

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

## FACT SHEET

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# Schools and Communities Can Work Together to Provide Exceptional Out-of-School Time Experiences for Youth and Families

During the 2020-21 program year, about 200 21st Century Community Learning Centers out-of-school time programs remained open, serving 14,000 youth and families with in-person or online programming despite the pandemic. Among them, **one in every five programs** was managed by schools but operated by community-based organizations\*. These programs were located in the Grand Rapids, Wyoming, and Kalamazoo areas, serving 2,200 primarily Black (39%) and Hispanic (40%) low-income youth and families.

\*CBO includes faith-based organizations, YMCAs, municipal Parks and Recreation, etc.

Examples of what youth did at these programs:

- Tutoring
- Fitness and nutrition
- Cooking Matters
- STEAM
- Engineering club
- History club
- Writing a spooky story
- Family night
- NBA math hoops

Survey results from 164 family members and 140 youth participants showed that...

**80%** families believed programs could provide the support and interaction needed for their child

**71%** families asked for academic help and learning opportunities to benefit their child

**76%** youth appreciated programs connecting them with an adult who could help

**73%** youth thought the LIVE virtual sessions were very helpful to them

