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About YSPN

YSPN is an innovative BGCB program that works in partnership with the Boston Police Department to place licensed, clinical social workers at police stations. Since its inception in 1996, YSPN has served more than 8,000 of the city's most at-risk youth and families. YSPN social workers develop relationships with youth who are at risk for arrest, as well as those who are already part of the Juvenile Justice system. The aim is to help young people develop more trusting relationships and offer them choices through a program comprising:

- voluntary clinical services
- referrals
- advocacy
- counseling
- guidance of a caring adult

"I am proud to support YSPN, whose innovative approach to dealing with at-risk youth has been recognized nationally. I know that the members of the Boston Police Department are as happy as I am for their partnership."

– Mayor Thomas M. Menino

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How YSPN Works

Licensed, trained social workers, working out of Boston police stations, are deployed to put young people and their families in contact with a comprehensive safety net of services. Youth referred to YSPN are either engaged in delinquent activity, or at high risk of engaging in such activity. After referral, the youth receive assistance under a three-tiered system:

- intake and assessment
- short-term clinical case management
- on-going clinical services

Locations

YSPN directors and licensed social workers work alongside the Boston Police Department in precincts in the following neighborhoods:

- Dorchester
- Jamaica Plain
- Mattapan
- Roxbury
- South Boston
- South End/Lower Roxbury

Additionally, YSPN extends its reach through the city-wide programs of the Youth Violence Strike Force and School Police Unit.

Proven Results

A study sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found the following significant changes in YSPN clients:

- 59% reduction in weapon carrying;
- 64% reduction in aggressive behavior;
- 71% reduction in victimization.



About BGCB

Serving Boston since 1893

Our Mission

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) helps young people, especially those who need us most, build strong character and realize their full potential as responsible citizens and leaders.

Where We Work

BGCB currently operates five free-standing Clubs, four School Clubs and the Youth Service Providers Network (YSPN) throughout Boston and in Chelsea. We serve in communities where the need for safe after-school, weekend and summer programming is greatest. BGCB also operates Camp Harbor View on Long Island in Boston Harbor.

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