



Family League Featured as National Model in Landmark Youth Development Report

Organization recognized for innovative data-driven approach and citywide impact in National Academies publication

Baltimore, MD (June 28, 2025) – Family League has been prominently featured as a national case study in “[The Future of Youth Development: Building Systems and Strengthening Programs](#),” a major new report released by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The [publication](#) highlights Family League’s groundbreaking work as a city intermediary organization and its innovative approaches to Out-of-School Time (OST) programming.

The report, supported by the [Wallace Foundation](#) and developed by leading experts in youth development, serves as a the definitive follow up to the influential [2002 “Blue Book”](#) and provides evidence-based recommendations for strengthening youth programs nationwide. Family League is showcased across multiple sections as an exemplary model for how local intermediaries can effectively coordinate, fund, and strengthen community-based programming.

Strategic Funding Model Drives Cityside Impact

Family League’s comprehensive approach to OST programming receives particular recognition in the report. In fiscal year 2021, the organization distributed \$5.6 million in funding from the Mayor’s Office and City Council, supporting 44 community schools through \$2.4 million in grants to 17 community-based organizations, and creating 2,258 OST positions through \$3.2 million awarded to 18 lead agencies.

“Being recognized in this national publication validates our approach to systems-building and community investment,” said Family League Senior Director of Community Impact, Jenee Tucker. “Our work shows how local intermediaries can leverage federal, state, municipal, and private resources and community partnerships to create meaningful opportunities for young people across an entire city.

Data-Driven Innovation Sets National Standard

The [National Academies](#) report specifically highlights Family League’s sophisticated use of data integration to assess citywide impact. The organization receives and analyzes information from OST programs, Baltimore City Public Schools, the Baltimore City Police Department, and various human service agencies to create a comprehensive picture of the city’s youth development system.

This data aggregation allows the City of Baltimore to evaluate how OST programs support broader municipal goals, including reducing juvenile crime rates, decreasing teen pregnancy, and increasing high school graduation rates. The report positions this multi-sector data approach as a model for other cities seeking to understand and improve their youth development ecosystems.

“This recognition reflects our commitment to building systems that don’t just fund programs, but fundamentally change how communities support young people, said Demaune Millard, President & CEO of Family League. “When intermediary organizations like Family League use data to drive decisions and invest in grassroots partnerships, we create the infrastructure necessary for lasting change in children’s lives.”

Building Systems Through Strategic Partnerships

The publication showcases Family League’s OST Funding Formula Workgroup as an example of collaborative policy development. This small group of OST lead agency representatives and Family League staff met monthly to examine funding landscapes across Baltimore and nationally, ultimately developing evidence-based funding recommendations.



The Family League model demonstrates how intermediary organizations can effectively layer programming into community schools, leveraging existing school infrastructure while responding holistically to the needs of children, youth, and families. This approach maximizes resource efficiency while ensuring comprehensive support for young people.

The National Academies report arrives at a critical moment for youth development policy, providing actionable guidance for policymakers, funders, practitioners, and researchers nationwide. **Family League's inclusion as a featured case study reinforces Baltimore's position as a leader in innovative youth development approaches and validates the organization's 30-year commitment to data-informed, community-driven solutions.**

The complete report is available through the National Academies Press and provides detailed analysis of OST programming trends, funding strategies, and policy recommendations for strengthening youth development systems across the United States.

The full report is available at [here](#).

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About Family League of Baltimore

Family League of Baltimore is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the designated Local Management Board for the City of Baltimore. Since 1991, the organization has worked collaboratively to support data-informed, community-driven solutions that align resources to dismantle the systemic barriers which limit the possibilities for children, families, and communities. Guided by core values of stewardship, performance, trust, respect, and equity, Family League has invested \$19+ million to 84 community-based partners in the 2024 fiscal year, benefiting more than 14,000 children, youth, and adults in Baltimore.

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