

Quality Out of School Time (OST)

Boys & Girls Club of Benton County

OST Youth Development Services for Northwest Arkansas Families: BGC Benton County provides high-quality, low-cost after-school and summer youth development programming to over 4,100 youth in Northwest Arkansas based on 3 key areas: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character & leadership. It is a safe space for youth to spend their out of school hours where they are able to develop life skills and find mentors who will walk with them through the perils in their lives.

Boys & Girls Club of Western Benton County

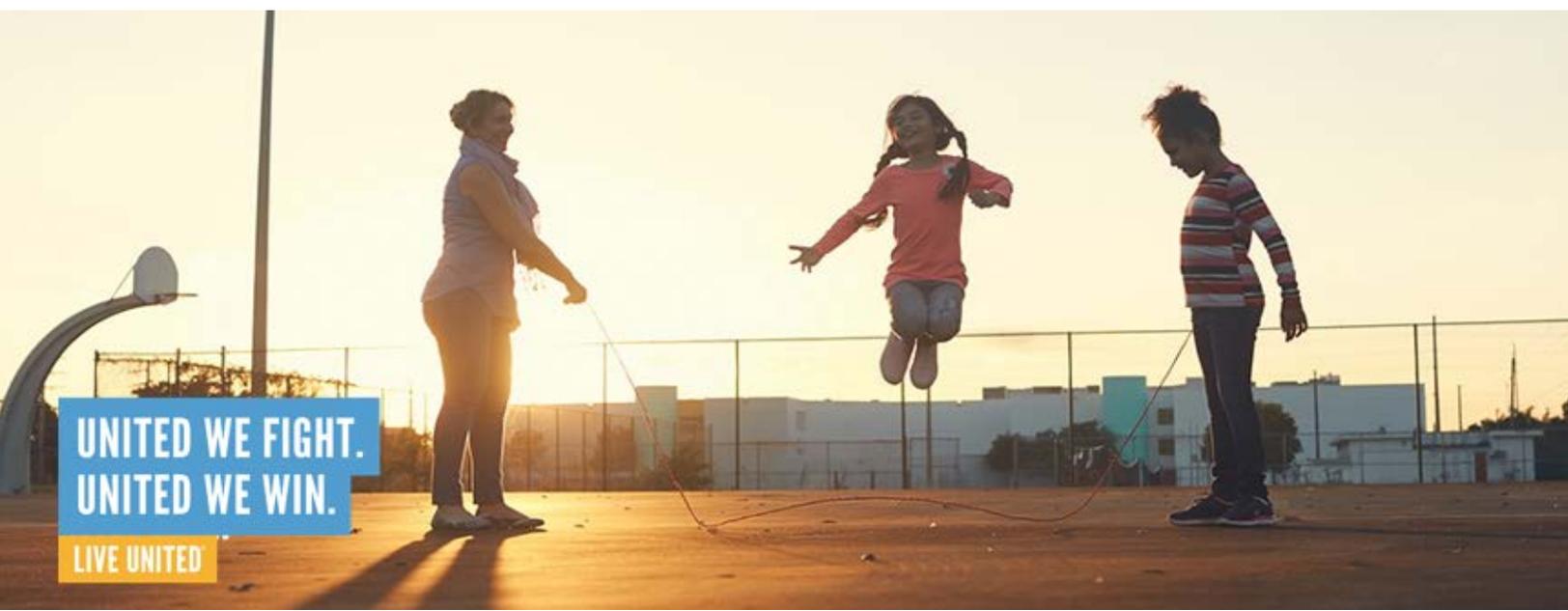
Decatur Extension of the Boys & Girls Club: The Decatur Extension of the Boys & Girls Club is a partnership with the Decatur School District and local resources to provide afterschool and summer programs for students. The shared goals are to improve academic performance, promote youth development, and improve the health and well-being of students.

Girl Scouts Diamonds of AR, OK & TX

Community Programs: School-Based and Juvenile Justice Outreach Initiative for Low-Income Girls: Community Programs is an initiative of Girl Scouts-Diamonds that brings the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls in grades K-12 from low-income areas and at-risk situations. The girls will develop key leadership skills and attitudes, including confidence, conflict resolution, and problem-solving, which are critical to well-being and rival academic and technical skills in their capacity to predict long-term positive life outcomes.

Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center

Early Childhood Initiatives Center (ECIC), Early Childhood Education Program: This program trains early childhood professionals on research-based practices to provide a high-quality early childhood education, which is necessary to give children in poverty a strong start. Children who have strong relationships with their teacher have greater academic success and more positive social-emotional adjustment than their peers who lack a positive relationship with a teacher.



Early Childhood Initiatives Center (ECIC), Business & Leadership Training

The Business and Leadership Training: This program prepares early childhood administrators to adopt well-designed, well-implemented policies and programs through industry-specific trainings. The program also focuses on moving childhood centers from being minimally licensed to becoming a quality accredited program.

Prism Education Center

Trailblazers After School Program: Trailblazers is an afterschool program serving students in K-9th grades. Elementary students will focus on the 6 Trailblazer Badges related to improved life outcomes such as Impact (Positive Interactions and Connections to Peers). Older Trailblazer students will focus on self-chosen extra-curricular and service-learning activities.

Camp Prism

Prism Education Center's summer enrichment: This program is designed for students in K-11th grade combats the "summer slump" by providing engaging programs, academic tutoring, and ACT prep classes in a camp-like atmosphere. Students engage in project-based learning, field trips, and clubs that revolve around a chosen theme.

TheatreSquared

The IMPACT Project: Individuals Managing Problems and Creating Theatre: By providing theatre classes and enriching arts experiences for at-risk youth, the IMPACT Project will promote active engagement and nurture respect for the examination of complex ideas, the expression of imagination and a deepened understanding of the richness of human experience. Participants learn to express their own experiences and build confidence as they prepare for a successful future.

