Youth Center Objectives

- "For the purpose of **transforming the lives of our young people**, it is the intent of the Council to allocate $70 million to the construction of at least four new state-of-the-art Youth Centers to provide afterschool and summer programming."

- "It is the intent of the Council that these new Youth Centers will offer programming that includes but is not necessarily limited to athletics, arts, family, health and educational resources."

- Serve a diverse population of young people.

- Address the mental health and well-being of youth, including those exposed to ACEs.

- Give all OKC youth the opportunity to thrive and succeed, regardless of what zip code they are in.

- Ensure all youth can have Great Futures!

BGCOKC's Mission & Vision
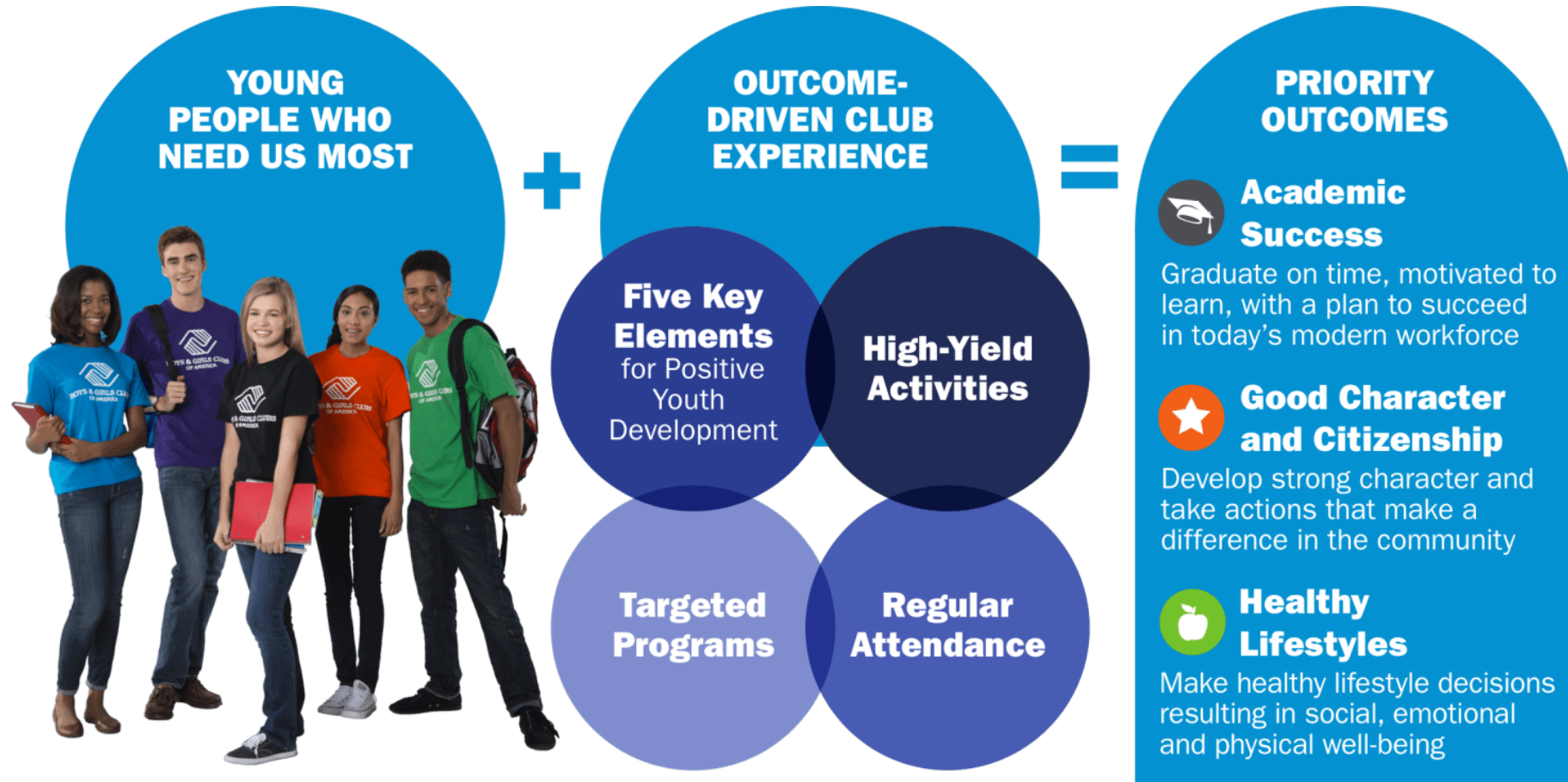
Mission Statement

