

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS

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Youth Development Networks are networks of youth-serving community-based organizations across Los Angeles County that seek to create a supportive ecosystem for young people to access free youth development programs and services in their own communities.

8,000+

Total youth served since program inception

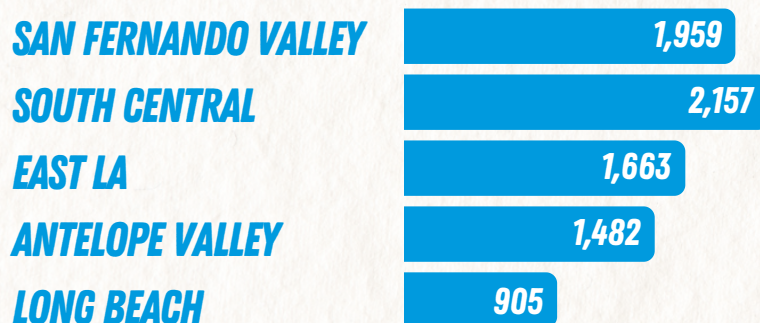
90,000+

Total youth touchpoints

1,600+

Average youth served per region since inception

YOUTH SERVED BY REGION



SERVICE PROVISION

Most frequently provided services at time of youth exit (by percentage of participants served):

ACADEMIC SUPPORT (45%)

ARTS ACTIVITIES (36%)

MENTORSHIP (30%)

EMPLOYMENT (20%)

WELLNESS (11%)

PROVIDER & YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

- ✱ "With the support of [Our Own Nonprofit] team, [a YDN youth] secured employment that fits her schedule and aligns with her career goals, received funding for college, got accepted into her top school choices, and landed an internship with one of our corporate partners."
- ✱ In Theatre Of Hearts' theatre program, "students are becoming more confident in expressing their points of view while gaining a deeper understanding of how theatre is created. For some students in [the] program, English is their second language, and the program has helped them gain confidence in speaking on stage and learning to project their voices."
- ✱ One former foster youth turned a passion for animation into a professional opportunity through Better Youth's apprenticeship pathway. With hands-on training, mentorship, and wraparound support, they built confidence and technical skills before securing opportunities with Lionsgate and DreamWorks.

HEART OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED

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A youth co-led and youth-focused initiative, Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined (HYJR) empowers young people to engage directly with the Department of Youth Development (DYD) and Youth Justice Reimagined projects, ensuring that the needs and aspirations of those most affected are centered. HYJR creates opportunities for youth to build leadership skills and outlets for youth to inform decisions impacting their local community.

1,960+

Total youth engaged

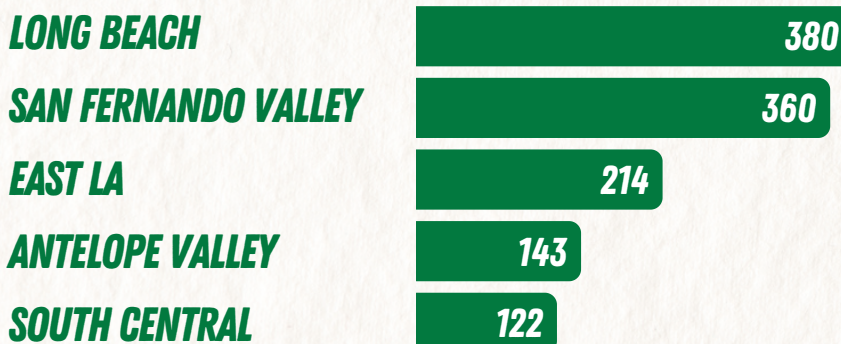
75+

Participants connected to Youth Development Network services

75

Total monthly HYJR meetings

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HIGHLIGHTS

71% of East LA participants secured paid summer internships or jobs

52 youth in South Central were linked to mental health & food pantry services

3 youth in South Central joined Youth & Community Center Youth Advisory Board

10 serving on an inaugural Youth Advisory Board established to inform Department of Mental Health's MLK Youth Center opening in 2027

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

FIRST YOUTH SUMMER JOBS FAIR

BEACH TRIPS

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

"I can be myself and give input in a safe and affirming space amongst my peers."

"I felt more inspired to advocate and fight for better [opportunities]"

