

### OFCY POC PRESENTATION:

FINDINGS FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

### **COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS**

BRG conducted 4 workshops with community members and leaders to:

- Learn about the strengths and needs of Oakland's youth
- □ Hear directly from groups most impacted by social and economical inequities and inequalities (i.e. Black and Latin families) about their strengths, needs and priorities
- □ Provide a platform to gather community member input that may inform new ideas for OFCY strategies and role

	Total Participants
TAY Workshop	13
Provider Workshop	44
Youth Forum	55
Parent/Caregiver Workshop	65
Total	177

### COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS - DEMOGRAPHICS

- □ Nearly half of all participants were Asian
- □ A majority of participants are immigrants or children of immigrants
- □ Black residents were underrepresented
- □ Majority of participants reside in 94606, 94607, and 94601 zip codes, respectively

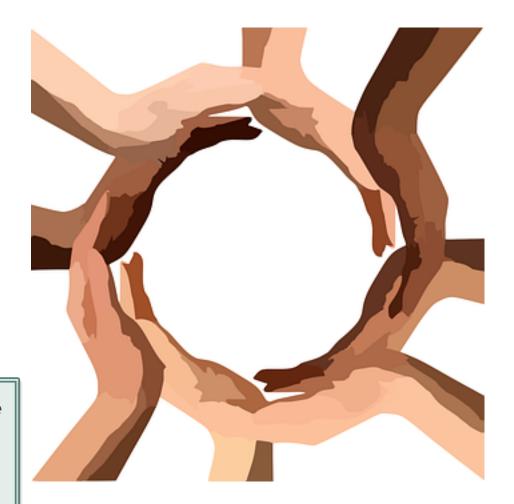
	TAY Workshop	Youth Forum	Parent & Caregiver Workshop	All Workshops
Asian		28	43	73
Middle Eastern		10	2	12
Filipino	0	0	1	1
Latino	6	6	15	27
Black	5	11	4	20
Total	13	55	65	133

# Families named diversity, resourcefulness, and a strong network of community-based organizations as some of Oakland's unique strengths

### **Community and Family Strengths**

- Information sharing
- Networks
- Community resources
- ☐ Strong valuing of education
- Care for family, friends, and neighbors

"The beauty of our culture is that we share information, and we have a common mentality that we attend community events and model for our children that we want to be a part of change in our community."



# Immigrant families need support accessing and navigating the city's resources, especially monolingual parents

#### Increasing linkage to resources

- Resource navigation
- ☐ Bilingual resources
- ☐ Parent / Peer support

#### Current modes of resource identification

- ☐ Social Media (FB)
- ☐ Friends, family, neighbors
- Schools
- Community Based Organizations



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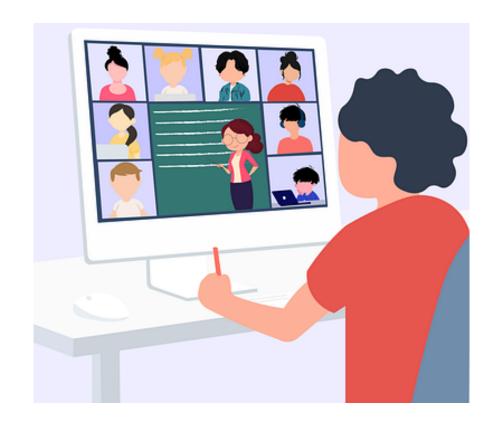
## Parents expressed a need for protection from domestic terrorism, political violence, hate crimes, criminal activity and COVID-19

- Immigrant parents expressed their fears of anti-immigrant violence, mass shootings, and hate crimes against people in their families and communities
- Many families are feeling socially isolated and worried for the health and safety of their family members





- □ Parents appreciated the opportunity to be more involved in their children's education
- Parents of young children have concerns around their children's
  - Kindergarten readiness
  - Social Development
  - Lack of physical activity
- □ Parents of older youth have concerns around their children's
  - Quantity and quality of learning experiences
  - Preparedness for transition to adulthood



"My child is entering kindergarten in August. I want to know whether she will be ready for that level."

Cultural diversity (music, art, and food), the celebration of different traditions, and the city's history of community organizing around social justice issues were highlighted as Oakland's greatest strengths

"When there's injustice, everyone in the community comes together, and I love that."



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## Safe spaces, mental health support, academic support and job placement were the most common systems of support referenced across both youth workshops

- Young people want support around mental health concerns including social isolation, stress, anxiety, and depression
- Youth would like schools and the city to do more to raise awareness about opportunities available to youth before they become system involved
- Youth reported that they seldomly feel safe outside their homes in Oakland



"Mental health [is important] because it influences other aspects in our lives. Poor mental health leads to poor performance in school, work, and relationships."

### Young people reported challenges with distance learning and educational inequity

- ☐ Young people are struggling with distance learning and reported feeling unmotivated due to shelter in place.
- □ Young people were acutely aware of the educational inequities in OUSD.
- □ Young people enjoy and want hands-on, experiential leadership and careerexploration opportunities, especially in the fields of health, law, and engineering



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### Providers reported that families are needing support with their basic needs due to the pandemic

### Challenges highlighted by providers

- Employment loss
- Balancing work and remote learning
- Housing, food, and income security

### Older youth needs

- Wraparound supports
- □ Financial education
- Career preparation
- ☐ Life skills

### Barriers to resource utilization

- Lack of awareness
- Lack of transportation

"Youth are 25% of the population but only receive 3% through this fund. Three years isn't enough for systems change."

## 12 Questions

### Thank You!



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