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**Better Out of School Time** ALLIANCE

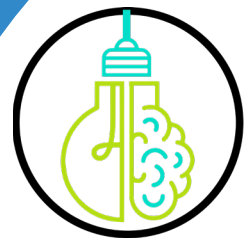
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# Today's Talking Points



- 1 THE CURRENT SITUATION
- 2 WHERE BOOST PLUGS IN...
- 3 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH – PRACTICE PARTNERSHIP
- 4 VISION & SOLUTION
- 5 NEXT STEPS



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# The Current Situation



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# The Current Situation



## MARK

Mark is currently at home for the summer with nothing to do.

There are no out summer activities for middle schoolers in his neighborhood that his mom could find out about.

The programs that exist are too far away. His mom works and the bus only comes so far. He really wants to try something new.



# The Current Situation



## AISHA

Aisha gets home from school around 2:30 every day.

Her parents cannot afford the afterschool program at her school. They work until after 5pm.

Aisha chats online or hangs out in the neighborhood until dark. She needs guidance and is starting to look to her peers.



# The Current Situation



## DeANDRE

DeAndre is a good student with a quick mind. However, his grades have been plunging.

He's bored. He wants to continue his passion for tennis but there are no courts in his neighborhood.

He takes the bus to a facility several miles away to practice and gets home very late.

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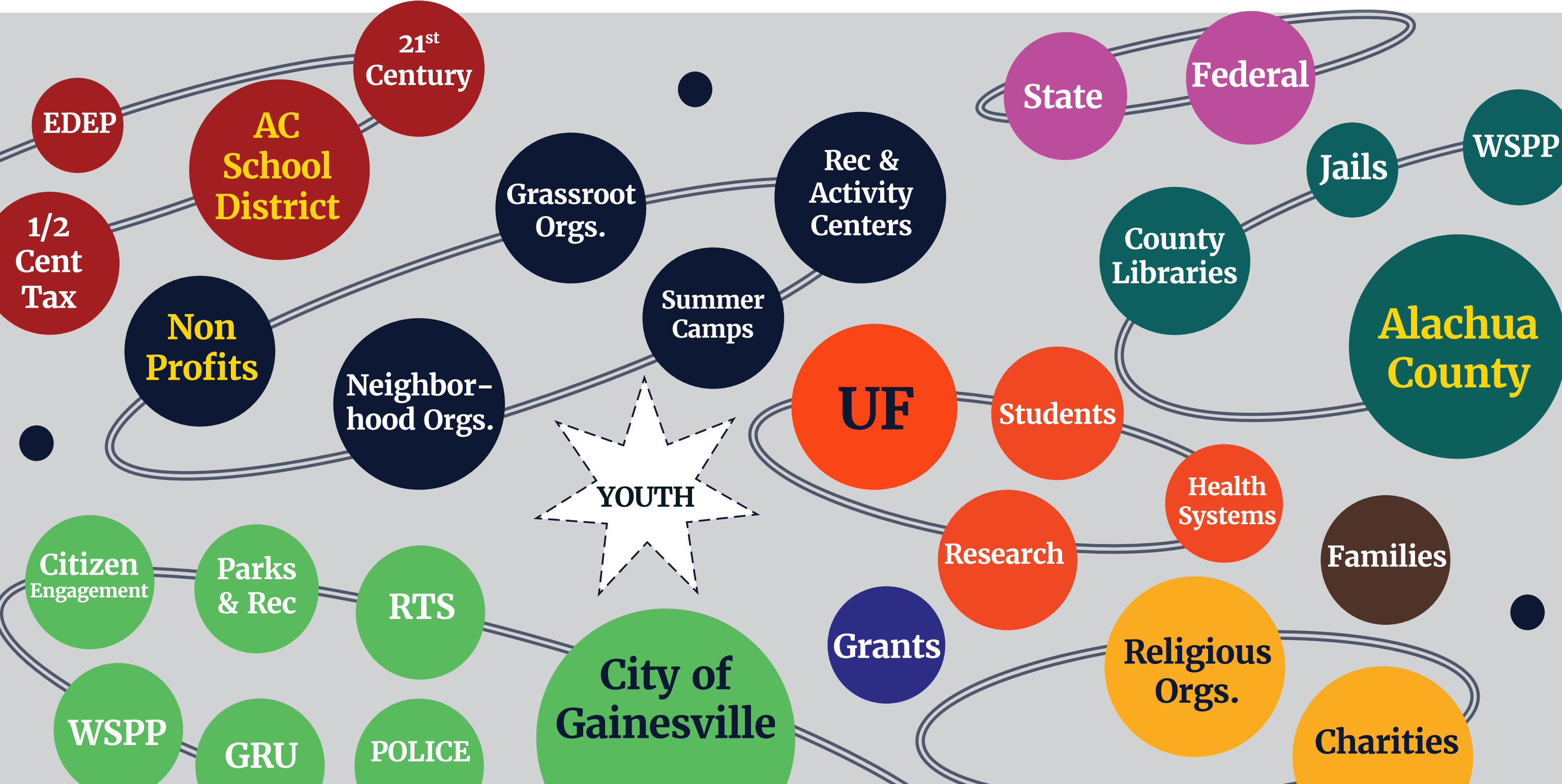


