

Unmet Oral Health Needs, Underserved Populations, and New Workforce Models: An Urgent Dialogue Morehouse School of Medicine

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For more than a century, Boys & Girls Clubs have helped put young people on the path to GREAT FUTURES by offering HOPE and OPPORTUNITY to every child that walks through our doors.



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Boys & Girls Clubs annually serve nearly 4 million young people, ages 6-18 through membership and community outreach, in some 4,000 Club facilities in every state, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide.



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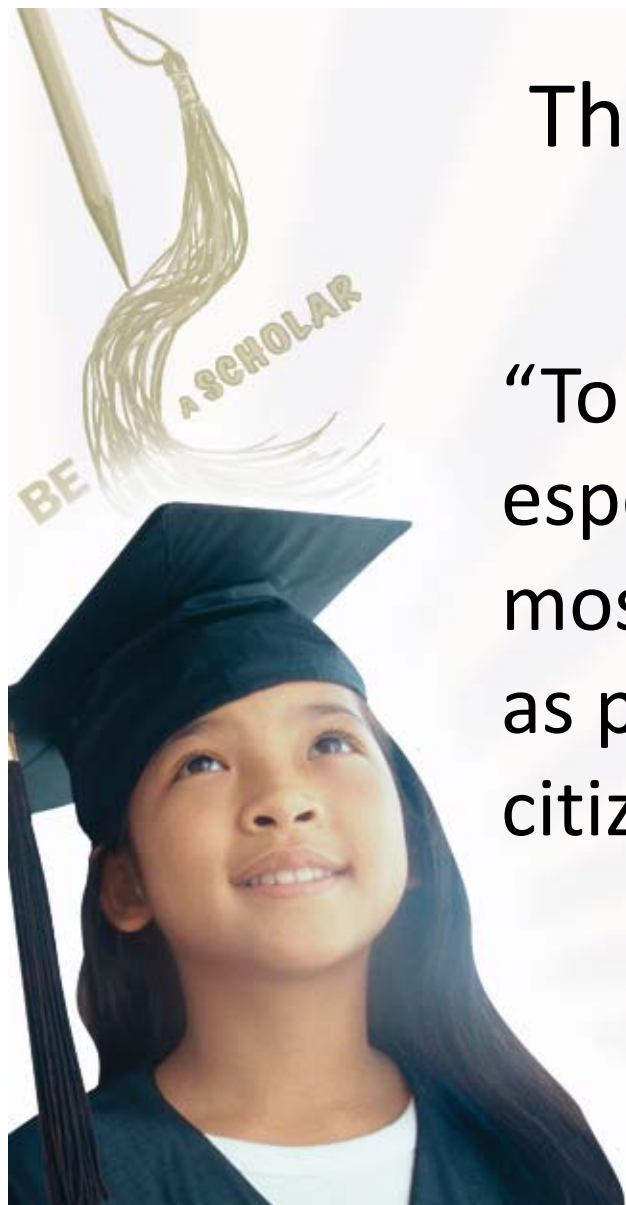


Clubs are community-based and building centered; provide a safe, affordable place for young people; are led by paid, trained youth development professionals; provide generation-changing programs that support academics success, good character & citizenship and healthy lifestyles.



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The MISSION of Boys & Girls Clubs of America is:

“To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.”



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Among nearly 4,000 Club facilities:

- 1,314 are in schools
- 392 are in Youth Centers on U.S. military installations
- 360 are in public housing
- 199 are on remote Native American lands



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WHY SERVE THE UNDERSERVED?

Among the country's 50 largest cities, **ATLANTA** ranks 5th as having the highest rate of children living in areas of concentrated poverty.

That's 43% of all children in Atlanta!



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WHY SERVE THE UNDERSERVED?

As the U.S. struggles to climb out of the recession, our children are falling further behind because **CHILDREN** today are our **POOREST** age group!



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WHY SERVE THE UNDERSERVED?

Nationally, Black and Hispanic children are almost three times as likely to be poor or only in fair health as White children and are more likely to have an unmet medical need due to cost than White children.



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WHY SERVE THE UNDERSERVED?

Children without insurance are almost three times as likely as others to have not seen a dentist in more than two years.



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WHY SERVE THE UNDERSERVED?

More low-income, Hispanic and Black children have untreated tooth decay.



