

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, Y AFTERSCHOOL, AND Y SUMMER CAMPS



**“The YMCA provided an enriching experience for my daughter. The Y developed her interpersonal social skills and taught her respect for cultural diversity. Y staff strive to ensure that every child thrives.”**

**– Milca, Broadway Y Mom**

## THE CHALLENGE

Access to high-quality early childhood education (ECE) and childcare is crucial for working parents, particularly during after school hours and in the summer. Yet these resources remain out of reach for many New Yorkers. Costs for these programs consume nearly half of an average New York City family's income. The achievement gap in New York City will continue to widen without access to early childhood education and safe, reliable childcare.

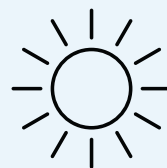
## THE Y'S SOLUTION

ECE and quality childcare are powerful tools to mitigate the effects of poverty and close achievement gaps. The Y provides critical programs for families including [Early Childhood Education \(ECE\)](#), [Y Afterschool](#), and [Summer & Holiday Camps](#). By forming strategic partnerships and providing financial assistance, the Y reaches families who might not otherwise access these valuable services.

## THE URGENT NEED

With childcare prices continuing to rise, funds to support Y programming are crucial. Many Y families rely on financial assistance, including 1 in 3 summer camp participants. Funds raised will enable these essential services.

## THE Y'S IMPACT IN 2025



**10,017**  
Summer Campers



**\$740K**  
in Day Camp  
Scholarships



**5,282**  
Free Camp Spots



**654**  
UPK & 3K Students



**61**  
Y Afterschool Sites

## TRANSFORMING LIVES TOGETHER

- \$10,000: Provide financial assistance to 40 Y campers
- \$5,000: Provide STEM kits for Y campers
- \$1,500: Provide art supplies for after-school classrooms
- \$500: Provide healthy snacks for a UPK classroom



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## YMCA PROGRAMMING

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE)** for 3- and 4-year-olds is provided free of charge by the Y through a partnership with New York City Public Schools. The Y also provides infant and toddler care and has financial assistance available, as needed, to ensure that the programs are accessible to families who need them most.

**Y AFTERSCHOOL** provides free safe, engaging, and high-quality enrichment programming for children once the school day concludes, giving working parents peace of mind. Parents can focus on their careers and education while knowing their children are thriving at the Y's afterschool programs.

**SUMMER & HOLIDAY CAMPS** engage children in a fun, inclusive, and safe environment when school is out of session but parents are still at work. Summer is a critical time to provide children opportunities to learn new skills and explore their world. YMCA camps effectively combat summer learning loss through fun and engaging experiences.

## YMCA OF GREATER NEW YORK

**We're here for all New Yorkers – to empower youth, improve health, and strengthen community.**

For nearly 175 years, the YMCA of Greater New York has been helping all New Yorkers reach their full potential. As New York City's leading nonprofit community service and well-being organization, the Y empowers everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from, by providing access and opportunities for all to learn, grow, and thrive.

We provide a place to play, to be healthy, and to give back. We give parents childcare, young adults job training, seniors a way to connect, and children a safe place to go. By bringing people together from different backgrounds, perspectives, and generations, the Y improves overall health and well-being, ignites youth empowerment, and connects and supports diverse communities across New York City.



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