## CHASE

Chase is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at a “B” school. Her parents work full time and are doing well enough for their family of four to get by. Chase works hard at school but she often needs help understanding what she reads. The words seem to get confusing on the page.

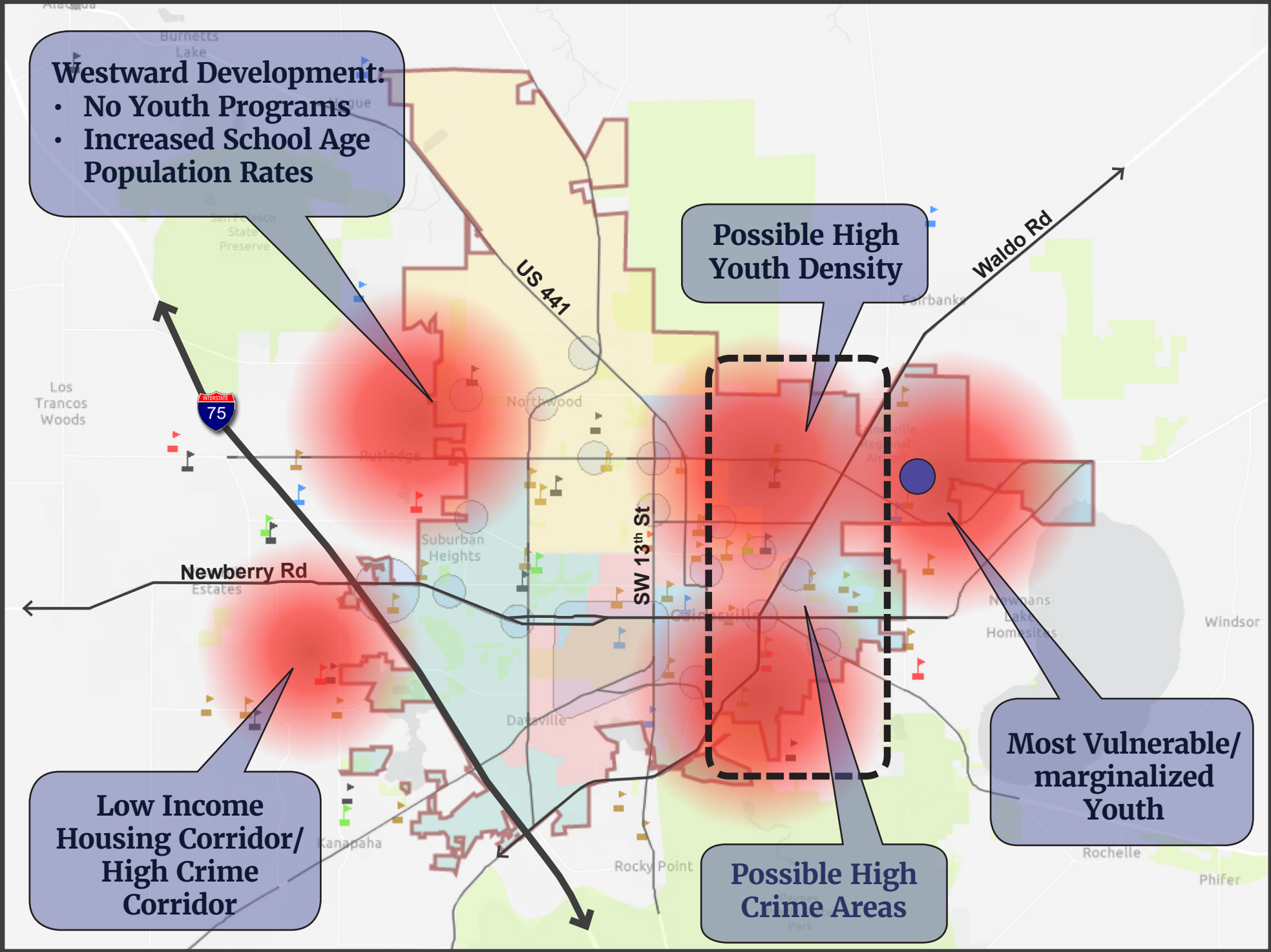
The afterschool programs in her area help keep her active but they only provide supervised “homework time”. Chase usually shoves her unfinished work in her book bag to bring home. There is no one there who can help her understand and learn.

