

# Up On Top

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## Helping kids reach for the stars!

Since 2001, Up On Top has provided quality, academic infused after school and summer programs to hundreds of K-5 children in San Francisco's Tenderloin and Western Addition neighborhoods.

Up On Top programs offer low student-to-teacher ratios, academic support, and instruction in areas like social skills, art, and music. We are also proud to emphasize our healthy nutrition options as well as sports and recreational play in our quality, balanced programs.



### Up On Top: Quick Facts

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- ★ Provider of After School and Summer Programs for 12 years for at-risk youth in two of San Francisco's toughest neighborhoods.
- ★ 169 Total children served in 2011/2012.
- ★ 11 full and part-time staff and 40 volunteers.
- ★ 93% of children enrolled in after school and summer programs qualify for free/reduced lunches.
- ★ Partnered with America Scores, Mo'Magic, Abadá-Capoeira, LEAP Performing Arts, and Invision Academy.
- ★ Funded by a combination of public, private, and individual sources.



## Up On Top After School Program

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Our after school program is offered at two sites, one at the Unitarian Center and the other at the Tenderloin Community School.

Up On Top works with parents, teachers, principals and tutors, on a weekly basis to make sure our programs work together with the schools. We refer to this approach as "School Day Alignment."

With a goal of benefiting the entire family, Up On Top also hosts workshops, resource events and celebrations throughout the school year.

The Up On Top after school program seeks to:

- ★ Offer a welcoming and nurturing environment that is safe, fun, and academically enriching.
- ★ Foster love for reading and provide cultural experiences, field trips, and arts education.
- ★ Promote good health by providing regular physical exercise and healthy food.
- ★ Listen, be aware of what excites children, shaping curriculum that helps them best to learn and thrive.
- ★ Recognize each child's individuality and at the same time instill a sense of community and respect for one another.



## Did you know?

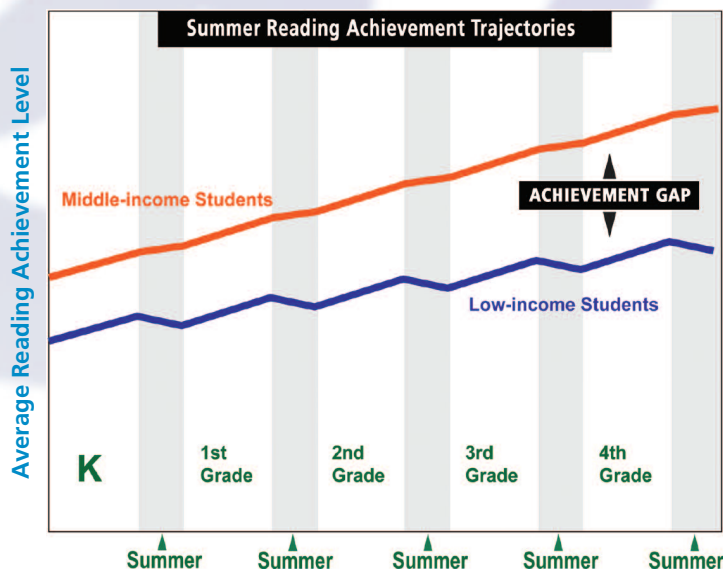
- More than 15 million school-age children (26%) are on their own after school. Among them, more than 1 million are in grades K-5. (*Afterschool Alliance, 2009*)
- More than 27 million parents of school-age children are employed, including 23 million who work full time. (*U.S. Dept. of Labor, 2012*)
- Only 8.4 million K-12 children (15%) participate in after school programs. An additional 18.5 million would participate if a quality program were available in their community. (*Afterschool Alliance, 2009*)

## Up On Top Summer Program

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Without access to high quality summer programs, disadvantaged students continually fall behind in school. By high school, 67% of the cumulative achievement gap between middle-class and disadvantaged students can be explained by summer learning loss.

### Summer Learning Loss Increases the Achievement Gap



(Partnership for Children & Youth, National Summer Learning Association)





## Quality summer programs for grade school children

For 12 years Up On Top has provided a quality summer program for elementary grade school children and their families in two of San Francisco's most disadvantaged communities. Our goal is to create a model that can be shared with other summer program providers in San Francisco and beyond.

### Up On Top Summer Program offers:

- ✦ Experienced, trained teachers
- ✦ Two professional program staff and trained volunteers per class size of 20 children
- ✦ Content that complements public school curricular standards
- ✦ Individual support along with group learning
- ✦ Hands-on activities and real-world context into lessons or concepts
- ✦ Fun field trips every day

**In summer 2012, Up On Top expanded the Summer Program to include over 78 children with the goal of preventing summer learning loss.**

Up On Top is extremely excited to report the results from reading assessment tests that were completed at the end of our summer program, which showed that 94% of the children improved their reading ability or remained where they were at the end of the previous school year.

**As we look to the future of Up On Top our plans include welcoming more children who could benefit from our quality programs as well as offer them to more at-risk students.**



## Our 2012/2013 organizational goals include:

- ✦ Increase the After School Program by 50% to 120 students.
- ✦ Increase the Summer Program to 160 children.
- ✦ Expand the Summer Program from 6 to 8 weeks.
- ✦ Continue to refine and improve curriculum for both programs for maximum effectiveness.
- ✦ Continue to fine tune budgets and staffing needs and requirements.
- ✦ Hire a Development Associate.
- ✦ Develop a Communications Plan to improve name recognition and awareness in the community and region.

Our funding needs for ongoing program services as well as after school and summer program expansion is

**\$139,388**

Although our most pressing need is for direct financial assistance, Up On Top welcomes in-kind and sponsorship support of every kind.

**Become an Up On Top partner today...**

UOT makes the most effective use of our partner's support with 71% of the funds we receive directly supporting the children. The impact that these programs will have on the children, their families, and the community as a whole will last for a lifetime.

**Ways that you or your company can support Up On Top:**

- ★ **Host an event to raise funds.**
- ★ **Match funds donated by your employees.**
- ★ **Become a volunteer.**
- ★ **Donate in-kind goods and services.**

**Cost Per Enrolled Student**

**After School**  
**\$5,614.00**

**Summer**  
**\$1,240.00**

**Act today to help make our programs accessible to more at-risk children and their families.**



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