



# An Investment in Success

After School Programs and Their Role in the Life Chances of Youth

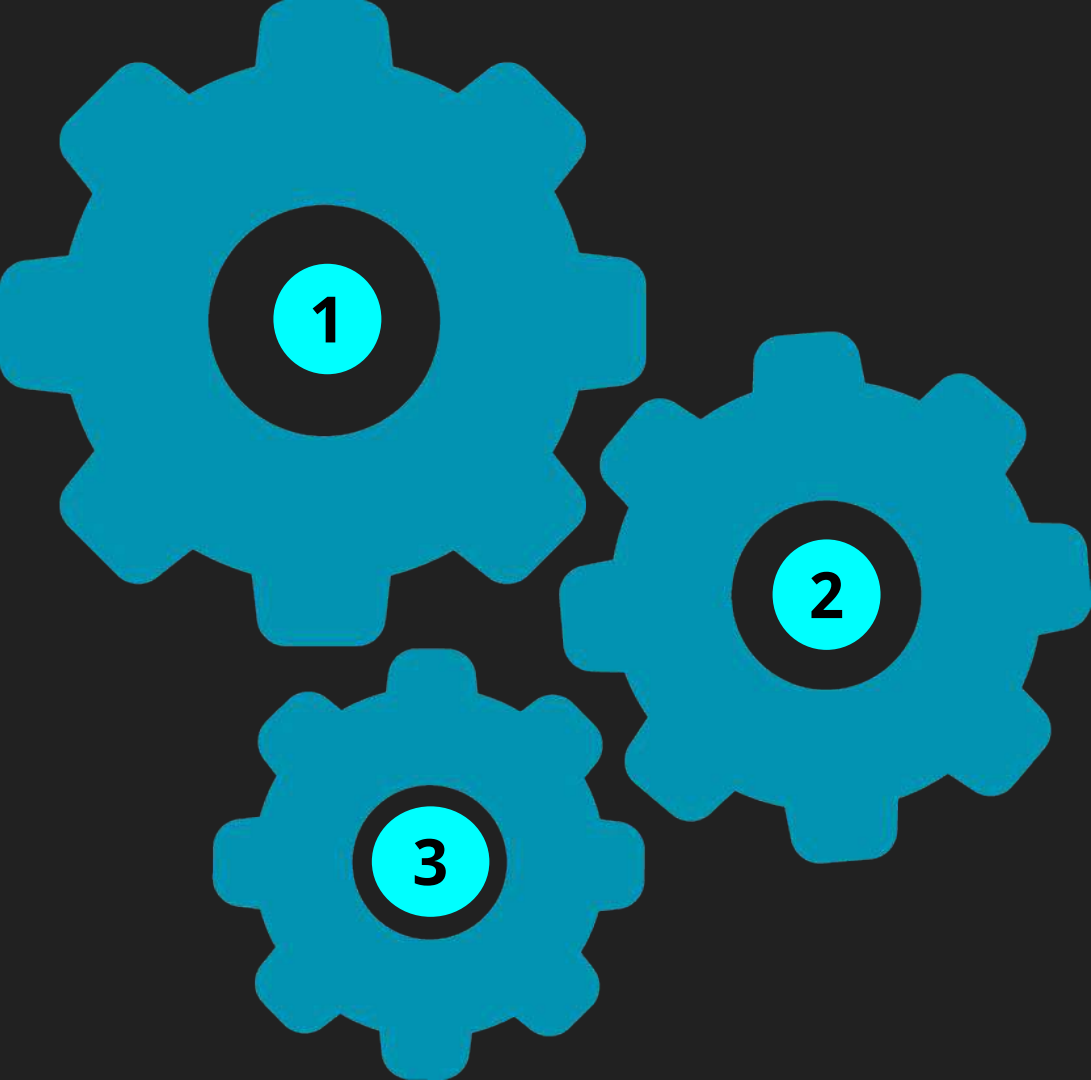


# Who We Are



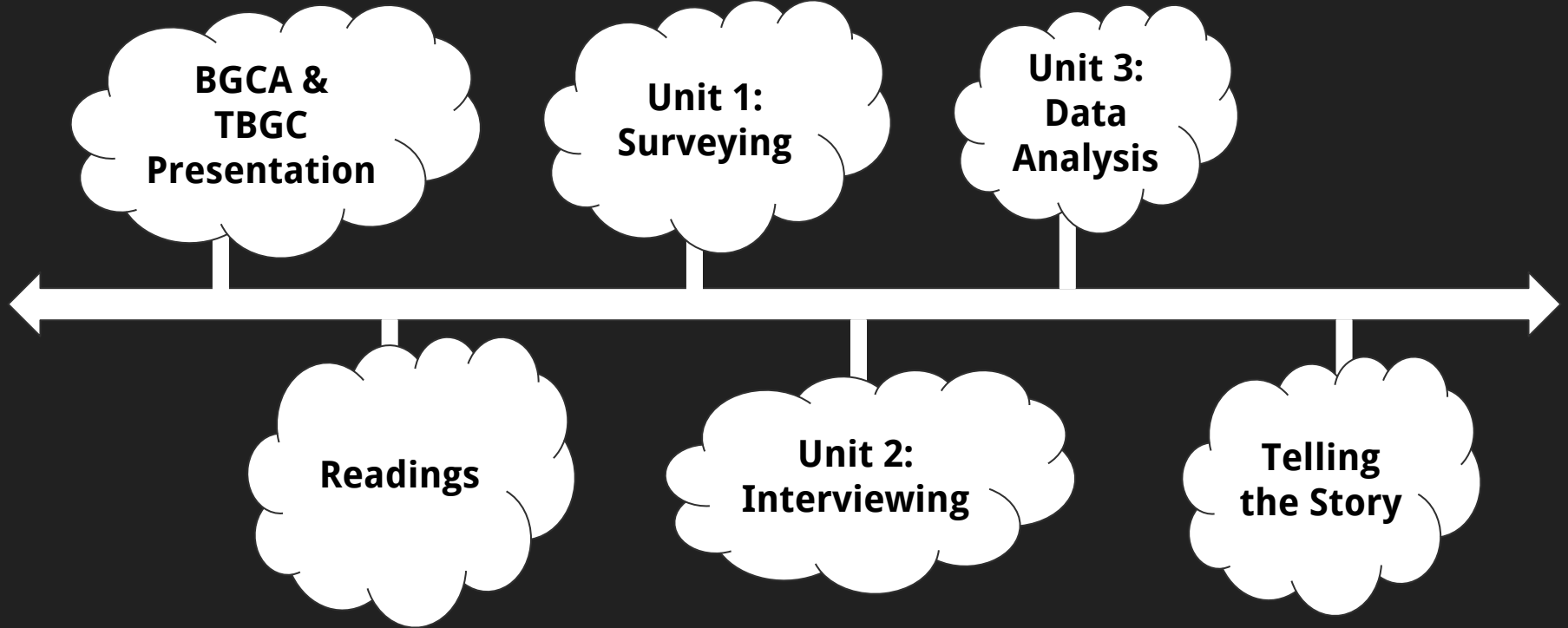
Siena College  
Community Research and Development

# Agenda



- Class Overview
- Survey & Interview Breakdown
- Data Analysis
- Recommendations
- Questions

