From 3-6PM, four days a weeks and from 12:30-6PM EVERY Wednesday in Bellevue, hundreds of youngsters pour into one of twelve Boys & Girls Clubhouses located throughout Bellevue. They spend time in a safe environment with positive role models who lead them in self-esteem building activities.

We also believe there is a real need for a focused academic curriculum that enhances our members' academic performance. Many of our kids simply need dedicated time to do their homework, with access to technology and extra tutoring if necessary. We work closely with the School District so that we are working hand-in-hand to complement what the students are learning in school and, in most cases, offer fun and hands-on experiences that will lead to a more positive outlook on school. We hear from parents how just getting homework done frees up the time they have at home as a family, allowing them to have more quality experiences together.

We also know that many of the youth we serve live in financially disadvantaged circumstances and many are simply falling through the cracks at school. With English as the second language for many of these youngsters, they face challenges that are simply not being met at home or in school. A vast majority of these youngsters test well below the standard levels established by the State in reading, writing and math and many are struggling socially and emotionally as well. It is our goal to provide them with a positive attitude toward school and learning and thereby improve their academic performance.

Targeting our member from 2 ½ - 12, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue have selected an education curriculum developed by Columbia University for Boys & Girls Clubs of America, known as Project Learn. Go to bgcbellevue.org to learn more about Project Learn AND our drop-out prevention program for teens known as BE GREAT; Graduate!

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Project Outcomes/Objectives:

1. Improve school performance and reduce truancy.
2. Prevent and/or reduce juvenile crime and violence.
3. Build healthy, trusting relationships between youth and adults.
4. Improve safety and security of youth by encouraging and supporting trusting relationships between youth and law enforcement.
5. Prevent and/or reduce risk taking behaviors.
6. Increase opportunities for youth to perform community service through leadership clubs.
7. Involve parents/families in their child's progress, strengthening family/child involvement.
8. Ensure inclusion and appropriately respond to the multiple cultures represented in the service population.
9. Fill the technology skill gap between the "haves" and the "have-nots" by offering state-of-the-art computers & training.
9. Provide recreational activities including field trips, special events, arts & crafts, chess club, etc.

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