# The Current Situation: Multiple Universes







# The Current Situation: *Map*



## LEGEND

-  Areas of Concern
-  North Florida Juvenile Detention Center

# The Current Situation: Statistics

**93%**



In 2018, 93% of Juvenile Arrests in the City of Gainesville were Black Youth.



Dept. of Juvenile Justice reports that Alachua County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Disproportionate Minority Contact Rate (RRI) in the State.



Alachua County has the highest achievement gap in the State.

**UF** 8<sup>th</sup>

The University of Florida is the 8<sup>th</sup> ranked public university in the Country.



**73%**

Juvenile Arrests are down 73% since 2007.

# The Current Situation



# Inadequate Return on Investment for the City

- ROI on City initiatives
- *Mark, Aisha, DeAndre and Chase* are citizens too.

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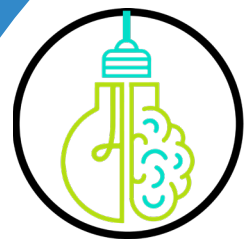
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# Where BOOST Plugs in...



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**Resource**

**Advocate**

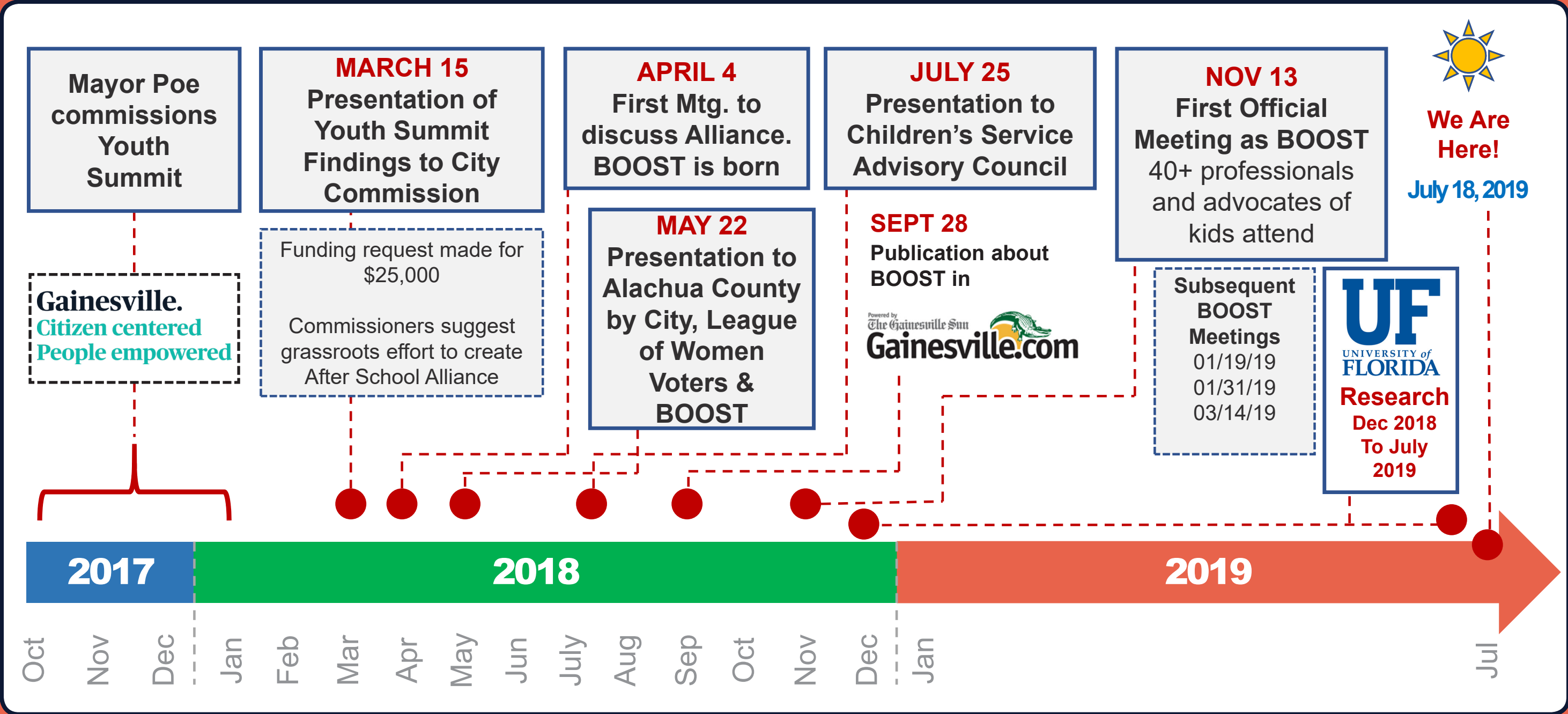
**Train &  
Educate**

**Amplify** out of school time programming, youth development, and evidence-based best practices in youth learning.

**Advocate** as an integral part of civic life, education, social-emotional learning, criminal justice reduction, and mental health for youth.

**Professional Development** for youth development, cultural responsiveness, academic support and achievement and wholistic youth wellness.

# Timeline of Activities:



# The BOOST Member Network: OST Providers



Primary OST Services	
1	Boys & Girls Club
2	Girls Place
3	Reichert House
4	NCF YMCA
5	O2B Kids
6	Gainesville Park & Rec
7	21 Century Learning Centers (SBAC)
8	EDEP (SBAC)
9	Project Youthbuild
10	Kids Count
11	Aces In Motion
12	Library Partnership
13	Micanopy Tutoring (no logo)
14	Caring and Sharing After School
15	Salvation Army Afterschool Program
16	Boulware Springs Charter
17	Greenhouse Church - Eastside Mentoring
18	Cultural Arts Coalition Science Clubs
19	Pine Ridge Afterschool program (no logo)
20	Heavenly Kids