# Class Overview



**BGCA &  
TBGC  
Presentation**

**Unit 1:  
Surveying**

**Unit 3:  
Data  
Analysis**

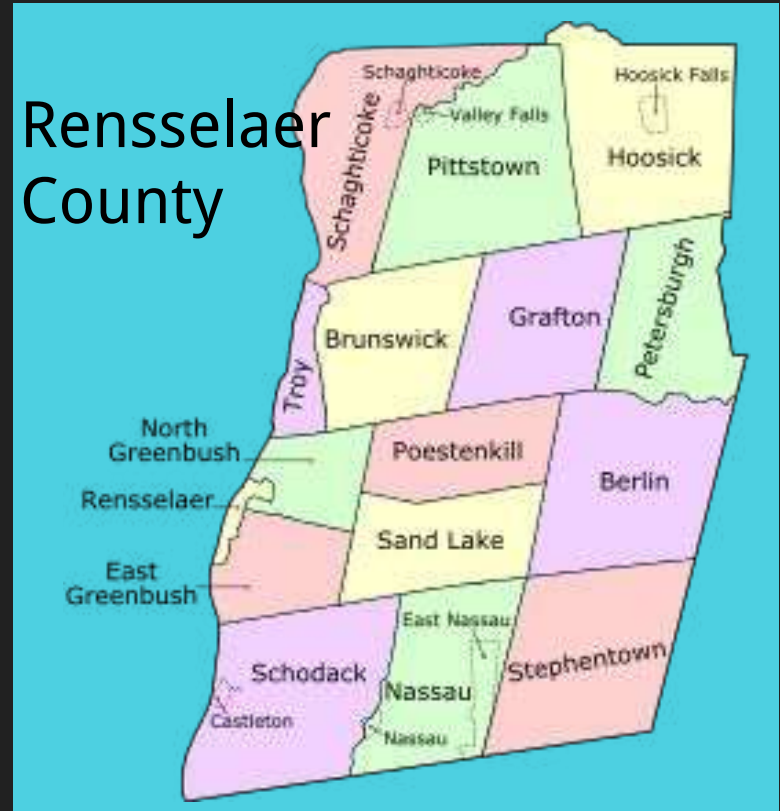
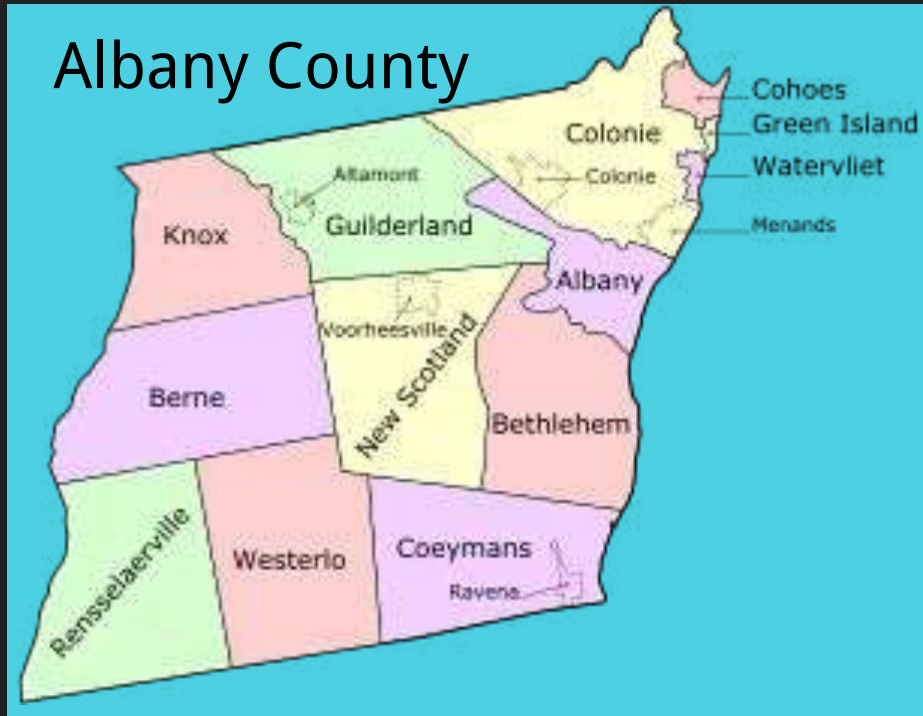
**Readings**

**Unit 2:  
Interviewing**

**Telling  
the Story**

# Survey Details

Phone Survey, n=601 residents



# 20 Interviews Conducted

**Business People/ CEOs**



**Volunteers**



**Youth Leaders**



**Gov. Officials**



**Program Directors**



**Educators**



# 66%

say it is **harder** today for teens to successfully move into adulthood compared to when they were teens.



