

Youth Development Networks (YDNs) create local ecosystems for integrated services in spaces where youth want to be. YDNs increase access to emerging and existing youth development services and support thriving families and communities by improving youth wellbeing. For this time period, there are 5 regional YDNs: Antelope Valley, East Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Fernando Valley, and South Los Angeles.

Section 1. Enrollments & Youth Engagements

As of June 2025, the Youth Development Networks served approximately 3,516 unique youth since the start of the project in June 2024*. In 2024, the YDNs served more youth each quarter than the previous quarter, ending the annual year with reaching 2,306 young people. The first half of 2025 has seen 1,210 young people receive YDN services, which is slightly over half of youth served in 2024. On average, each of the YDN regions served approximately 703 youth.

Figure 1. Enrollment Trends Over Time Across the Network (n=3,516)

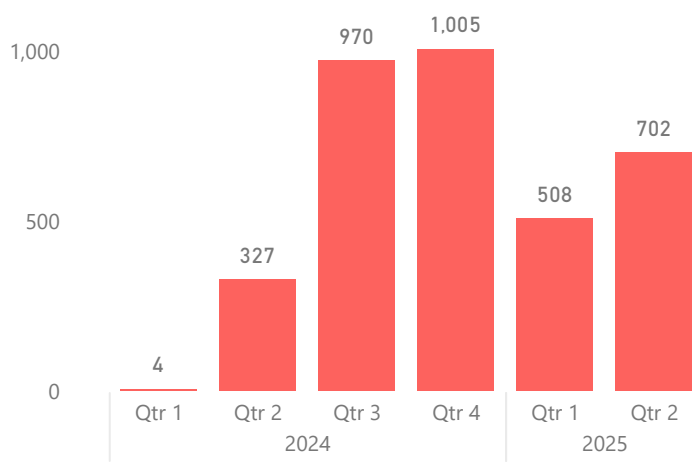
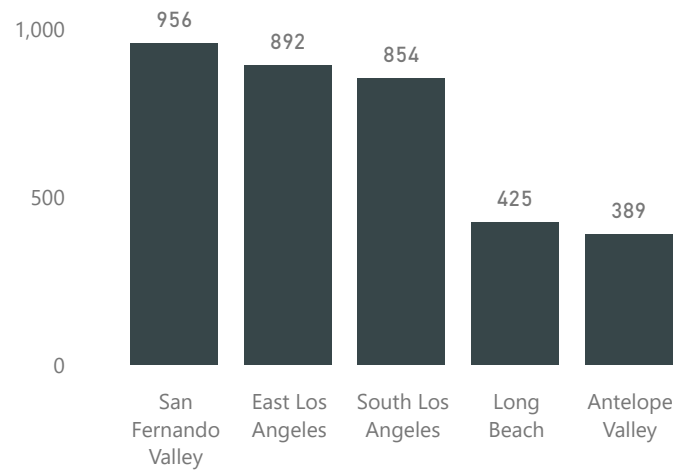


Figure 2. Youth Served by Region (n=3,516)

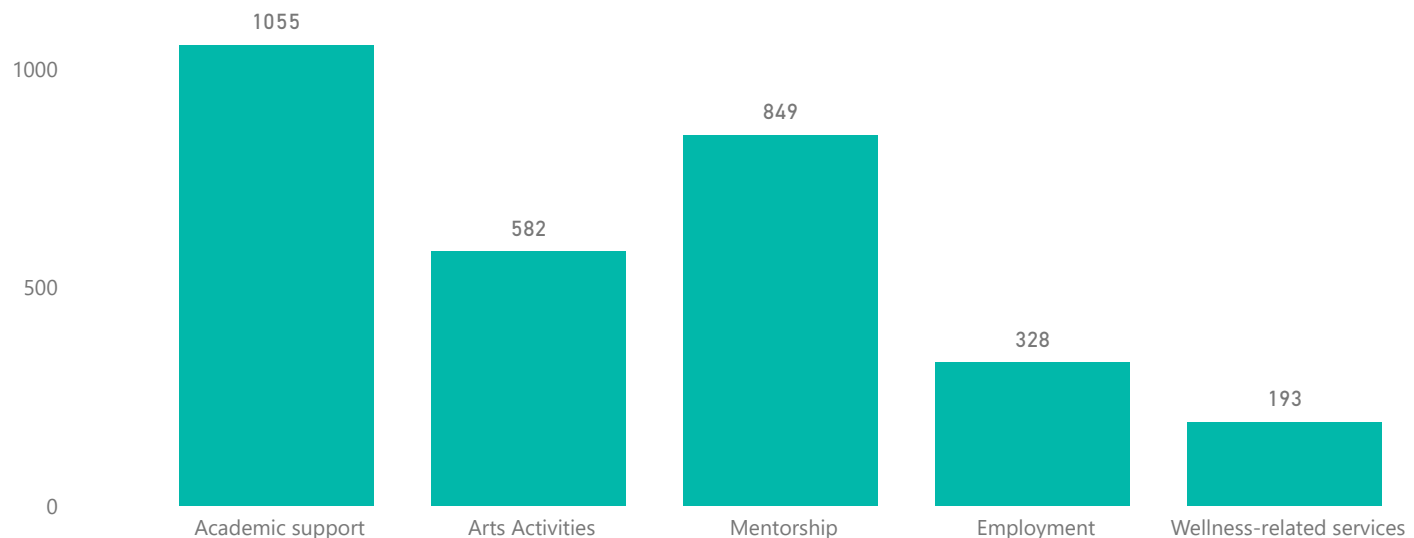


*Though the YDN project began at the end of Q2 2024, a handful of youth started services earlier and continued past the project start date.