# The BOOST Member Network: OST Providers

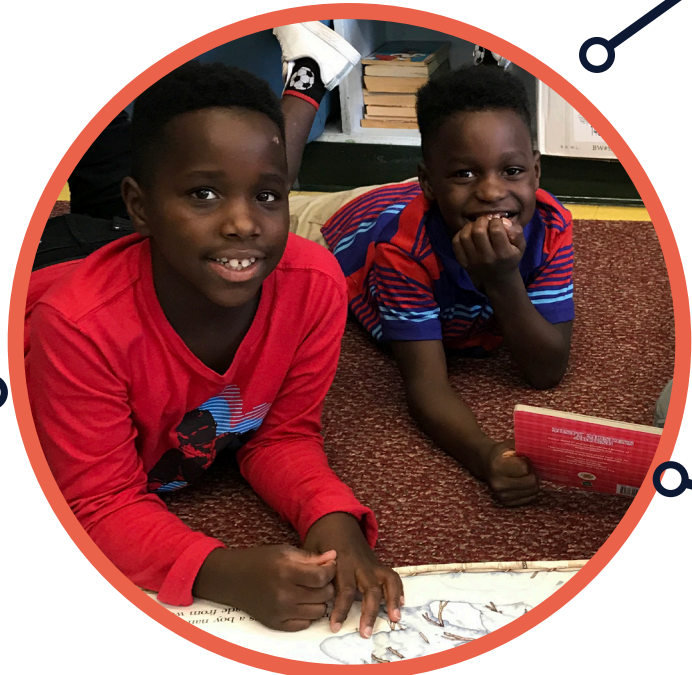
## Secondary OST Services

Partnership for Strong Families
River Phoenix Center for PeaceBuilding
ReadingPals UWNCFL
Guardian Ad litem
Meridian Behavioral Health Care
Family Promise
Innovative Dads
Career Source of NCFL
Gainesville Thrives
Alachua County 4-H
The Education Foundation (Take Stock in Children)
UF Florida Museum

Cade Museum
3D Technology Program (New Technology Made Simple Now)
Art Speaks Gainesville
Empowerment Consultant & Associates (summer teens job skills)
Upper Room COGIC (summer teens job skills)
Greater Duval Association (Youth community grade project)
Motiv8U