# How Likely is it That the Typical Young Person will Experience the Following?



Graduate from HS 86%



Access to Quality Public Education 78%

Attend College 68%

Job with Advancement 58%



Access to Good Quality Healthcare 52%

Get a Full Time Job with Benefits 52%



Own Their Own Home 43%

Enjoy a Life Better for Them than Parents 39%





# How Likely is it That the Typical Young Person will Experience the Following?



Abuse Drugs or Alcohol	39%
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Have an Incarcerated Family Member	23%
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Drop out of High School	14%
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Get Arrested for a Felony	13%
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Be in a Gang	8%
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# Positive Trends in Life Chances

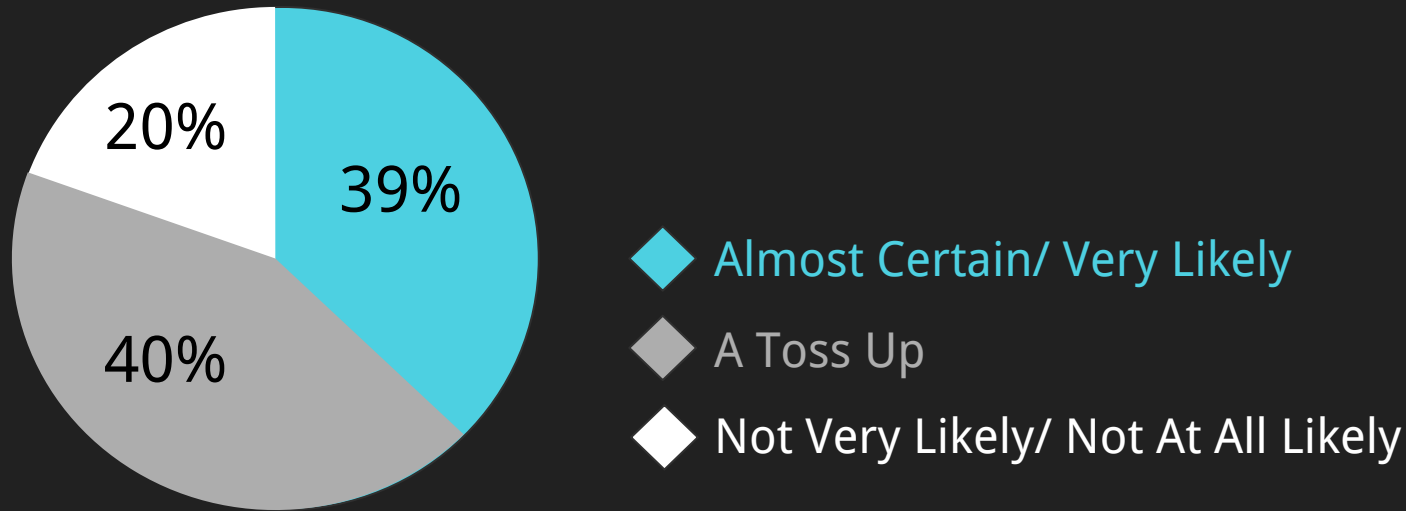
**86%** think a young person in the area is likely to **graduate high school.**

The majority thinks it is likely that a young person in the area will **attend college** and **get a job with opportunities for advancement.**



**39%** said it was likely a young person in the community would **abuse drugs or alcohol**.

Only **20%** said it was not likely.



**1 in 4** non-white respondents said it was likely for youth in their community to have an **incarcerated family member...**



... compared to **2 in 10** white respondents.