Our mission is to inspire and enable all young people, **especially those who need us most**, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.
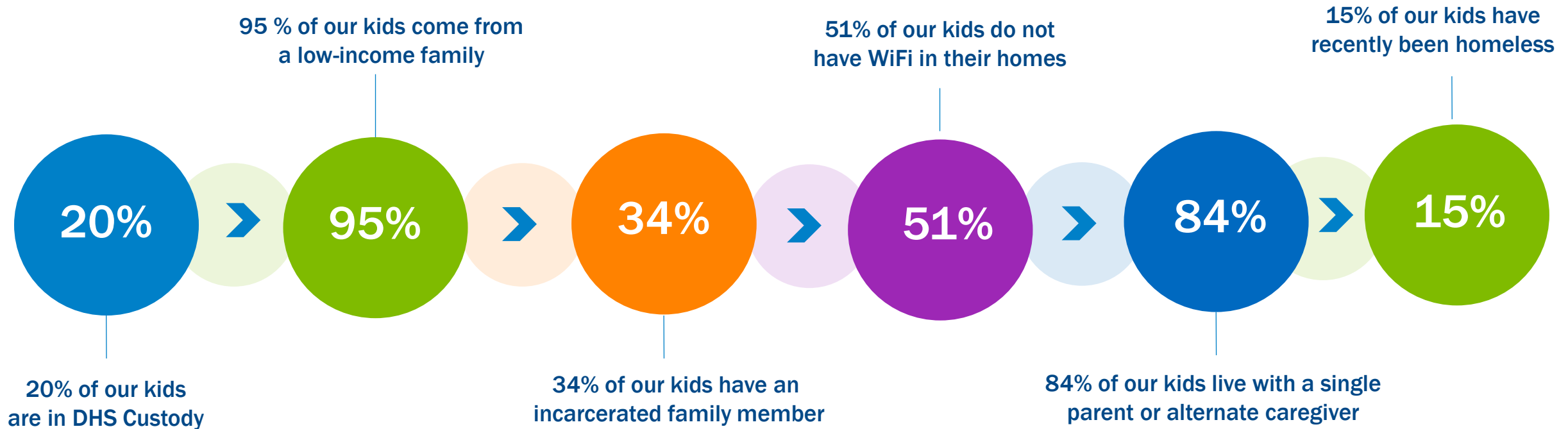
Great Futures Vision Statement

Our vision is to provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and leadership and living a healthy lifestyle.

Transforming Lives: Our Formula for Impact

Serving the Youth Who Need Us Most

95 % of our kids come from a low-income family

51% of our kids do not have WiFi in their homes

15% of our kids have recently been homeless

20% → **95%** → **34%** → **51%** → **84%** → **15%**

20% of our kids are in DHS Custody

34% of our kids have an incarcerated family member

84% of our kids live with a single parent or alternate caregiver

100%
are amazing kids with great talents who need support and opportunities!

Youth Centers for All

Affordability and accessibility will be key to ensuring youth centers help the kids who need us most and achieve the desired outcomes.

- Ideally, Youth Centers will be located in areas with the greatest target population, easily accessible by public transportation and/or in walking distance
- Based on our experience, a no or low fee approach is critical to ensuring the kids these Youth Centers are intended to serve can actually attend.
- Our recommendation is that Youth Centers provide the following:
  - An integrated, "whole child" approach of programs, activities, mentorship, mental health support and caring adults
  - Fun, engaging activities and programs that encourage regular attendance
  - Unique and state-of-the-art opportunities and programs for teens
  - The ability to help all youth find their passion and develop their talent
  - Family activities and support services
  - A Pathway to a Great Future!

Inside A BGC-Operated Youth Center

A Boys & Girls Club Youth Center uses fun, evidence-based programs as part of a fully-integrated, whole-child approach to achieve targeted outcomes for our youth.

A typical Youth Center includes:
- A positive place where kids feel and are SAFE and ACCEPTED, that is humming with activity
- Supportive relationships and mentorships
- Programs and Activities:
  - Academic Enrichment
  - Social and Emotional Well-Being
  - STEM
  - Arts (dance, visual arts, music, drama)
  - Sports & Recreation
  - Special Interest Clubs
  - Workforce Development
  - College & Career Prep
- Collaborations with Community Partners
- Opportunities and Expectations
- Individual Recognition

Examples of Community Partners

54% of alumni said the Club saved their life!

BGCOKC: Uniquely Positioned to Operate Maps4 Youth Centers

Youth Development isn't just something we do, it's the ONLY thing we do!

- Our mission aligns perfectly with the stated objectives for the MAPS4 Youth Centers!
- Proven outcomes
- 27 years successfully running OKC Youth Centers working with the youth population the MAPS4 Youth Centers are intended to serve
- Part of BGCA, the nation's leading provider of youth development services with over 165 years of experience running Youth Centers
- Successfully operated with a no/low fee model our entire existence. It's all we know!
- Currently have 18 Clubs throughout the OKC area serving over 15K youth
- Strong facilities, financial and fleet management expertise
- Community partnerships are part of our SOP

Questions?

Thank you!