

JUVENILE JUSTICE
COORDINATING
COUNCIL
PRESENTATION
AUGUST 14, 2024

Youth Equity Initiative 2023-24 FY

Youth Equity Initiative - Populations

Addressing Root Causes of Inequities for Youth

County partners expanding focus and aligning efforts to address youth equity issues in Ventura County

- ❖ Juvenile Justice-impacted youth
- ❖ Youth in Care
- ❖ Black, Indigenous, Latino & other youth of color
- ❖ LGBTQ+ youth
- ❖ Neuro-diverse youth
- ❖ Youth with disabilities
- ❖ Youth facing homelessness
- ❖ Youth in poverty
- ❖ Access to education, health, and mental health services



YEI Mission

- ▶ Centering Youth Voice
- ▶ Capacity Building
- ▶ Collaborative Connections

Prioritizing Youth Voice

YEI works to position youth as

- Agents of change, not object or subjects
- Essential partners in program/policy design
- Breaking down barriers to participation and transforming spaces

Youth Advisory
Councils

Juvenile Justice
Coordinating
Council

Juvenile Justice
Delinquency
Prevention
Commission

Youth Voice
Groups

City Youth
Councils

Youth and Student Voice

GIVING VOICE	CENTERING VOICES
<p>Assumes youth "need" a voice</p> 	<p>Assumes youth "have" voices</p> 
<p>Acknowledges silences</p> 	<p>Breaks silences</p> 
<p>Empowers youth to speak</p> 	<p>Transforms spaces so youth can be heard</p> 
<p>Includes youth</p> 	<p>(Co)constructs with youth</p> 
<p>Turns up the volume</p> 	<p>Hands over the mic</p> 
<p>Creates allies</p> 	<p>Builds solidarities</p> 

Reconstructing processes and perspectives

YES Collaborative

Mission Statement:

To promote justice, equity and thrivance for young people in Ventura County by creating pathways to healthy development and healing rooted in our communities.

YES Role:

- ▶ To conceive community-based solutions that are youth-informed and create access for youth in their communities

Member Responsibilities

- Engage in an ongoing process to examine their own relationships to institutional, systemic, and structural disparities.
- Commit to ongoing education and training with a lens of cultural humility.
- Develop practices and policies that utilize data to improve outcomes for youth.
- Carry and implement action items from the YES Collaborative to their agencies and organizations.
- Incorporate youth voices and perspectives into planning and decision-making processes



Annual Youth Event

YOUTH EQUITY SUMMIT 2024



EX. DON'T PUT US ON MUTE!
¡Ey! No nos pongas en silencio.

- ▶ Co-created with youth
- ▶ 130+ attendees
- ▶ 11 youth organizations represented
- ▶ Youth Changemakers Panel
- ▶ Six youth-focused workshops
- ▶ Over \$1,200 in raffle prizes
- ▶ Survey Themes



Community-Based Organizations Building Capacity

Grant Support

- Highlighting organizational focuses, offerings, and community connections

Training

- Developing staff and administration skills for working with diverse youth populations and scenarios

Consultation

- Strategic plan development, budget outlining, and funding mapping

Training Offerings

Restorative
Justice
Training

Know Your
Rights
Training

Authentic
Youth
Engagement

Creating
LGBTQIA+
Affirming
Spaces

Collaboration
&
Strategic
Networking



County Agencies

Youth Leadership

Youth Support

Parent/Community Voice

Transitional Age Youth

FY 2024-25

YEI Action Plan

- ▶ Learning Lab Series (Nov & May)
- ▶ Youth Equity Summit (April)
- ▶ YES Collaborative (Bimonthly)
- ▶ Youth Org. Consulting (Cont'd.)
- ▶ OYCR Conference
- ▶ Areas of Focus
 - ▶ Youth/TAY Housing
 - ▶ Mental Health Services

COUNTY OF VENTURA YOUTH EQUITY INITIATIVE

12
NOV

LEARNING LAB
SERIES #1

9AM - 2PM

STAFF TRAINING
OPPORTUNITY

1911 WILLIAMS DR.,
OXNARD, CA 93036



Register before 10/01/24