**GOAL:** To help young people develop academic, behavioral and social skills through homework completion.

**WHY:** Boys & Girls Clubs have an important role to play in enhancing young people’s educational experiences and empowering them to graduate from high school. Homework completion is a critical component of young people’s academic success.

**WHO:** Boys & Girls Club members ages 6 to 18

**WHAT:** The Power Hour: Making Minutes Count program provides Club professionals with strategies, activities, resources and information to create a homework help and tutoring program that engages Club members. Power Hour addresses the following:

- Conducting engaging, beneficial homework help programs for Club members ages 6 to 12 and 13 to 18
- Conducting a beneficial, one-to-one tutoring program for all ages
- Research strategies for teens
- Strategies to make homework fun
- Recognition and incentive strategies, tips for tracking progress and a tracking poster
- Behavior management during Power Hour
- Volunteer recruitment and training
- Collaboration with outside institutions
- Scheduling considerations
- Philosophy and purpose of homework help in a Boys & Girls Club
- Character development through homework completion
- Homework help and tutoring with hard-to-reach youth
- Use of technology and the Internet to support homework help and tutoring
- Supplemental activities
- Sample funding proposals
- Other free or low-cost resources
- Promising Club practices

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