

# BOOST Case Study

## BOOST Grantee Spotlight: Deep Center

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GEORGIA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK

Located in Savannah, Georgia, Deep Center uses writing, art, and music to empower young people to thrive as learners, community leaders, and change agents. Deep Center was founded in 2008 to combat challenges often associated with poverty, including illiteracy and disproportionately high numbers of youth in the juvenile court system. **With Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time (BOOST) funding, Deep Center has grown its staff and expanded partnerships to provide youth with invaluable opportunities to improve their writing skills, build self-confidence, and plan for college and careers.**

BOOST supports five of Deep Center's literacy, arts, and leadership programs for mostly youth of color and low-income youth in Chatham County, exposing youth to creative writing, poetry, the performing arts, visual arts, photography, and storytelling. Programming also provides youth with field trips, guest speakers, drop-in programming, experiential learning, civic engagement opportunities, and work or career preparation in partnership with the school district and juvenile courts for court-involved students. These tuition-free programs served 512 youth during the 2022-23 school year.

Served in Year Two:

512



**Ages Served:**

Middle and High School

**Counties Served:**

Chatham County

**Programming Offered:**

Afterschool

**BOOST Grant Purpose:**

Expand access



Reduce barriers



Increase quality



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