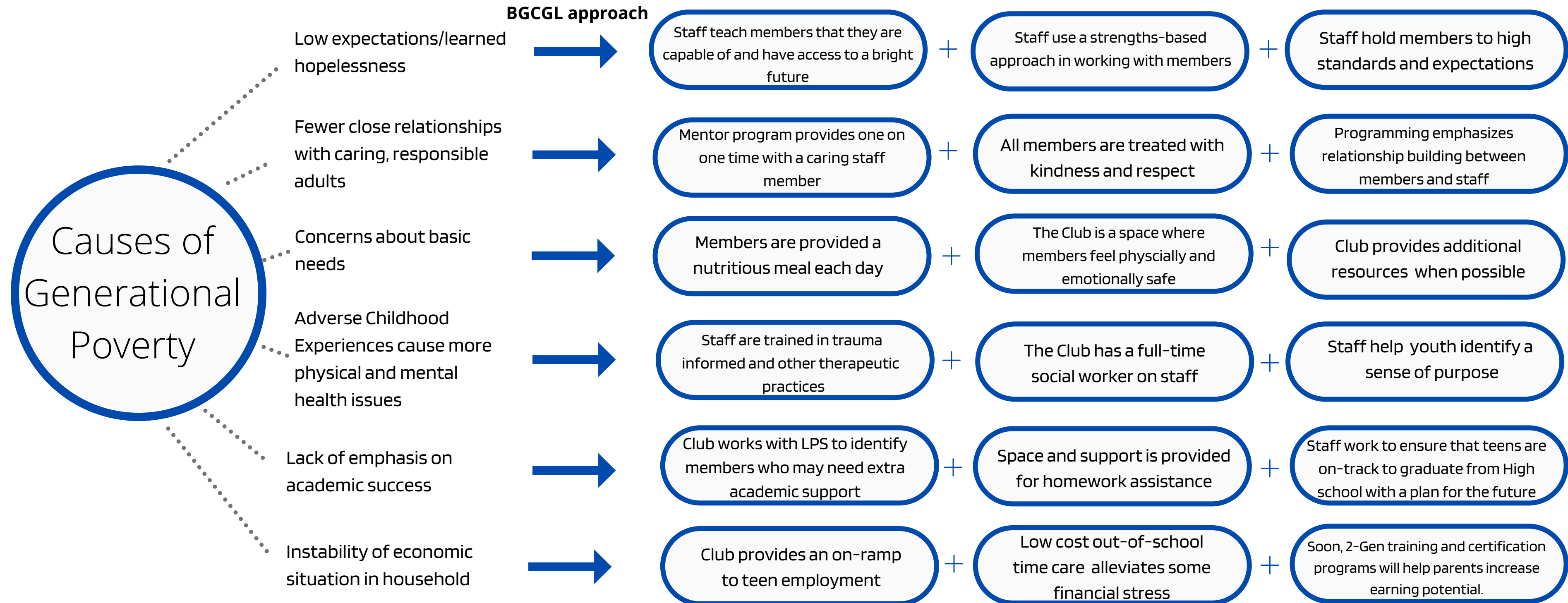


Ending Generational Poverty in Lowell

Generational poverty describes families who have lived in poverty for least two generations. Generational poverty is typically caused by a combination of hopelessness, scarcity mindset and toxic stress. Without hope and belief that life can be better, motivation and energy needed to break the cycle are very low.



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are woven throughout all Club programs and services, in order to help lessen the negative impacts of discrimination and create an environment where all feel welcome, seen and valued for who they are.



Key Indicators of Success

Graduation from High School or GED

BGCGL Club teens are 10% more likely to graduate from high school in 4 years than their peers*

Refusal Skills

BGCGL members report 15% less engagement with risky behaviors than their peers*

Low teen birth rate

Teen birth rate for BGCGL members is < 1%*

Strong foundation of social and emotional learning skills

100% of staff incorporate social and emotional learning into Club programming* *

Engaged in continuing education, military service or gainfully employed within 6 years of High School Graduation

BGCGL members are 13% more likely to graduate with a plan than their peers*

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