

Boston Centers for Youth & Families

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Create



Every Neighborhood, One Mission



Our Mission

Since our founding, our purpose and services have been influenced and shaped by those who we serve – Boston's youth and families. Nearly four decades later this tradition continues. The mission of Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is to enhance the quality of life of Boston's residents by partnering with various organizations to offer a wide range of comprehensive programs and activities according to neighborhood needs and interests.

Our History

In the early 1970's, as new school buildings sprang up all over Boston, residents felt strongly that these buildings should be used as community resources and offer community programming when school was not in session. This idea led to the establishment of Boston Community Schools in 1972. Overtime we added additional services, programs, and facilities; in 2001, our name was changed to Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and today we are the City of Boston's largest youth and human services agency.

Impacting Boston's Communities

The tremendous impact of Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is known throughout the City of Boston. As the City of Boston's largest human services agency we offer a plethora of affordable programs for all ages located at various BCYF community centers and facilities throughout the City of Boston.

BCYF is committed to providing high-quality, outcome driven programs that are responsive to neighborhood needs and interests. We design our programming in alignment with our ACES Framework (Arts, Community & Civic Engagement, Education and Sports, Recreation & Fitness) to ensure consistency and quality across our network.

Our key program areas are: Sports and Recreation, Violence Prevention and Intervention, Summer Programming, Adult Education, Seniors and Girls Programs. For more information about our programs please visit our website where you can click on each of our facilities and see what they offer.

"It was a great experience. It taught me to be responsible and to be committed to something positive. I especially had fun working with the younger campers and feel like I became a role model to them."
~ BCYF Teen Member

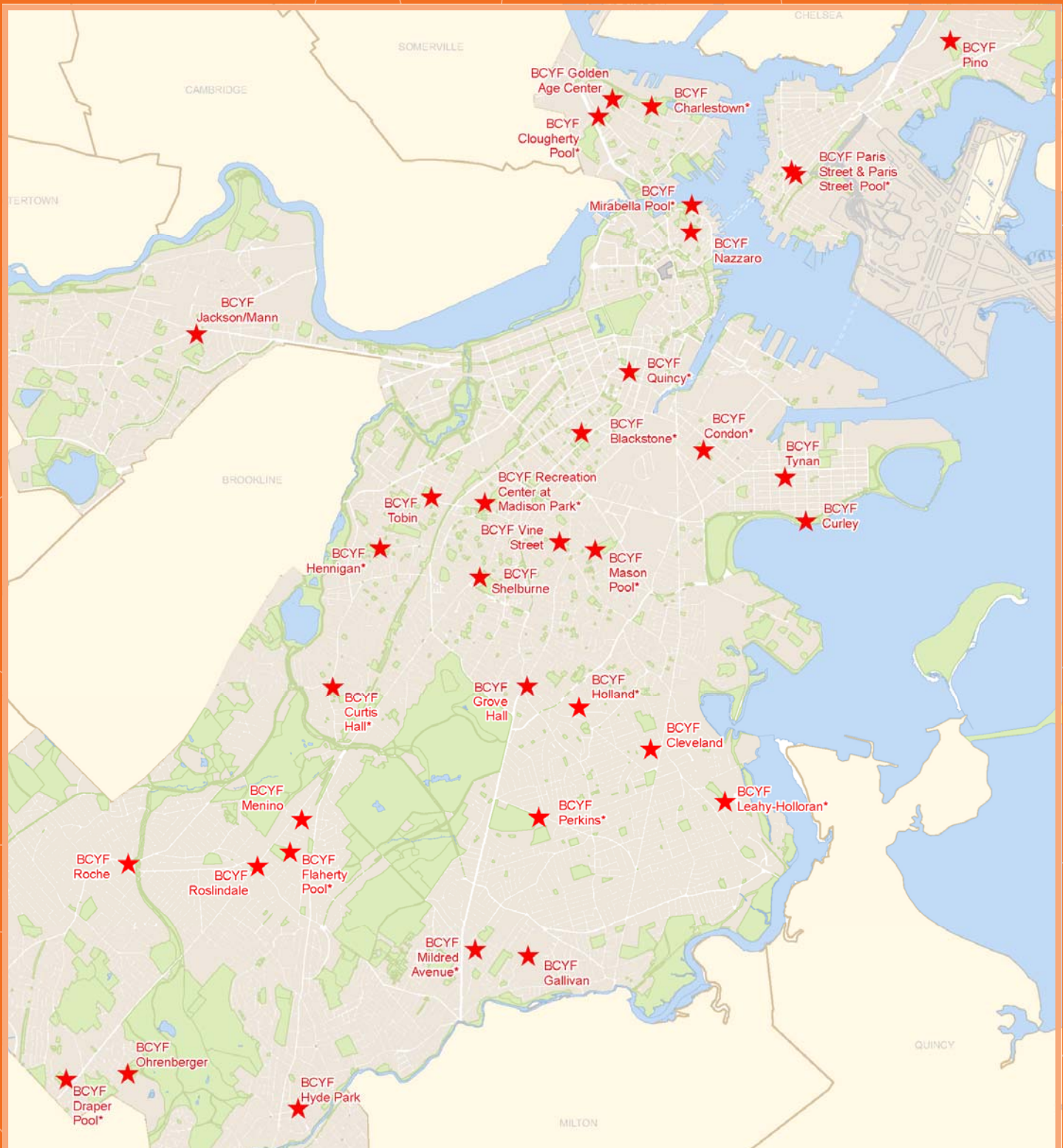


Explore Our Network

BCYF's network of 29 community centers including 17 pools and 1 beach offer a wide range of diverse facility characteristics that are as unique as the neighborhoods they serve.

Looking for an indoor rock climbing wall, computer lab, Zumba studio, teen center, indoor track, boxing gym, space to hold a large meeting, indoor or outdoor swimming pool, or recording studio? Each of these can be found at one or more of our BCYF Community Centers in addition to many other amenities. This is why over 60,000 Boston residents visit our facilities each year.

We invite you to start exploring the BCYF network today!



Get involved with BCYF

The Foundation for Boston Centers for Youth & Families is a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation that raises funds to support and enhance the mission of BCYF. To donate to the Foundation or to learn more about sponsorship or partnership opportunities, please contact Leslee Parker-Sproul at leslee.parker-sproul@cityofboston.gov or 617-635-4920.

BCYF is supported by many dedicated volunteers who perform a wide range of volunteer services throughout our network. If you are interested in volunteering at BCYF please contact Allison Rogers at allison.rogers@cityofboston.gov or 617-635-4920.

To learn more about our programs and how to participate, please visit us online at cityofboston.gov/bcyf or stop by one of our centers.



Connect with us online.

Stay in touch with us online to learn about upcoming programs, exciting events for all ages and other BCYF opportunities in your community and throughout Boston.



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