



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER OXNARD AND
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CALIFORNIA INVESTS THREE TIMES MORE IN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Locally, Boys & Girls Club programs cut down on juvenile crime

OXNARD, Calif. – California offers state and federally funded after-school programs to more than 400,000 youth every day, according to a new report, “California’s After-School Commitment: Keeping Kids On Track and Out of Trouble,” by [Fight Crime: Invest in Kids California](#). The nonprofit group includes 400 sheriffs, police chiefs, district attorneys and victims of violence. The report shows California invests more than three times more in after-school programs than the other 49 states combined.

“The [Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme](#) has long recognized the importance of providing after-school programs to ensure our community’s kids stay safe in those risky hours between school and bedtime,” said Tim Blaylock, chief professional officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme. “We are grateful to Fight Crime for quantifying the critical work of our partners throughout California who are joining together to build a safer community.”

The local Boys & Girls Club was the subject of a local report on the economic impact of the club on the community. “Economic Impact of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme on the Community: A Study of the Return in Investing in Our Children” showed that, among other areas, the club is decreasing crime rates, saving the community nearly \$27 million. The arrest rate for club youth is one-third the rate for Ventura County youth. For incarcerated youth who participated in the club’s program at the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Center, the repeat crime rate is 9 percent as compared with the national repeat crime rate of 60 percent.

“Today more than ever, we need to have a place where kids can go, a safe place where they can be exposed to positive influences,” said Oxnard Police Chief John Crombach. “That, folks, is the Boys & Girls Club.”

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme exists to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. With three full-service clubs, 13 school program sites and one housing site, the organization is one of the largest of its kind in California, serving 7,200 members annually. The group is also the first Boys & Girls Club of its kind to open a site inside a Juvenile Justice Center in the state of California. Program areas offered to youth include character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, technology and sports, fitness and recreation. For more information, visit www.positiveplace4kids.org.

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