



Our Mission

To engage young people after school and during the summer building belonging, competence and purpose in their lives.

We operate 18 school-based Kids Clubs in Cherokee and Spartanburg Counties, serving 1,600 kids after school daily until 6 pm, including a snack and meal every day.



We employ 150 young adults, mostly college students, who earn \$15/hour or more as Teachers Up Apprentices who staff our Kids Clubs and work with our Club Kids every day.

- Our Apprentices and US Department of Labor-certified Youth Development Specialists earn over \$2 million each year as they work through college.
- We train them to be teachers and parents while building strong career connections with our local schools.
- We are working to be more intentional each year in our partnerships with schools, colleges and universities to build the pipeline of future teachers.

We provide effective, affordable (free), and accessible after school care for working families.

- We save our Club Kid Families over \$5 million a year in childcare costs.
- Our parents say they can work with peace of mind thanks to our services.
- Over 90% say they are more involved in their child's education and development.
- Our parents pick up daily allowing us regular contact with them about their child's performance.

Our Kids Clubs are recognized by the US Department of Education as evidence-based Comprehensive Afterschool Programs.

- Our Club Kids perform better in school and help their schools perform better on their SC School Report Cards.
- Each week, every Club Kid is engaged in Leadership, Education, Arts and Fitness programming designed to help them build belonging, competence and purpose.
- Our **Kids Up Youth Development Curriculum** is the foundation of our programming and our opportunity to help others have an apprenticeship in their schools. Clubs also incorporate certified teachers, funded specialty program partners, fieldtrips, sport leagues, and dynamic literacy enrichment throughout the year.

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