



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# BUILDING POTENTIAL, CLOSING THE GAP

## NEARLY 1 IN 2 YOUTH

in U.S. public schools are from low-income communities, but where they live makes a difference:

City 60%

Suburban 40%

Town 52%

Rural 44%

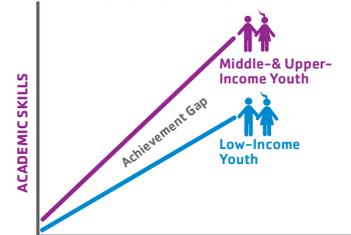
Percentages indicate the number of students on free and reduced lunch.

[Source: Southern Education Foundation <http://bit.ly/1FYwAsC>]

## ACHIEVEMENT GAP WIDENS OVER TIME

Kids from low-income families often start school unprepared. Despite progressing at the same rates during the school year, gaps widen each summer—and students fall farther behind their peers. The gap culminates in low H.S. graduation and college attainment rates, limited job prospects, and negative economic impact.

THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP



## ALL KIDS HAVE POTENTIAL.

That's why we support their academic, physical and social-emotional development from cradle to career with holistic programs that don't just close the gap—they help kids realize who they are and all they can achieve.



EXPLORATION & PLAY



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT



HEALTH & WELLNESS



GLOBAL LEARNING



ARTS



STEM



SERVICE LEARNING



ACADEMICS



TUTORING



COLLEGE CONNECTIONS



CAREER EXPLORATION

## WE'RE LEARNING TOGETHER

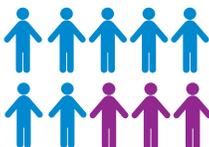
at Ys across the country, partnering with caregivers, families, and schools... and we're excited about what we've been able to accomplish together through these pilot programs.

### EARLY LEARNING READINESS



90% of caregivers cited an increase in their child's ability to engage in positive play.

### AFTERSCHOOL



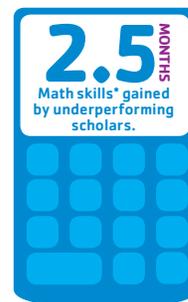
54% of students improved their social-emotional skills.

### SUMMER LEARNING LOSS PREVENTION

99%

Caregivers agreed that the program helped increase their child's reading skills

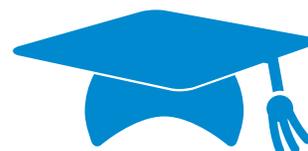
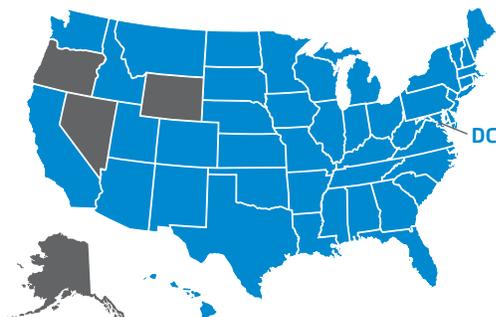
### POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY™



\*A pilot partnership between Y and BELL (Building Educated Leaders for Life).  
\*Results from computer adaptive Star Enterprise Assessments.

The Y's efforts to close the Achievement Gap are at work at 260 SITES in nearly 46 STATES, plus Washington, D.C.

States with Ys offering at least one Achievement Gap program.



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