



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BURLINGTON

CASE STUDY

Boys & Girls Club of Burlington
Youth Center Renovation

Designed to Inspire: Playful, Adaptable
Spaces for a Vibrant Youth Community

62 Oak Street, Burlington, VT 05401

600 Youth Members
11,600 sq. ft.

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FURNITURE THAT WORKS



“The green chairs are the best. They look like the color of a kiwi and I really like kiwi a lot.”

“The blue lockers are huge! The steps where we can sit in the game room are my favorite because everyone hangs out there all the time.”

“This room is the color grape. How do I know that, you ask? Because me and my friends picked the color. We’re good.”

–Boys & Girls Club Youth Members

CLIENT OVERVIEW

The Boys & Girls Club is a national cornerstone non-profit organization dedicated to empowering youth to succeed in school, live healthier lives, and become tomorrow’s leaders. Serving more than 600 members yearly, the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington offers programs across Arts & Technology, Health & Athletics, and Career Readiness & Life Skills, all grounded in fostering belonging, confidence, service, and leadership. As a chartered member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America network, the Burlington chapter plays a vital role in creating a supportive environment where young people can grow and thrive.

PROJECT SCOPE

Seeking to refresh and reimagine its Burlington facility, the Boys & Girls Club partnered with Exterus to redesign several high-use spaces throughout the building. The project included a multipurpose Cyber Café, game area, art room, reception area, lockers, and building-wide flooring and paint updates. The goal was to create flexible, durable environments that could support a wide age range of youth while feeling energetic, welcoming, and contemporary. Long-term adaptability, a playful aesthetic without feeling elementary, and thoughtful acoustic solutions were primary concerns.



PROCESS

Custom solutions were developed throughout the space, including a reception desk complete with a waterfall detail, height-adjustable work surface, and tailored storage for daily operations. The Cyber Café was designed as a highly flexible space, featuring stackable chairs, flip-top tables, and modular booth seating to be easily reconfigured for meals, meetings, movies, or events. Color was incorporated throughout furnishings, flooring, and a custom mural to create an atmosphere that feels joyful and inspiring. Art and activity spaces were also furnished with reconfigurable tables and stackable seating to support creativity, collaboration, and easy clean-up.

A key component of the redesign was flooring selection. Exterus partnered with Shaw Contract to develop strategic transitions from hard flooring to carpet to define zones while softening sound in louder areas.

Exterus' in-house installation team completed the furniture installation, coordinating closely with flooring installers to ensure a smooth execution.

OUTCOME

Completed in 2025, the redesigned Boys & Girls Club of Burlington offers a refreshed, inspiring environment that supports the organization's programs and the youth it serves. The new spaces are brighter, more welcoming, and acoustically improved, replacing dark finishes and a dated aesthetic with a balanced palette of natural tones and playful accents.

The result is a space that feels energetic yet grounded, and encourages creativity, connection, and comfort for kids, staff, and visitors alike. With flexible furnishings and thoughtfully designed zones, the Club is now better equipped to adapt to evolving program needs while continuing to foster a strong sense of community for years to come.

