## AZ Insider: The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley Has A Formula for Impact

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The success stories of the Boys & Girls Clubs nationally are numerous. And many of those success stories have started at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley. Not only do the clubs in the Phoenix metro area offer affordable after-school and summer programs for 16,000+ young people in grades K-12, but the Boys & Girls Clubs across the Valley, employ a Formula for Impact for how the organization impacts the life of a child.

Across the Valley, BGCAZ provides award-winning programs designed to change the lives of young people.

For over 70 years, BGCAZ has been creating equity and opportunity for youth through academic, social, and workforce opportunities.

BGCAZ helps young people make healthy decisions and focus on social and emotional development to build resilient young adults.

It's programs are organized around four Priority Outcomes: Academic Success; Good Character & Leadership, Healthy Choices and Career Pathways & Workforce Readiness. Academic Success: Graduate from high school, ready for college, trade school, military or employment. Good Character & Leadership: Be an engaged member in the community, and model strong character Healthy Lifestyles: Adopt a healthy diet, practice healthy lifestyle choices and make a lifelong commitment to fitness.

Most importantly, BGCAZ works to develop strong character and leadership skills by creating positive connections to caring adults and their community.