

# BEYOND THE BARS

Using music to interrupt cycles of violence.

## OUR MISSION

Beyond the Bars (BTB) is a student driven and community based music and resource connection program dedicated to interrupting the cycles of violence and divestment in Philadelphia while empowering the next generation of leaders.

## OUR VISION

We dream of a time where the systemic problems impacting our community are met with community based systemic solutions and where music will be a basic and accessible right for all students to help our youth realize the talented leaders that they are.



BTB works to combat systemic problems with systems of compassion that are built with so many amazing young leaders and community based organizations. We could not be more grateful for the leadership of our young people and when we work communally.

~BTB Founder



## ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHTS



Built over **55** music labs throughout the city and runs over **1000** program sessions supporting over **1150** students annually.



Trained and graduated **30** student teacher and leaders, who have gone on to teach students of their own.



Since inception, over **75** students have graduated from our student teach program. Student teachers & graduates of this program have supported over **791** students of their own in the last year.



## The Ecosystem of Support Model

The Ecosystem of Support Model is the core of Beyond the Bars' approach to creating safe, trauma-informed spaces for Philadelphia's youth, meeting them wherever they are in their journeys. Through this model, we offer a network of over **55** music labs, Student Teacher programs, mobile studios, and partnerships with over **75** community organizations. This ecosystem supports youth not only in artistic expression but also in gaining access to critical resources, leadership development, and employment opportunities, all aimed at interrupting cycles of violence and divestment.

### PROGRAM GOALS

- Provide Accessible, Safe Spaces
- Increase Youth Leadership & Employment
- Connect Youth to Essential Resources
- Foster Personal Growth & Community Engagement



### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Programs in over 55 locations (shelters, trauma clinics, community hubs & schools).



Student Teacher Program



Philly Youth Music Fest

### IMPACT SNAPSHOT

**1,100** youth served annually

**700** participants directly impacted through student teacher leadership, resource support, and trauma-informed music programming.

**95%** of tenured students report growth in self-expression and community connectedness

**1,092** sessions offered annually

\*Data as of 2024

### GET INVOLVED

By using music as a gateway to resources, Beyond the Bars is bridging systemic gaps, helping youth build skills, and establishing a pathway to a brighter future.

**With your support, we can continue to provide life-changing services and resources to the youth we serve. Please visit our website for volunteer and donation opportunities.**



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