Cost of Poverty Experience Workshop (through Faith Mission)
Teen Court



Alachua County 4-H
IAMSTEM Summer Camp
UFCC
Upper Room Ministries Summer Program
UF College Reach Out Program
Environment Ambassador
Porters Afterschool Program
Mt Carmel Saturday School
GPD Heros
Leaders Overcoming through Faith
Community School at Howard Bishop
Gainesville Housing Authority
Community School at HB
Gainesville Housing Authority
CAC (Children's Advocacy Center)







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Youth Development Research – Practice Partnership

# YDRPP Exploratory Study



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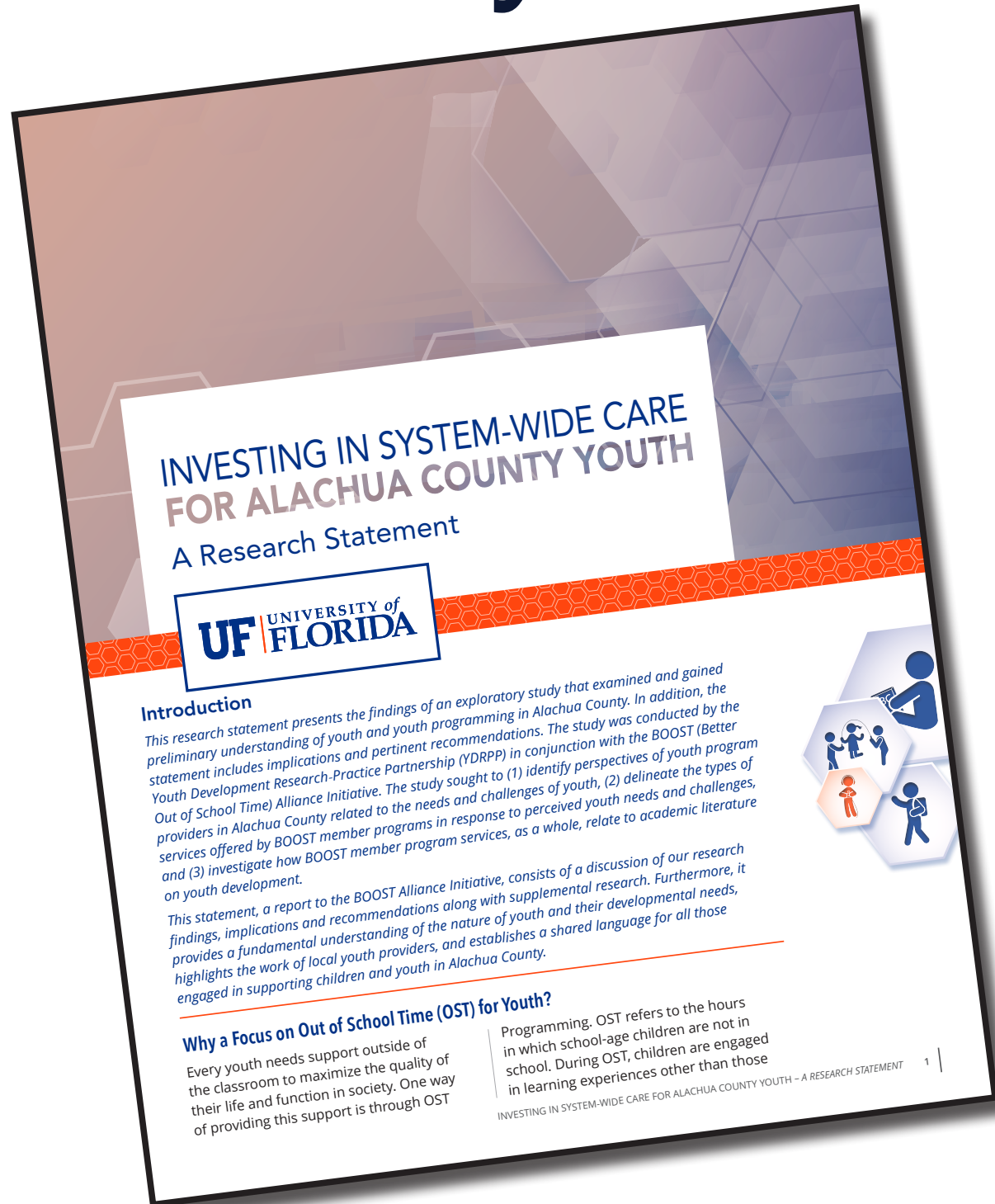


