



# **Fairfield County Business Collaborative for Education Equity**

Summary: Spring 2021 Grantee Cohort  
Feb 2022

# Context & Background

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- The Fairfield County Business Collaborative for Education Equity seeks to foster educational equity in Fairfield County by helping to reduce and eliminate disparities that impact the region's most vulnerable students.
- In spring 2021, the Business Collaborative issued a RFP to organizations focused on addressing summer slide, kindergarten readiness, and food security among youth & older youth in the county.

# Cohort Overview

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**\$300,000  
Awarded**



**7 Grantee  
Partners**



**Reporting Period**  
Jun 2021- Jan 2022

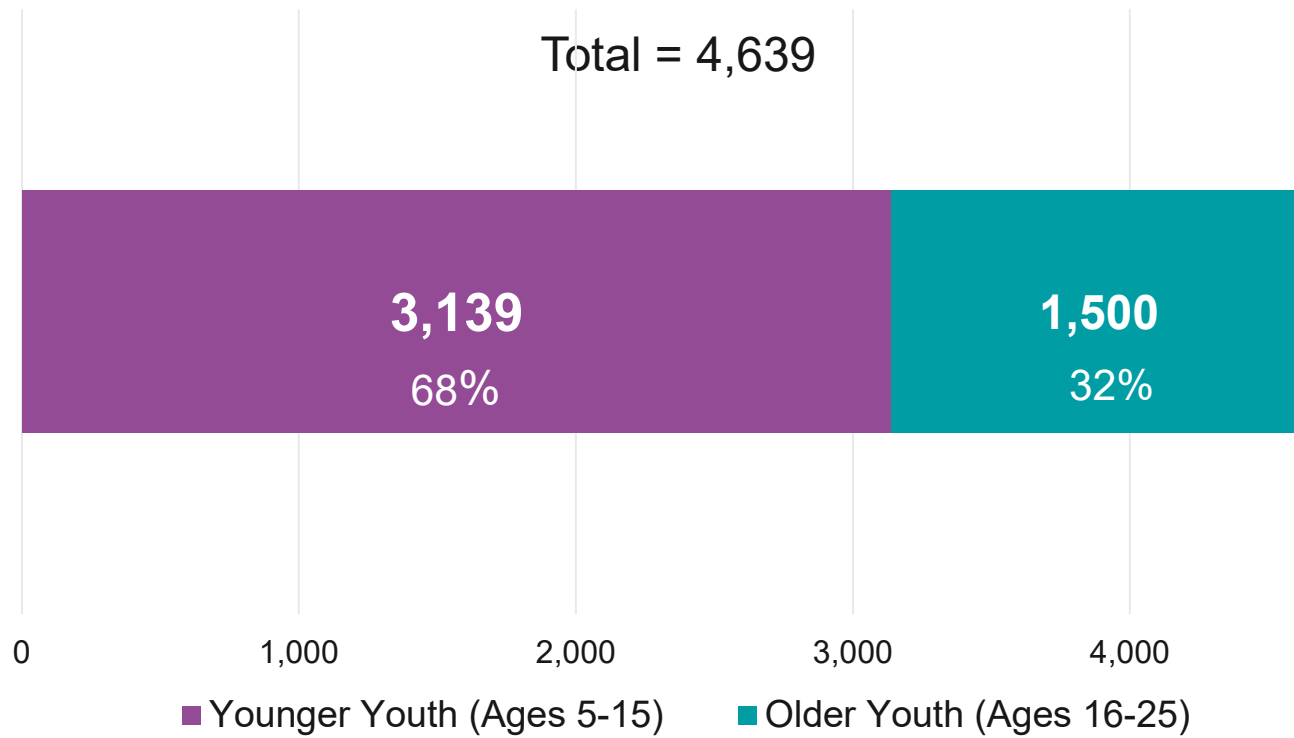


**4,639  
Youth Served**



# Youth & Older Youth Served

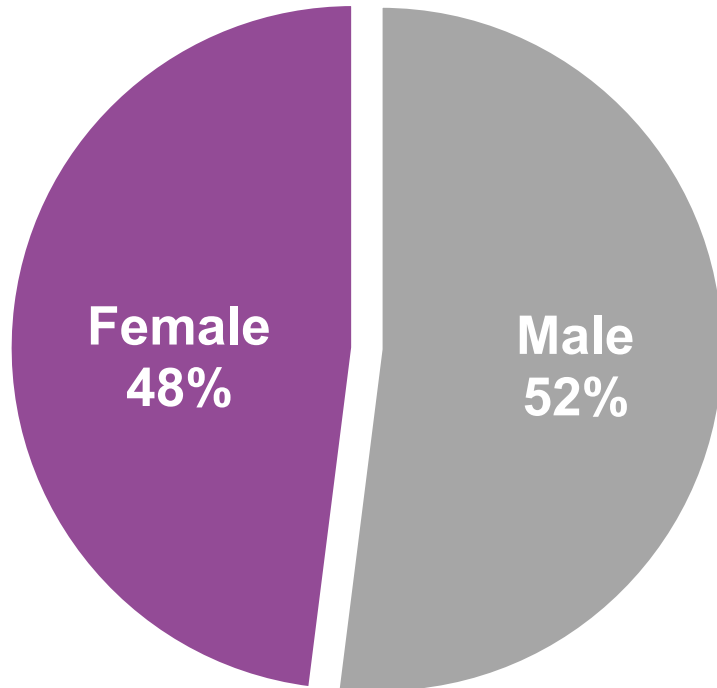
**Number of Youth & Older Youth Served**



|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Early Childhood   | 27% |
| Elementary School | 19% |
| Middle School     | 16% |
| High School       | 37% |
| College           | 1%  |

# Youth & Older Youth Served

## Gender



## Race/Ethnicity

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Hispanic/Latinx                  | 54% |
| Black or African American        | 22% |
| Caucasian                        | 5%  |
| Multi-Ethnic                     | <1% |
| Asian                            | <1% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | <1% |
| Unknown                          | 18% |

Aggregated for the organizations that reported.  
Gender and race/ethnicity not reported for 40% of individuals served.

## How Much Did These Organizations Do?

### Activities

**408** hours of  
instruction &  
coaching



**40,300** summer  
meals provided



**30+** partners  
engaged



## How Well – What Quality Measures Did These Organizations Report On?

### Client Engagement & Satisfaction

**86-96%** program retention rates



**78-100%** student satisfaction

**89%** able to easily access food distribution sites



**87%** satisfied with summer meals program

**79-91%** parent engagement



**33-50%** family participation in learning

## Better Off – How Are Youth & Older Youth Better Off as a Result of Programs?

**84%** had improved access to fresh fruits & vegetables



**87%** experienced less anxiety about food insecurity

Increased S.T.E.A.M.\*\* interest among underrepresented students



**61%** showed positive change in S.T.E.A.M. career knowledge

**74%** showed improved academic performance\*\*\*



**81%** able to recover academic credits

**52-84%** confident about high school transition



**86%** students in program registered for fall college courses

\*Performance measures are defined separately by each organization based on defined goals and program outcomes.

\*\*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics

\*\*\*Maintained at least a B average and expressed improved academic performance.