# Likely that a young person **get arrested for a felony**

**39%**

non-white

**9%**

white

# Cultural Components that Affect Life Chances

## Worsens

Changing American family **43%**



Quality of food we eat **41%**



Music young people listen to **38%**



## Improves

Quality of public ed. **67%**



Use of technology **49%**



**92%**

**felt role models were very  
or somewhat significant**

*“...to make sure they have the relationships and the mentors in place to **help them move out of their situation.**”*

*“Youth might not have **the right networks or the right people** to get them to where they want to go.”*

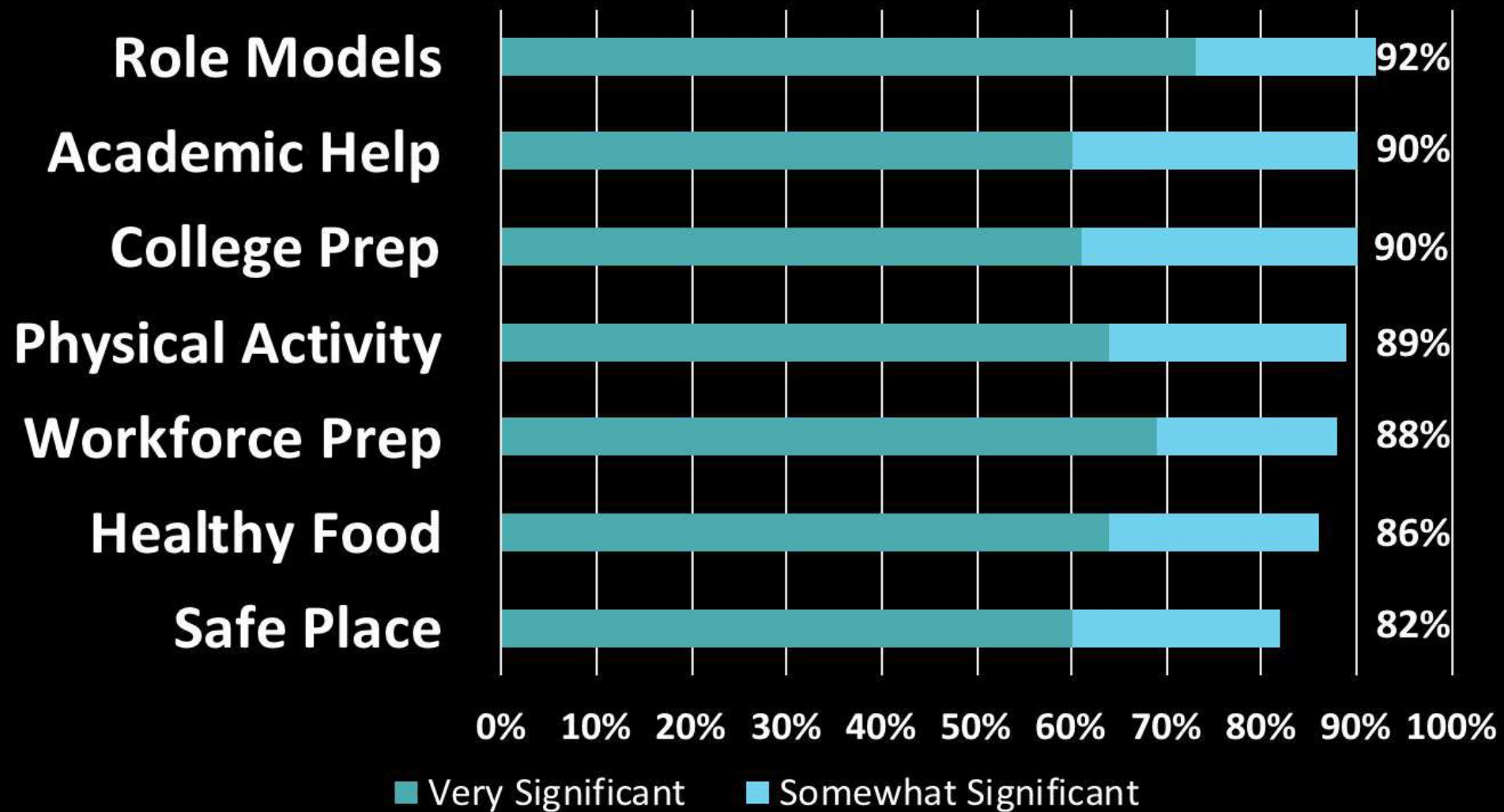


*“Mentorship is very important because kids need  
**guidance.**”*

*“If they can come to an afterschool program and **relate to  
someone closer to their age**, it is very beneficial for  
them to have that support.”*

