NEARLY 1 IN 2 YOUTH in U.S. public schools are from low-income communities, but where they live makes a difference:

City 60%
Suburban 40%
Town 52%
Rural 44%

Percentages indicate the number of students on free and reduced lunch.

[Source: Southern Education Foundation http://bit.ly/1fYwAsC]

ACHIEVEMENT GAP WIDENS OVER TIME

Kids from low-income families often start school unprepared. Despite progressing at the same rates during the school year, gaps widen each summer—and students fall farther behind their peers. The gap culminates in low H.S. graduation and college attainment rates, limited job prospects, and negative economic impact.

ALL KIDS HAVE POTENTIAL. That’s why we support their academic, physical and social-emotional development from cradle to career with holistic programs that don’t just close the gap—they help kids realize who they are and all they can achieve.

WE’RE LEARNING TOGETHER at Ys across the country, partnering with caregivers, families, and schools . . . and we’re excited about what we’ve been able to accomplish together through these pilot programs.

96% of caregivers cited an increase in their child’s ability to engage in positive play.

71%** of students improved their social-emotional skills.

Caregivers agreed that the program helped increase their child’s reading skills

JOIN OUR EFFORTS to help kids reach their full potential in your community. Learn more at www.ymca.net/youth-development.