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## WHAT WE DO

Enrich the lives of youth from under-resourced communities, focusing on the social-emotional development of children and shelter dogs.

Our 3-week programs pair kids and shelter dogs for learning, empowerment, growth and new chances to succeed. We partner with local youth organizations, animal shelters and dog rescue groups.

## THE HYBRID MODEL

Kids learn about humane education, advocate for homeless dogs and learn reward based dog training techniques on realistic stuffed dogs. They then become the teachers, demonstrating what they have learned to help foster dog parents train their foster dogs and prepare them for forever homes.

Hybrid program variables are responsive and flexible. Shorter, fun-sized modules are available.

## THE IMPACT

In our first ever hybrid program, 11 Boys & Girls Club members, ages 11-12, learned about humane education and taught six foster dog parents skills that helped their dogs adjust to home life and find new families.

According to our students' on-site staff person, "The kids loved it and day by day were more excited and ready to learn."