



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Lonney Steeves, Director of the Winthrop Area YMCA

Our Kids Club Afterschool program averages 23 children every day, this year over 70 children have attended Kids Club for at least 1 day.

Our program operates at Winthrop Grade School, we have participants from K to Grade 5. Everyday our participants have a fun and safe place to go. 25 of our participants are on scholarships which are provided by funds from the State. These are students who absolutely need a place to go after school to get a snack, play outside, and get academic enrichment.

Each day our participants in our program spend 20% of their time engaged in reading or other academic enrichment, grants like this would allow us to expand our library for our participants and explore expanding STEM education into our program.

Each day our participants play outside when the weather permits up to one hour every day, physical play that involved learning social skills of playing in a group, problem solving, and learning to interact in a positive way during disagreements. Each day our program provides healthy snacks for every participant, and on Friday of each week we send home snacks for the weekend.

Our staff serve as mentors, and role models modeling the behavior of our core values, of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility. This positive interaction helps our participants learn to resolve conflicts, engage in social situations through games and play.

Thank you, I hope you will support LD 1389.

Respectfully Submitted

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