

BUNCOMBE COUNTY COVID RECOVERY FUNDING

Project Spotlight



To promote a strong and equitable recovery from COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts, Buncombe County invested federal funds into projects like this one.

Project

Closing the Gap and Building Resiliency

Lead Organization



Award Amount

\$200,000

Project Dates

July 2022 to July 2023

Impact Area

Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

How the Funds Were Used

YTL Training Program addressed the impacts of lost instructional time through its Closing the Gap and Building Resiliency project. YTL provided summer camp and after school programming to youth ages 6-18. Programming included academic tutoring and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math). YTL also delivered community programming to increase understanding of Adverse Childhood Experiences and promoted strategies to help mitigate the generational impacts of trauma. The project intended to promote academic growth, increase student attendance, reduce in-school discipline, increase parent engagement, and increase resiliency.

Results

- LIFE 70** service recipients (children)
- LIFE 80%** summer participants that maintained or increased their reading skill by at least one grade level
- LIFE 90%** summer participants that are two grade levels behind saw at least 1.5 years of academic growth
- LIFE 15** after-school participants increased attendance at school
- LIFE 15** after-school participants saw fewer discipline or office referrals



SUMMER CAMP IS HERE



“Five ACS primary and elementary schools earned an F ranking for the academic performance of their black students, as did both ACS middle schools. This project increased YTL’s capacity to expand the number of students in its summer camp to address these unacceptable rankings.”

-Libby Kyles, Co-founder, Board Chair

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