*“Being around **positive adults and other positive kids** means so much and it is so important. Any other skill that they are learning while they are in that environment [after school programs] is just the cherry on top”*

*“When a person’s heart really isn’t into what they’re doing, especially dealing with young people in their formative years, that is such a disservice. When you’ve got a person who is **vested** in the betterment of that young person, there’s a connection like none other.”*





About 9 in 10 people felt the following were very or somewhat significant needs:

**Preparing Teens for College**

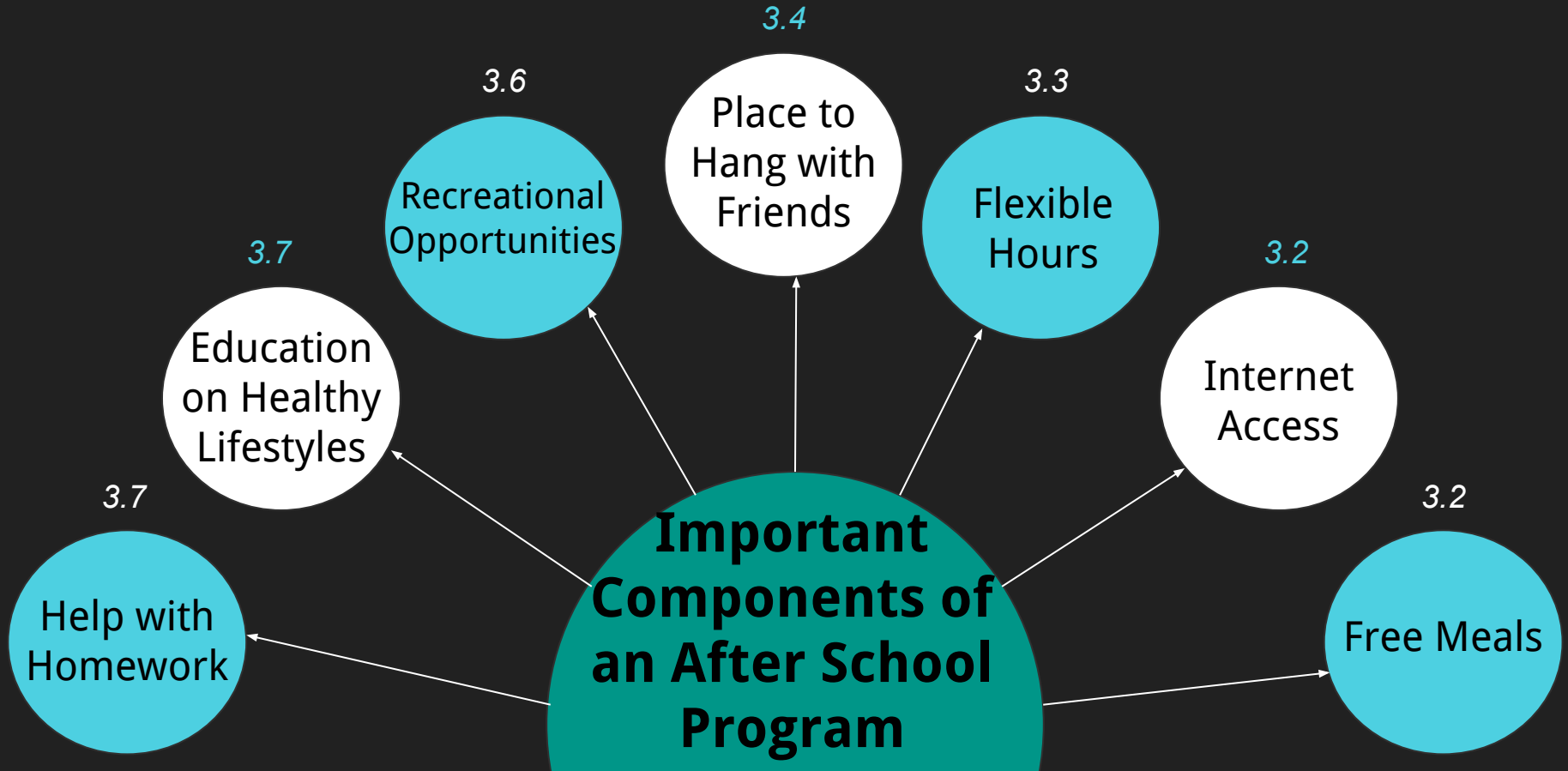
**Having Good Role Models**

**Having Academic Resources  
Outside of School**

**Preparing Teens for the  
Workforce**

**Programs that Promote  
Physical Activity**

*How important is it to include each of the following as part of an afterschool program?*



# Familiarity with the Boys and Girls Club

**42%**

**Very or  
Somewhat  
Familiar**

37%

Albany  
County

51%

Rensselaer  
County



# How well are community youth programs doing?

*“Providing the safe space for them where they have positive relationships, but also are learning”*

***“Academic enrichment  
activities”***

