for the environment and social skills.

Gamesroom

Youth participate in a variety of structured and on-the-spot fun activities such as bumper pool, billiards, foosball, table tennis, chess and checkers—while socializing with other children in their age group.



Sports Leagues

Youth enroll in a variety of sports leagues to improve athletic skills and develop team and positive sportsmanship attitudes. Sports leagues include, but not limited to: Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Basketball, and Flag Football.