

Girls Inc. Concordia Park Center is located in East Oakland and serves girls ages 6 to 14 with year-round programming. As with all Girls Inc. programs, Concordia Park provides research-based programming that takes a "whole girl" approach and intentionally supports girls in building skills, confidence, self-esteem, and their sense of what is possible. Every girl is empowered to become a community leader and strive for a healthy, fulfilling life through: academic enrichment; leadership and community involvement; sports, health, and fitness; and family strengthening services.



How Girls Inc. Concordia Park Programs are meeting girls' needs:

East Oakland violence rates are extraordinarily high. Among residents 15 to 44, the leading cause of death is homicide. In addition, only 28% of adults in East Oakland have finished high school or received their GED. Girls Inc. offers much needed support, guidance, and access to social services and health information, academic and literacy support, and a wealth of extracurricular enrichment opportunities to help girls and their families in the neighborhood surrounding Concordia Park overcome extreme challenges. Girls Inc. Concordia Park outreach efforts are targeted to girls most apt to benefit from additional academic support and enrichment activities. More than two-thirds of the participants at Concordia Park Center are from households where the annual income is \$30,000 or less; sixty-eight percent are African-American and 18% Latina. Girls Inc. offers a safe, supportive, stable, academically-encouraging environment to girls who might otherwise not have such an environment.

Impact of Concordia Park:

Since opening in 2006, the Center has reached more than 300 underserved neighborhood girls, free or low-cost. The key areas of focus of Concordia Park Programs (academic enrichment; leadership and community involvement; sports, health, and fitness; and family strengthening services) directly address the following disparities that participants deal with everyday:

- Only 8% of eighth-grade girls at a nearby middle school have grade level math skills; and only 12% are at grade level in English.



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- In the Oakland Unified School District 81% of seventh-graders do not “feel very safe” at school. Another 17% feel there are opportunities for meaningful participation at school.
- East Oakland has high rates of childhood obesity. At a nearby elementary school, more than 66% of fifth grade girls do not meet state healthy fitness targets—and 50% exhibit an unhealthy proportion of body fat.

How to join Concordia Park Programs:

For more information on Concordia Park school year and summer programs, contact the Concordia Park Program Manager at (510) 430-1850 ext. 201.



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