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The Crest Cavity-Free Zone Program

2001 -2007, \$6,000,000

Crest



- Oral Health Curriculum for ages 6-9, 10-12, 13-18
- Education, tools and access for Club members to dental professionals nationwide
- Crest Smile Shoppes (dental centers) at 5 Club sites constructed for \$200,000 each
- Healthy Smiles, Healthy Families: An Oral Health Guide for Parents



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Challengers Boys & Girls Club, Los Angeles, CA



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National Children's Oral Health Foundation: America's Tooth Fairy

- National partnership established with BGCA in 2010
- Provide complete dental services, including orthodontics, with a strong emphasis on encouraging good oral health behaviors
- Deliver educational, preventive and treatment services to underserved children and their caregivers, starting before birth
- Assists at-risk teens ages 12-19 in need of dental care



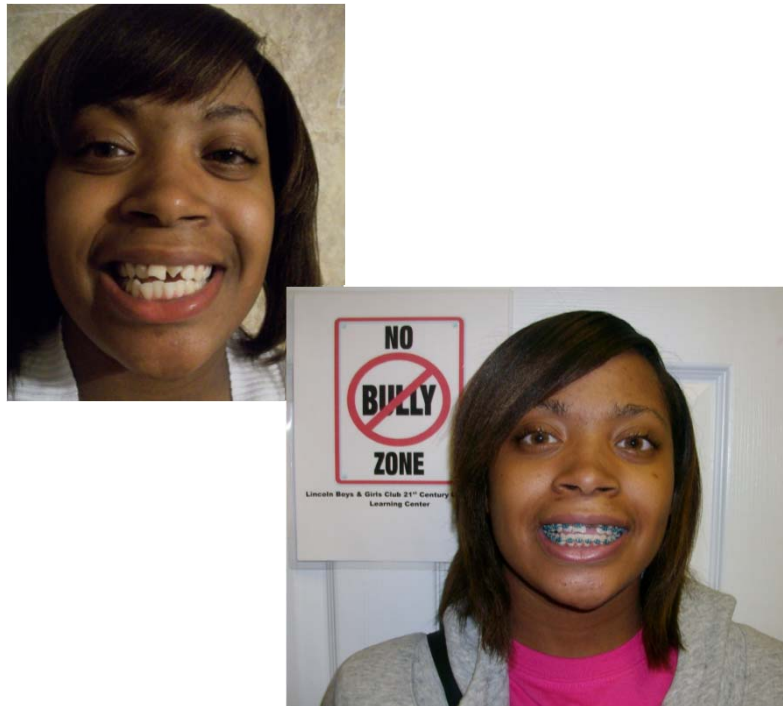
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Changing Smiles - Changing Lives



With the confidence that comes with a healthy, beautiful smile, Micah was named **B&GC Youth of the Year!**

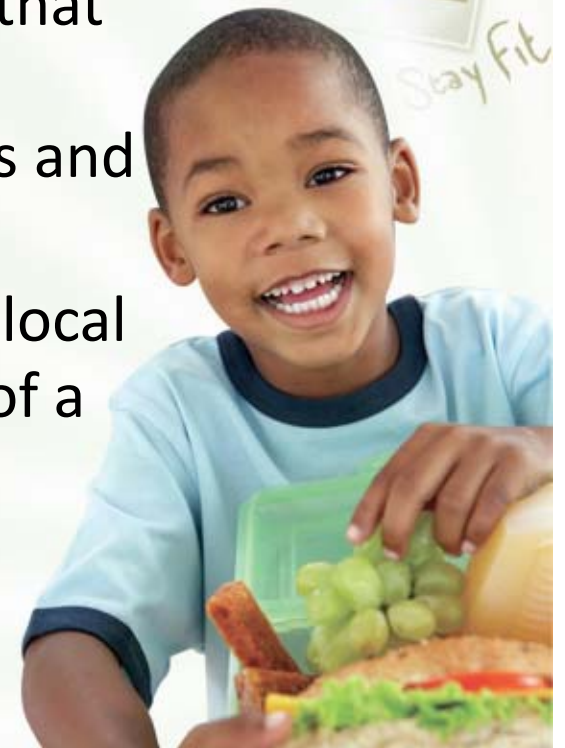
Micah endured years of bullying and being called "Tiger Teeth" by her classmates





The Smile for a Lifetime Foundation (S4L)

- National partnership established with BGCA in 2012
- S4L is an international nonprofit organization that provides orthodontic care and FREE braces to underserved children with financial challenges and special orthodontic needs
- Club members ages 10-18 apply for pro-bono local orthodontic scholarships and receive the gift of a SMILE



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Opportunities to Improve Access to Oral Health Care for Young People and their Families MUST:

- Be targeted, local and very visible
- Have an array of social service providers to support, promote and educate others
- Have state governments willing and able to enroll children
- Make the enrollment process easy with understandable requirements
- Have plans to outreach to communities, coordinate partners, orchestrate events



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