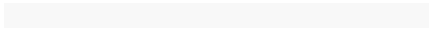




*then that would be like the biggest thing.” (SYR Program
Coordinator)*

Overall, the need for the SYR program





goals and decision-making. This is consistent with prior research examining facilitators and barriers to social work practice that

5.3. Site Acceptance

In terms of site acceptance, BGCA sites were a strong and active partner in SYR implementation. They expressed a large need for mental health support services and were eager to have SYR interns in clubs providing support to students. For this reason, the leadership formed a strong collaboration and good communication with SYR staff. Many of the challenges that arose were related to the informal nature of after-school programs in general and the scheduling of interns. At the end of the academic year, there was a sense of gratitude for the work accomplished and a strong desire to continue refining protocols and practices to maximize the benefits of the program.

CONCLUSION

Guided by theory and best practice, the SYR program aimed to fill an important gap in access to mental health support for early adolescents in great need of

