

LEVEL UP PHILLY

Proudly recognized as the city's sole "neutral ground," where even the most divided neighborhoods and gangs come together in peace.

OUR MISSION

To bring transformative, holistic impact to Philadelphia's under-served youth, by decreasing violence, reducing recidivism, and building college and career readiness with a cutting-edge STEM focus.

OUR VISION

Empowering a generation of young leaders in high-risk Philadelphia. Level Up Philly envisions a Philadelphia where every young person, regardless of background, has the resources, support, and opportunities to succeed. Our programs aim to build resilience, foster creativity, and empower youth to thrive in both educational and community settings.

WHO WE SERVE

We engage young people from high-risk neighborhoods directly on Philadelphia's front lines, combating these crises and transforming lives. In the heart of the city, Level Up's 12,000 sq ft 'safe space' serves as a refuge for over 1,500 high-risk youth (ages 10-23) weekly from over 141 different middle and high schools across the city.

OUR PROGRAMS

Our initiatives center on providing hope and healing through four core program pillars:

Educational Support



Access to a cutting-edge STEM lab for hands-on tech skill development, free personalized tutoring, cash incentives for academic achievement, and comprehensive college and career preparation to equip youth with the tools needed for success.

Mental Health & Wellness



Counseling services to address emotional and psychological needs alongside health and nutrition programs that promote overall wellness, focusing on pediatric obesity, juvenile diabetes, and prehypertension.

Safe Space Initiatives



Comprehensive approach to youth support through meal programs addressing chronic hunger, anti-violence initiatives fostering conflict resolution and gang reform, and life skills training to help youth break cycles of incarceration and build positive futures.

Workforce Development



Career readiness programs that build pathways to meaningful employment through mentorship, mock interviews, resume building, career exploration days, and entrepreneurship initiatives.



The L.I.F.E. L.A.B.

The Bruce Culver L.I.F.E. L.A.B. at Level Up Philly is a cutting-edge hub for education and empowerment, designed to uplift Philadelphia's youth through hands-on STEM training and career preparation. Built with the support of the City of Philadelphia's Community Expansion Grant, this innovative space blends technology and mentorship to inspire future leaders. Beyond its role in combating violence, the lab provides a sanctuary for learning and growth, equipping high-risk youth with the tools to succeed in college, careers, and beyond. It's more than a lab—it's a launchpad for brighter futures.

Lab Features

- 26 high-performance computers for coding, digital design, and other tech-based activities.
- 3D Printers enabling students to bring their digital creations to life.
- 130" Matrix TV, aromatherapy & light therapy, and ergonomic equipment.

Lab Programming

- STEM Education:** courses in coding, robotics, digital design, and more.
- eSports:** Training in various eSports games and insight into the eSports industry.
- Metaverse Programming:** Students delve into virtual reality, learning to create immersive experiences.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

- 1500 youth served weekly
- 320,000 hours of cumulative safe space provided to our participants
- 600 youth engaged in hands-on tech experiences, building essential skills.
- 86% participants view Level Up as a factor in reducing violence & fostering safer community spaces.



GET INVOLVED

Philadelphia's youth face overwhelming challenges, from underfunded schools and violence to a lack of safe, enriching after-school programs, with 25% living below the poverty line. Level Up Philly provides mentorship, education, and support to help young people overcome these barriers and reach their full potential. By volunteering, donating, or partnering with us, you can help create lasting change and give our city's youth the opportunities they deserve. Please visit our website to learn how you can help empower a generation of young leaders.



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