



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

AT THE HEART OF EVERY COMMUNITY

2022 National Advocacy Days Priorities

The Y effects global change from the ground up. Together, we help young people develop into tomorrow's leaders, we help everyone improve their health and well-being and we strive to create equitable communities for all. Our legislative priorities support federal investments in places and programs that are open to people of all generations, backgrounds and perspectives, and that expand access to the resources, opportunities and relationships that everyone needs to thrive.

Ensure nonprofits can continue their important role in meeting community needs and connecting individuals to needed resources.

- Pass final Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations bills that support children and families by investing in quality early learning and out of school time programs, improving the health and well-being of the nation and helping the nation recover from the pandemic.
- Support the bipartisan Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) Reinstatement Act (H.R.6161) to retain the ERTC for nonprofits and small businesses in the fourth quarter of 2021, allowing organizations to keep critical staff on the payroll to continue meeting community needs.

Improve youth outcomes by increasing funding for early learning and school-age child care programs that lead to educational achievement, positive behaviors and better health. As the nation's largest nonprofit provider of early childhood, afterschool and summer programs, the Y knows that now, more than ever, all kids need academic enrichment, social-emotional supports, learning exploration during summer and physical activity. Yet demand for affordable, quality care far exceeds the availability of programs.

- Support the highest allocation possible for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). These funds increase the availability, affordability and quality of child care for children under 13.
- Support increased funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC). Funding supports locally designed academic enrichment opportunities before school, after school and during the summer.
- Support increased funding for Head Start/Early Head Start. This funding supports a comprehensive set of services for children and their families—including school readiness, health and nutrition—to enhance child well-being.

Prevent the predicted tsunami of chronic disease resulting from behavior change and delayed preventive services during the COVID-19 pandemic by investing in CDC, states and communities. Sedentary behaviors and poor dietary habits have led to a doubling of BMI rates among children and youth and excessive weight gain among adults – expected to result in increases in hypertension, heart disease, stroke, diabetes and worsening arthritis. As a leading nonprofit network working to improve the nation's health, the Y is committed to helping individuals and families reduce risk of and manage chronic disease with an intentional focus on reducing health disparities.

- Support 3.8 billion for CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. CDC funds proven state and local strategies that address the nation's leading causes of death and disability—heart disease, cancer, obesity, stroke, arthritis and diabetes. This funding supports local Y efforts to scale evidence-based prevention programs and advance innovative strategies to address the upstream factors influencing health outcomes—often referred to as social determinants of health.