# YDRPP Study

## What Do Alachua County Youth Need And What Services Are Provided To Them?

Six (6) UF researchers worked with the BOOST Alliance Initiative to explore the state of youth work across Alachua County.

Here is what we found:



# Current Domains of Service in Alachua County

Mental Health, Well-Being, Social/Emotional Learning, and Identity Formation

Self-Efficacy

Resilience

Health, Physical Activity, Sport and Play

Supporting Academic Learning

Occupational Skill Development

Life Skills

Gender/Sexuality Identity Development

Racial/Ethnic/Cultural Identity Development

# What Every Child Needs: POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



LITERACY PROGRAMS  
FINE ARTS  
GRAPHIC DESIGN  
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Positively Developing Youth into Adults

# Implications

- 1. We Need to Know More:**
- 2. Vulnerable Populations Need Additional Support.**

Currently, BOOST providers in Alachua County offer support to a diverse youth population. Indications, however, reveal that more needs to be done to satisfy the specific developmental needs of diverse youth identities and attend to vulnerable and marginalized populations of youth in Alachua County.

- 3. All Programs Need More Awareness Surrounding Identity and Equity.**
- 4. Youth Development Work is Under Resourced.**



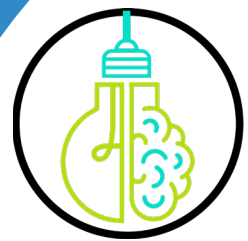
# Recommendations

- 1. Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment for youth ages 6–18** that incorporates the perspectives of youth, youth program providers, parents, community members and other stakeholders of the Alachua County community.
- 2. Create a County-wide approach to youth development based on the PYD framework.**
- 3. Forefront equity in our system-wide approach.**



