

COMMUNITY WORKS



COMMUNITY WORKS OF LOUISIANA
ENRICHMENT • EDUCATION • CULTURE



COMMUNITY WORKS

Working to build a community of healthy and creative learners through programs that integrate arts, recreation, and educational support

650 STUDENTS
SERVED DAILY

EXPANDING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH ENRICHMENT



It is 4:15pm and the Principal is heard over the intercom dismissing students participating in the Community Works of Louisiana (CWLA) Afterschool Program. A rush of excitement fills the halls and 7th graders Alexcia and Gregoryell head downstairs to change for volleyball practice.

Coach Pat works with the team to teach not only the basics of set, bump, and spike but also reassures them of their ability on and beyond the court.

Often the only enrichment many of our students receive is during CWLA programming.

Community Works has provided afterschool programming to students like Alexcia and Gregoryell since 2009.

Community Works programs prepare underserved students for academic achievement through fostering healthy minds and bodies.

Our afterschool and summer programs have been proven to strengthen students self confidence and attitude about school, engage students who may not benefit from traditional methods of teaching, and shape students into becoming leaders in their community.

ACHIEVEMENT
GAP

PROBLEM

EQUAL ACCESS TO ENRICHMENT
EXCELLENT INSTRUCTORS
FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CWLA CHANGE STRATEGY

EQUITY IN
OPPORTUNITY

GOAL

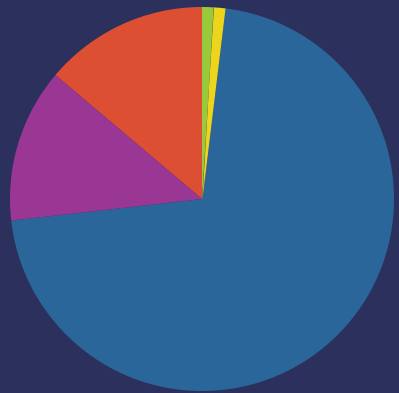


A CHILD CENTERED



CWLA Programs serve over 650 youth daily with activities like music, dance, animation, gardening, sports, software coding, career-visioning, and theater at little to no cost for our families.

87% of CWLA participants are eligible for free or reduced lunch. The majority of youth CWLA serves come from single parent households.



- African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Caucasian
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Asian/Pacific Islander

COMMUNITY WORKS

ENGAGEMENT +
DIFFERENTIATED LEARNING
= ENRICHMENT



100 ENRICHMENT
INSTRUCTORS

EXPANDING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH EDUCATION



Community Works of Louisiana has successfully administered in-school, afterschool, and summer enrichment-integrated programs to 11 schools and has placed enrichment instructors in over 30 schools throughout Louisiana.

CWLA provides students with access to ELA, STEM, and Math concepts through non-traditional methods of learning.

At the International School of Louisiana, 6th grader Javier begins class by taking out a pencil and his working assignment. “Kids who do the Zine Project love it because it allows them to focus on the thing they are most excited about,” says Ms. Osa. “Zines are self-published magazines that, for the most part, focus on subcultural topics. It is not often that students are asked to write about their very favorite things in school.”

“Aside from writing, there is also a visual aspect to zine making. In fact, the visual aspect is just as important as the writing part. Students are encouraged to find images in magazines or create their own. We talk about zine layout and how to combine text and images in a way that is attractive and clear to the reader. At the end of the quarter, each child gets 10 copies of their zine to trade with other students!”



EXPANDING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH CULTURE



Louis begins to outline his drawing with black watercolor. He enjoys the end of the day when he gets to work with Ms. Chica in art class.

A 2nd grader, Louis participates in CWLA afterschool daily through art and dance classes. He mentions how good he is now at painting with watercolors and says that he looks forward to dance class on Friday.

“We are all brothers; that means that we stick together and work as a team.” - Louis

CWLA works with students directly, but indirectly we are focusing on each school’s culture and that of the surrounding community. CWLA programs place a strong focus on the culture of Louisiana and beyond by bringing in working musicians, dancers, and visual artists to perform and teach our students.

CWLA has over 100 instructors that work as a team so that each child is provided with and connected to the subject matter they are learning.





**385,000 HOURS
OF LEARNING**



CURRENT AND PAST FUNDERS



Blue Cross and Blue Shield
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Foundation for Entertainment, Development,
and Education

International House of Blues Foundation

NOLA Media Group

Share Our Strength

The GPOA Foundation

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21st Century Community Learning Centers

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EXPANDING YOUNG MINDS TO BUILD THE FUTURE



CWLA's Stepping UP Program is dedicated to empowering youth to not only succeed individually, but also become a leader in our community.

The goal is to provide equal access to post-secondary education and job readiness skills.

Mapping Your Education for Your Career Destination

Works with middle school and high school students teaching: career visioning, college/trade school readiness, resume writing, interview skills, and professional behaviors.

Entrepreneurship Project

Works through the steps of building and developing a sustainable business idea that culminates in a pitch presentation.

Emotional Health and Wellness Project (EHP)

Provides emotional and physical wellness to youth as it relates to issues they will face as they develop into adults and working members of the community.



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Help build your community.
A donation of any size directly
supports program activities.

Visit www.communityworksla.org
to donate today.

If you would like to volunteer with
CWLA, please contact
info@communityworksla.org.



REVENUE

Program Fees \$245,000

Grants/Contributions \$70,000

State/Federal \$640,000

Individuals \$10,000

TOTAL

\$965,000.00

EXPENSES

Contract Services \$520,000

Program Expenses \$28,600

Program Supplies \$75,000

Administrative \$252,853

Miscellaneous \$9,900

Fundraising Expenses \$4,500

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$890,853

REVENUE LESS EXPENSES

\$74,147



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