

Organization Name: [United Way of North Central Florida](#)

Organization Info

Year Established: 1957

Most Recent 990 Year: 2018

Total Revenue: \$3,514,649

Total Expenses: \$3,396,894

Philanthropy Hub Profile Created: Yes

Program Snapshot

Program Name: Bettering Out of School Time (BOOST) Project Alliance

Contract Number: 11565

Award Amount: 36060

Expenditures through 9/30/20: %:

Extension Requested: Yes

Type of Program: Professional Development

Program Summary: Organizational support and professional development for Out of School Time providers

Target Population: School-Age: 6-18

Program Staffing:

1 BOOST Coordinator

Program Site(s):

County-Wide

Partner(s): United Way of Central Florida

Cultural Arts Coalition

Gainesville Police Department

Girls Place

Kids Count of Alachua County

Project Youth Build

YMCA of North Central Florida

How much?	Actual	How well?	Actual	Anyone better off?	Actual
# of network meetings hosted	12 meetings including training series and regular general BOOST Meetings		Rated Effective and Highly Effective by training participants		257 participants overall in BOOST training series

Project Narrative:

Describe what has been accomplished year-to-date.

Include any adjustments due to COVID-19 or any other helpful information

The BOOST (Better Out of School Time) Project continued to serve the out of school time community through training, convening and collaborating youth program practitioners for advocacy and capacity building of youth serving programs. BOOST hired a coordinator to organize communications and complete project initiatives through the duration of the funding period. Some of her work has included establishing a monthly newsletter and streamlining communications to the community, facilitating website updates and maintenance, providing direct support to practitioners, planning and organizing standing monthly community meetings, and providing administrative support for a BOOST training series.

To adhere to social distancing measures and safety procedures in place as a result of COVID-19, BOOST redesigned its original Youth Leaders Conference to be a completely virtual training series. These trainings elevated the professionalism and capacity of youth programs through the following trainings: Trust Based Relational Intervention, The Whole Child (a systems approach to youth impact), Parent Engagement, Enhancing Performance Through Understanding Yourself, Talking Race and Racial Justice with Youth, Safe Zone (creating a LGBTQ+ safe and inclusive environment for youth) and Responding to Children in Crisis. The training series had 257 participants including Executive Directors, Secondary Program providers, program staff and youth program volunteers. Presenters included local and national youth professional experts. 100% of survey feedback respondents rated BOOST training series Effective or Highly Effective and are interested in attending future trainings. In addition, BOOST collaborated with The David. E Weichert Center and the Florida Afterschool Network to provide a presentation on Quality Out of School Time programming to BOOST community members. Finally, BOOST participates in dialogues with the Alachua County School District to discuss ways to assist with serving youth and families that are utilizing distant learning as well as maintaining collaborative effort among programs to provide virtual academic and extra-curricular activities for students.