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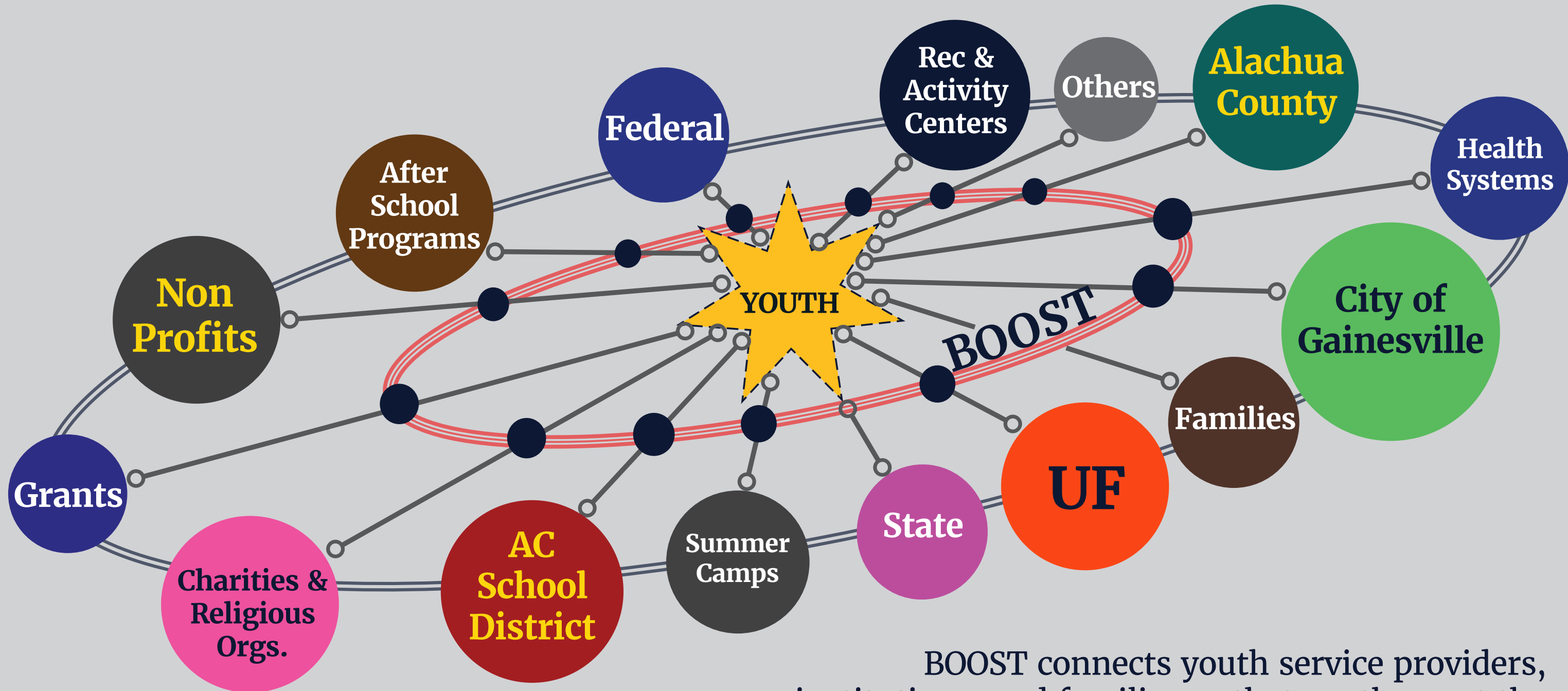
# Vision and Solution



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# The Way Forward: **One Universe**



BOOST connects youth service providers, institutions, and families so that youth are at the center of an organized and efficient system.

# The Way Forward: Engaged Youth



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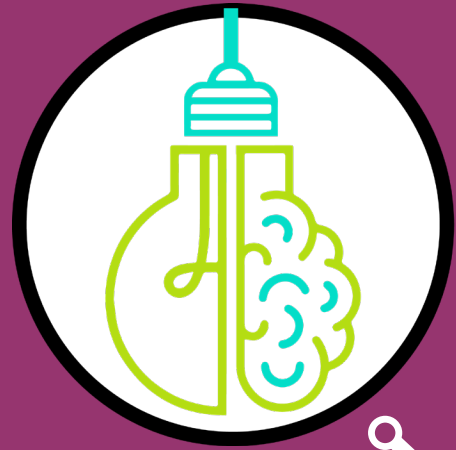
# Next Steps



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**A) Invest in Positive Youth Development**

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**B) Support City Programs and County-wide efforts that build collaborations and partnerships**



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**C) Show up at Children's Trust meetings and other youth-related efforts**





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