



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

# **ACTION FOR IMPACT**

## **2021 National Advocacy Days Priorities**

After nearly 170 years of serving our nation, the Y understands what our community needs to be its best. Working with many partners, the Y provides everyone the opportunity to be healthy and thrive, to connect with others, give back and contribute to a better community. Everything the Y does is in service of making us—as individuals and a community—better.

### **Youth Development**

Improve youth outcomes by increasing funding for early learning and school-age child care programs that lead to educational achievement, positive behaviors and better health. As the nation's largest nonprofit provider of early childhood, afterschool and summer programs, the Y knows that now, more than ever, all kids need academic enrichment, social-emotional supports, learning exploration during summer and physical activity. Yet demand for affordable, quality care far exceeds the availability of programs.

- Support the highest allocation possible for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). These funds increase the availability, affordability and quality of child care for children under 13.
- Support \$2.5 billion for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC). Funding supports locally-designed academic enrichment opportunities before school, after school and during the summer.
- Support \$12.1 billion for Head Start/Early Head Start. Funding supports a comprehensive set of services for children and their families—including school readiness, health, and nutrition—to enhance child well-being.

### **Healthy Living**

Reduce health care spending by investing in evidence-based prevention and control of chronic diseases—the nation's leading causes of death and disability. As a leading nonprofit network working to improve the nation's health, the Y is committed to helping individuals and families reduce risk of and manage chronic disease with an intentional focus on reducing health disparities. By addressing chronic diseases and advancing health equity strategies, we can improve health outcomes, prevent premature deaths and reduce health care spending.

- Support 3.8 billion for CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. CDC funds proven state and local strategies that address the nation's leading causes of death and disability—diabetes, cancer, arthritis, heart disease and obesity. This funding supports local Y efforts to scale evidence-based prevention programs and pilot health equity strategies.

### **Social Responsibility**

Ensure nonprofits can continue their important role in meeting community needs and connecting individuals to needed resources.

- Support investments in infrastructure to allow nonprofits and government partners to provide the necessary services and programs to help our communities recover from the pandemic. Large scale infrastructure initiatives similar to the proposed WORK NOW ACT would help nonprofits retain employees and scale service delivery to meet growing needs and create new jobs.