

Chartering a Boys & Girls Club in Indian Country Return on Investment





For over 35 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) has worked alongside Tribal Nations to create greater opportunities for Native youth. In partnership with Tribal leaders and community partners, Boys & Girls Clubs have expanded their reach and impact on Native lands ensuring more young people have access to safe spaces, caring mentors and culturally relevant programs that help them grow and succeed.

BGCA remains deeply committed to supporting Native communities and expanding high-quality youth development opportunities. Native Services helps build the capacity of Club professionals and leaders while supporting programs that honor and strengthen the cultural identity of Native youth.

These efforts create environments where young Native people can develop socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically, preparing them to lead strong futures for their Tribal Nations and for our country.

Tribal Nations Need Club Kids. Club Kids Need You.

Across Native lands, Boys & Girls Clubs are helping young people grow into leaders, innovators and culture bearers who will shape the future of their communities. When Native youth have access to safe spaces, caring mentors, and opportunities to learn, their potential becomes a powerful force for Tribal Nations. But creating these opportunities doesn't happen alone. The success of Boys & Girls Clubs serving Native communities depends on strong partnerships with organizations that believe in the promise and resilience of Native youth. Thank you for your interest in partnering with us to invest in Native youth help prepare our young Indigenous leaders for a bright and successful future.



BGCA Native Services Unit Staff

BGCA Native Services staff is committed to addressing the challenges and issues unique to Native lands. Our team has very ambitious goals to aid in the sustainability and development of all Native Clubs. Each state has a designated Director of Organizational Development (DOD) that provides direct service to the organization's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Volunteer Officer (CVO), Program Staff, its board and/or Tribe. BGCA Native Services has a unique understanding of issues related to serving Native youth through working with Native communities and provides culturally relevant programs and services.

To learn more about the BGCA Native Services team members and the specific Native organizations team members serve, visit NAClubs.org/meet-the-team.

BGCA Programs with Native Adaptations

BGCA Native Services provides Native Clubs with access to culturally relevant BGCA programs adapted for Native Clubs online at NAClubs.org/club-programs. Various BGCA curriculums have been reviewed to provide an adaptation and collateral materials that are more reflective of Native culture. Local Clubs have the ability to create their own supplemental activities that reflect their culture and traditions.



Additional Resources

Access to National Training Initiative (NTI)

The National Trainers Initiative (NTI) is BGCA's FREE trainer certification program. The purpose of NTI is to strengthen program quality and youth outcomes by developing skilled, confident trainers within Clubs. By certifying trainers within your organization, you can provide high quality youth development training for staff without having to rely on outside organizations.

Indigenous Advisory Circle

The Indigenous Advisory Circle provides culturally grounded leadership, strategic insight, and collaborative guidance on the state of Native youth and the evolving needs of Native organizations. Their aim is to ensure that all support for Native communities and youth is impactful, respectful, and sustainable, driving meaningful outcomes and honoring Indigenous values.



Boys & Girls Clubs in Indian Country Board of Directors

The Board serves as an advocate for the advancement of Boys & Girls Club services to Native youth and all youth living on Tribal lands. This advocacy takes the form of solicitation and stewardship of funds for local Clubs and providing strategic vision to partnership and growth opportunities for Clubs.

Training Specific for Native Sites

NATIVE SUMMIT

Training for CEOs, Board Members and Tribal Leaders

The Native Summits include informational breakout sessions that are designed to advance the ability of both Native Clubs to deepen their impact and develop strong, sustainable organizations that will meet the needs of their communities. Recognizing that while Clubs have many similarities, they also have many differences, breakout sessions are designed to fit the needs of each and every Native organization and site served.



NATIVE ADVANCED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (ALP)

Training for CEOs, Board Members and Tribal Leaders

The Advanced Leadership Program (ALP), provided by BGCA, is a learning experience that provides Club professionals with the necessary tools to teach and develop leadership capacity in their organization. ALP is designed to provide new concepts, benchmark best practices, and provide real time coaching.



NATIVE AP

Training for CEOs, RD Professionals, Board and Tribal Leaders
Advancing Philanthropy (AP) is designed to guide Clubs in building a sustainable development model centered on the creation of a culture of philanthropy. The AP program provides an opportunity for Clubs to increase resource development in a transformative way.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE NATIVE TRACK

Training for Club Professionals, Board and Tribal Leaders
At BGCA National Conference, BGCA Native Services offers a one day training for all Native Organizations and/or sites serving Native youth.

BOARD CHAIR ACADEMIES

Training for Board and Tribal Leaders
The Native Leaders Academy is designed for Board Members and/or Tribal leaders who serve as the governing body for Native Clubs.

TRAUMA-INFORMED SPECIALISTS

Training for Club Professionals
BGCA Native Services remains steadfast in its commitment to the development of trauma-informed practices within Native Clubs by equipping Club professionals with the training and tools necessary to become certified Trauma-Informed Specialists. Upon completion, these individuals return to their communities with renewed insight and expertise, enabling them to engage with youth more effectively, respond to their distinct lived experiences as Indigenous people with empathy and understanding, and share their knowledge with fellow staff through peer-led training.

Websites

- NAClubs.org
- BGCA.net
- BGCABoards.org
- MyClubHub.BGCA.net
- Spillett Leadership University

Funding & Grant Opportunities for Native Sites

- State Alliance
- BGCA Pass Through Funding (i.e. scholarships and awards)
- BGCA Program Funding Opportunities
- OJJDP Mentoring, Indian Health Service T.R.A.I.L. and AmeriCorps VISTA Funding Opportunities



Boys & Girls Club Brand

BGCA's brand reflects our deep commitment to young people and the communities we serve. Embedded in a trusted visual identity and strength-based messaging, our brand communicates reliability, care and purpose. The brand elements strengthen trust, reinforces our mission and clearly communicates the impact of Clubs on Native lands.

As Clubs work towards building a donor base to ensure the sustainability of their programs, the BGCA brand offers Clubs the leverage of nationally-recognized, high-quality programs that create a positive impact for youth and Native communities.

BGCA Affiliation Includes Access to:

- BGCA National Conference
- Bi-annual Regional events
- Bi-annual Keystone Conference
- Youth of the Year
- National Days of Advocacy
- Area Council
- HR Hotline
- Safety Hotline
- The Professional Association
- Programs and Training based on the Core Program Areas (Health & Well Being, Character & Leadership, Academic Success, Life & Workforce Readiness, Cultural Enrichment)

The impact of Boys & Girls Clubs on Native lands is not defined only by the programs we offer, but by the people who believe in the promise and potential of Native youth. Your dedication and support help ensure that young people, especially those who need us most, have access to safe places, caring mentors and greater opportunities.

By investing in Native youth today, you help inspire confidence, nurture leadership, and open doors to brighter futures for young people, their families and their communities. We look forward to partnering with you to help shape the lives of Indigenous youth and prepare them for success.

