



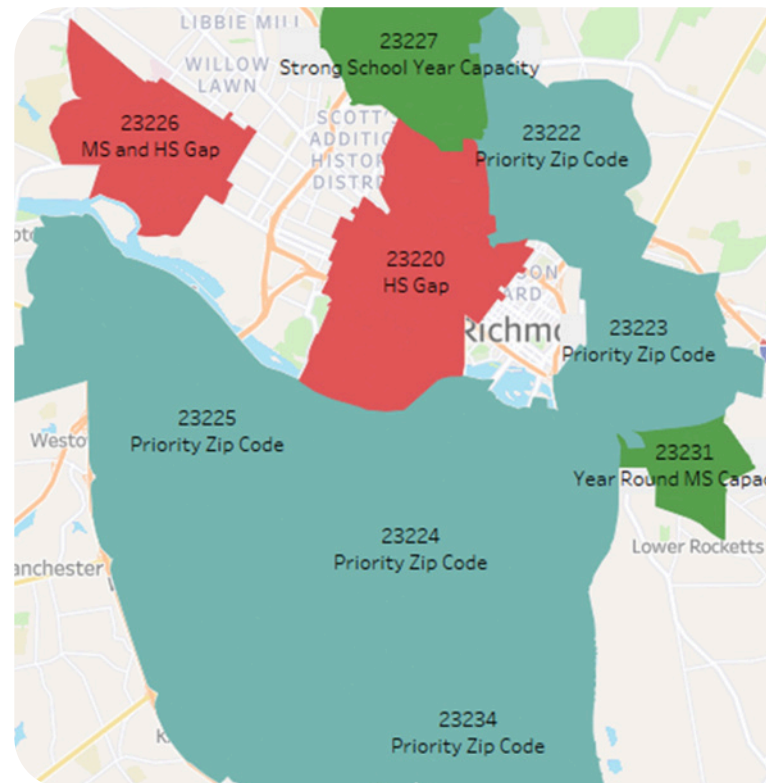
OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (OST) LANDSCAPE PROGRAM CAPACITY SUMMARY

WHO WAS INVOLVED?

NextUp, in partnership with The Learning Agenda, collected **data from 150+ youth-serving organizations** delivering nearly **500 individual afterschool and summer programs** in Richmond. The following summarizes findings about Richmond's out-of-school time programming capacity.

WHAT WE LEARNED

- 1. Great news! The gap in access to middle school out-of-school time programs is narrowing.** NextUp and OST partners are now serving youth at all seven traditional Richmond Public Middle Schools, a goal we've been working towards together since 2014.
- 2. But...there's a significant opportunity to create more accessible, affordable out-of-school time programs for teens,** asking for STEM, Career Readiness, and Leadership-focused programming in schools and community settings.
- 3. Zip codes 23222, 23223, 23224, 23225, and 23234 (Richmond's Southside, Northside, and East End) have the largest service gaps across age groups,** particularly late elementary and high school.
- 4. The more time youth spend in quality programming, the greater the outcomes.** Youth in high-quality programming need at least 60–75 days of participation during the school year and 20 days in the summer to get the most out of their programs. This level of involvement and belonging can lead to better peer and adult relationships, improved feelings about self and future aspirations, and general feelings towards school.



THE PATH FORWARD

A COLLECTIVE IMPACT APPROACH TO SERVING MORE SOUTHSIDE YOUTH

Richmond's Southside has a large population of youth and English Language Learners. Three of the five priority zip codes outlined in our Landscape Study are in the Southside, informing strategies to collectively address barriers to access. As an OST intermediary, NextUp equips and mobilizes a network of program providers to serve youth in schools and community settings.



The Neighborhood Initiative - Southside (NIS) uses a collective impact approach to addressing barriers to youth programming, starting in priority zip codes south of the James River. NextUp, with partners the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond, Richmond Public Schools, and Liberation Center, began this work by piloting a program framework for out-of-school time expansion, addressing transportation and accessibility barriers.

This work continues through the City of Richmond's Safer Communities Grant, supporting:

- **Expansion of transportation and service capacity** for existing Southside programs
- **Outreach and translation resources** to share nearby programs with more families
- **Capacity building support** for program providers and more!

Learnings from NIS will inform future OST expansion efforts across the city.

NextUp also leverages data and youth feedback to **advocate for support of afterschool and summer programming at local, state, and national levels**, like the City of Richmond's Positive Youth Development initiative and 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Both have been crucial to the establishment and expansion of in- and out-of-school time programming for Richmond youth, as well as gun violence prevention efforts.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to plug into NextUp and our work in expanding access to accessible afterschool and summer programs for Richmond youth:

- **Apply to receive funding** for your OST program and join the NextUp Network of program providers (opens each January - February).
- **Volunteer** to help review program applications and select youth programs, or at a community event.
- **Become an investor in NextUp** and more than 150+ out-of-school time programs serving Richmond youth.

Learn more at nextuprva.org