Section 2. Youth Services

Of the participation data indicating what services youth received from their providers (n=1,846), the five most common services received are Academic Support (57%), Mentorship (46%), Arts Activities (32%), Employment (18%), and Wellness-related services (10%).

Figure 3. Top 5 Services Received (n=1,846)



Section 3. Youth Demographics

The majority of YDN youth are 14-17 years of age (55%) at the time they take an assessment with their regional provider. While most of the youth who reported their racial/ethnic identity (n=2,051) are Hispanic or Latino (55%), the program sees an approximately equal number of Cis-Boys/Young Men and Cis-Girls/Young Women (49%) (n=2,022).

Figure 4. Age (n=3,479)

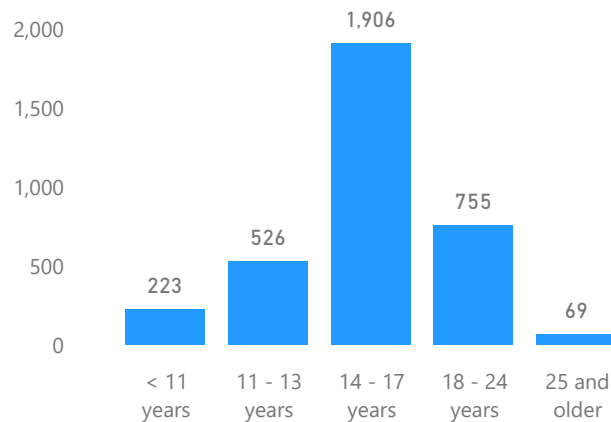


Figure 5. Gender Identity (n=2,022)

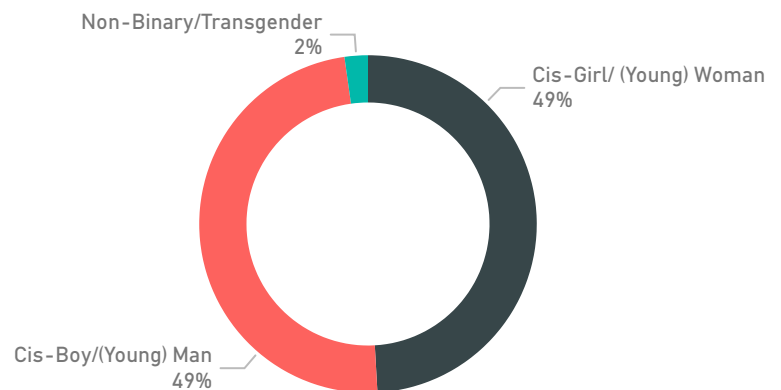
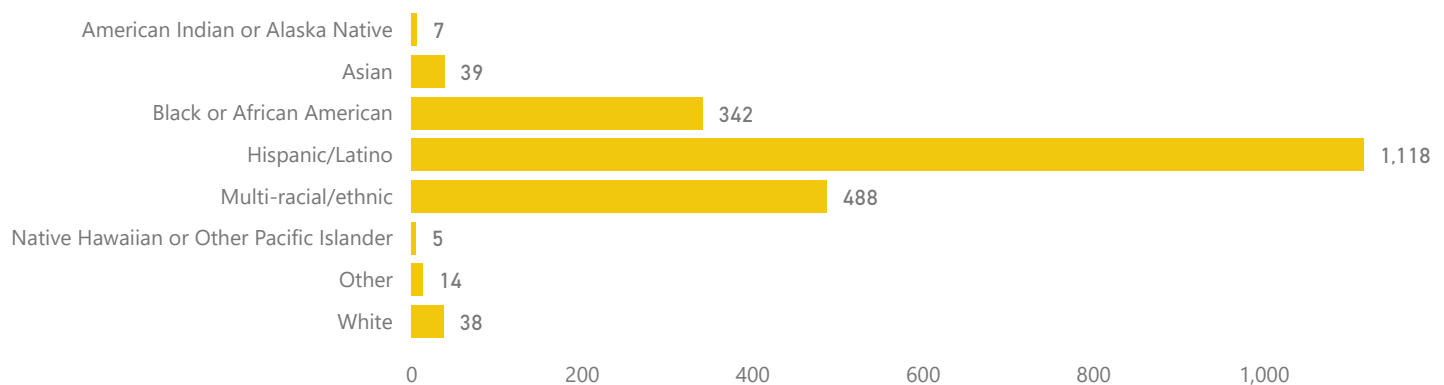


Figure 6. Race/Ethnicity (n=2,051)



Section 4. Program Impact

Over two thirds of the young people who have shared their feelings about their time engaging with YDN providers (n=1,033) agreed or strongly agreed that they feel satisfied about their experiences (70%). Over half agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend YDN resources to their friends (65%). In addition, several YDN providers have shared positive narratives about their programming and the youth they're serving:

"In response to rises in anxiety-related mental health referrals, in spring 2025, APCH successfully expanded non-scheduled therapeutic check-ins for youth that don't require appointments, launched a weekly 'Mindful Explorers' group to help younger youth build coping skills, and maintained telehealth services for older youth. We also developed workshops for families focused on emotional resilience and preparedness. Because knowledge is power, we also continue to distribute 'Know Your Rights' red cards, and are integrating family preparedness plans into our monthly Parent Café meetings."

-A Place Called Home, South LA YDN Provider

70%
Satisfied with YDNs

65%

Recommend YDNs

"One of our youth was a young man navigating multiple transitions between foster and adoptive care, and faced major barriers in obtaining a state ID. Due to documentation gaps and placement changes, it took five DMV visits to complete the process. Upon turning 18, he finally navigated this system with the support of a longtime Peace4Kids volunteer who has been a trusted adult in his life since age 8. This milestone highlighted the power of sustained relationships in supporting youth."

-Peace4Kids, South LA YDN Provider