



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NORTHEAST OHIO

Great Futures Start Here

Get to know Boys & Girls Clubs of
Northeast Ohio in 2024



Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio was formed in 2019 by the merger of Clubs in Cleveland, Akron, Lorain County and Sandusky. BGCNEO is **one of the largest Boys & Girls Club organizations in the nation.**

Clubs provide **safe, fun places** for kids ages 6-18 to go after school, with a focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles and character development. A few key facts:

- We have **32 Clubs in six Northeast Ohio counties** and serve one more site in Scioto County in an advisory capacity.
- In 2023, we had an average daily attendance of 2,200 and **nearly 10,000 total members.**
- There is no charge to join a Club.
- We are funded by a mix of grants, government funds and philanthropic dollars from individuals and corporations.
- Kids receive a **free daily meal** and get help from caring adult mentors.

Club programs built on strong foundation

Programs at BGCNEO focus on three areas:

- **Academic success:** First activity of the day is Power Hour, when kids can do homework and get help from staff members. Ready Readers Plus helps younger members improve skills.
- **Healthy lifestyles:** Sports, good nutrition and social-emotional health. Triple Play activities engage the mind, body and soul.
- **Character development and leadership:** Keystone and Torch Clubs are leadership groups. Youth of the Year program honors teens who excel in the Club and community.

Clubs work. In a Harris survey, 54% of alumni said the Club **“saved my life.”** The 2-7 p.m. weekday hours are when kids are most at risk to become victims of crime or to get into trouble. That’s when our doors are open.

BGCNEO in Lorain County

- **14 Clubs** in the county including 10 in Lorain, two in Elyria, one in Wellington and one in Sheffield-Sheffield Lake.
- **First Boys & Girls Club** in Lorain County opened in Oberlin in 1999.
- On an average day, **554** kids come to our Lorain County Clubs.
- **Child-poverty rate** in the county is 19.2%.