***“Partnering with the local  
organizations”***

***“Putting them with  
a positive cohort”***

Providing a safe environment	80%
Encouraging physical activity	77%
Providing programs youth enjoy	75%
Meeting parents' needs	63%
Improving academic performance	57%
Improving school attendance	57%
Preventing drug/alcohol abuse	56%

*“...**transportation** is a barrier.”*

*“...kids should all be **receiving the same**.”*

*“...sometimes there’s **not always space** for [kids] to breakout.”*

*“[The BGC] has to spend time and energy to **raise funds** to keep their doors open...”*

*“Definitely a **lack of funding**, also a **lack of space**”*

*“When you **invest in your staff**...that will make them feel more motivated to have a bigger impact on the kids”*

*66% say it is harder for teens to successfully move into adulthood, compared to when they were teens...*

*39% believe it is likely that a young person will abuse drugs or alcohol...*

After-school programs **CAN** do something to help improve those statistics.



# Recommendations



**Awareness**



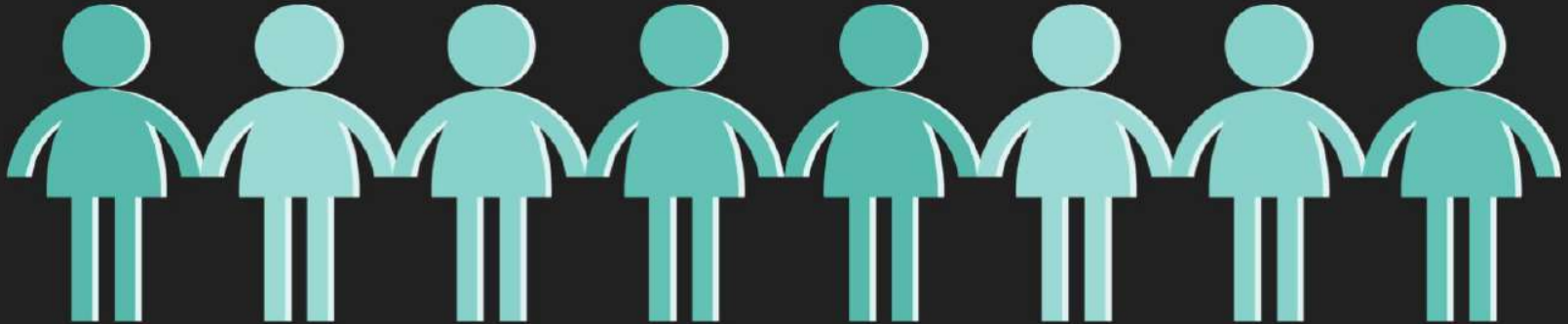
**Local Partnerships**



**Programs**



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Questions?