



CU-YLI

CLEMSON® UNIVERSITY YOUTH LEARNING INSTITUTE



Developing strategies to
help organizations build their
capacity

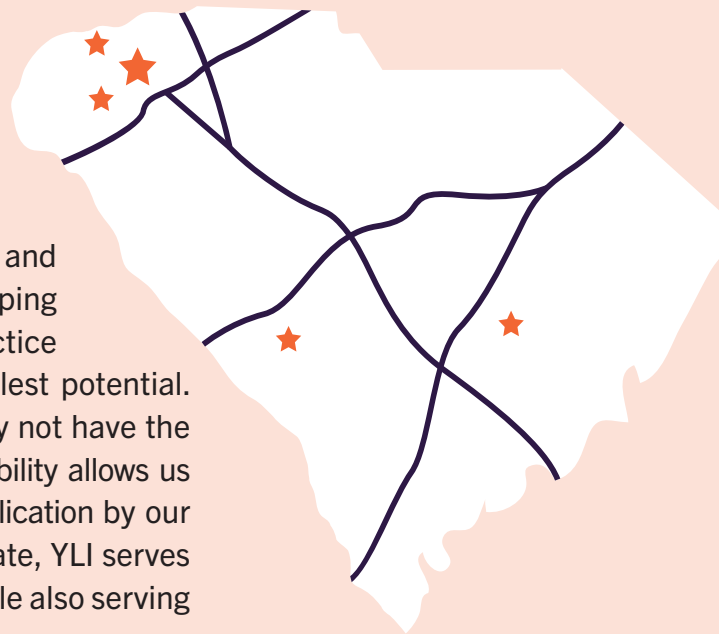


Delivering programs that
empower individuals to
reach their full potential



Using applied research to
solve real problems

Originally established as a Public Service unit at Clemson University in 1934, what is now known as the Youth Learning Institute (YLI) was created to provide summer camping opportunities for youth in South Carolina. YLI is now positioned within Clemson's Research Division and helps fulfill the University's goal of being a nationally recognized leader in innovative scholarship and creativity grounded in research and the land-grant mission. We accomplish this goal by developing unique public/private partnerships and creating best practice models to help individuals and organizations reach their fullest potential. YLI collaborates with state agencies and non-profits who may not have the resources to evaluate and improve existing services. Our flexibility allows us to pilot new strategies that can be researched and used for replication by our partnering agencies. Operating in five locations across the state, YLI serves as living laboratories to meet the needs of the participants while also serving as a training tool for others in the industry.



ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Developing and strengthening skills to thrive

The Office of Research and Organizational Development (OROD) helps organizations build capacity through research and evaluation. We are committed to facilitating performance improvement and enhancing quality. Our skilled, interdisciplinary team has extensive experience developing and evaluating programs, designing and conducting applied research, and providing technical assistance and quality assurance.

The Center for Behavior Analysis (CBA) provides multiple training options promoting professional development and organizational capacity, provides support in the development of services for marginalized populations, and provides consultation and evaluation of existing programs for the advancement of Applied Behavior Analysis.

ThinkShops™ provides compassionate, transformative, and customized professional development and coaching to support you in achieving your mission. Workshop variety ranges from strategic planning and increasing leadership capacity to professional skill building and emotional intelligence.

SNAP-Ed provides nutrition education and obesity prevention services to help individuals and families with limited resources establish healthy eating patterns and physically active lifestyles. These programs include professional trainings and technical assistance to organizations and institutions in eligible communities.

INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY

Building resilience through interactive learning

Tall Pines STEM Academy and the Youth Leadership Academy are middle school level charter schools designed with a whole-child approach to education, building leaders and developing character.

smartEDGE takes a whole-child approach to help youth discover, own, and apply their unique talents. Our curriculum embeds engaging, collaborative activities with research-based content to enhance the skills and confidence needed for success. From communicating effectively and respecting others to managing resources wisely and thinking critically and creatively, we offer a variety of sessions that empower youth to lead themselves well.

Clemson's Challenge for Academically Talented Students (C-CATS) provides top-performing middle and high school students a chance to take on scholarly challenges and immerse themselves in student life at Clemson.

Field Study programs like Teaching KATE, Voyager Quest, and Exploration Hannon provide immersive STEM-based, educational experiences outside the classroom.

Summer camps like Camp Wildlife, Camp Voyager, 4-H Camp, and Adventure Camp give youth the opportunity to have fun while learning and experiencing new activities, all while growing in confidence and independence.

“The Youth Learning Institute (YLI) is uniquely positioned to build on its track record of over 80 years of high-quality outreach. With a focus on innovative research, YLI is becoming the model of how universities can engage in meaningful excellence in scholarship and academic opportunity.”

Robert H. Jones, Provost | Clemson University

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