



YouthConnect At a Glance

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Boston

YouthConnect is a program of Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB), in partnership with the Boston Police Department, that provides violence prevention, intervention, advocacy, and mental health services to young people.

Since 1996, YouthConnect has placed licensed clinical social workers in Boston police stations to comprehensively address the underlying problems and social-emotional issues contributing to juvenile crime and delinquency. YouthConnect social workers work with the entire families, offering confidential, voluntary, and free services. To date, YouthConnect has assisted over 18,000 youth and families throughout Boston.

“The safety and well-being of our young people is a top priority for the Boston Police Department. When Boston Police Officers refer young people they encounter to YouthConnect, they know they will be provided with clinical expertise and connections to services by caring and committed social workers. This holistic approach makes a very real difference in peoples' lives and plays an important role in violence prevention in Boston neighborhoods.”

Michael Cox
Commissioner, Boston Police Department

Our clinical model

YouthConnect clients are young people seeking holistic services. Overall, YouthConnect interventions aim to promote positive behaviors, support families, and improve connections to community-based services.

YouthConnect addresses the challenges in our clients' lives beyond legal troubles, such as:

- Chronic substance abuse
- Exposure to trauma
- Gang affiliation
- Poor educational achievement
- Housing instability
- Mental illness (or family mental illness)

Our clients have reported improvements in:

54% support systems

48% trauma response

43% mental health

35% employment stability

40% basic needs

YouthConnect, upon police referral, contacts youth and families for assessment. Subsequently, 85% of the contacted families choose services to pursue individual goals through various tiers:

Therapy Services

Youth and their families receive weekly support either at home, via telehealth, in the community or where they feel the most comfortable.

Clinical Case Management

YouthConnect social workers coordinate culturally appropriate care by facilitating case conferences that bring together providers and systems to identify roles.

Resource Coordination

Connecting clients with local social service providers, families are often referred to pre-existing services that address diverse needs.

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Locations

Dorchester, East Boston, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roxbury, and South End districts. In order to serve youth across Boston, our clinicians are also working alongside officers and detectives in the Domestic Violence Unit, Youth Violence Strike Force, and the School Police Unit.

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