

# OAKLAND FUND FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH EVALUATION FINDINGS 2011-12

Executive Summary

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## Programs Included in the OFCY Evaluation

The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) evaluation encompasses 122 youth service programs that serve children and youth from birth to age 20. These programs operate under four funding strategy areas: Early Childhood, Out of School, Wellness & Healthy Transitions and Older Youth. These strategy areas include two sub-strategies each.

**Table 1: Number of Grantees by Funding Strategy**

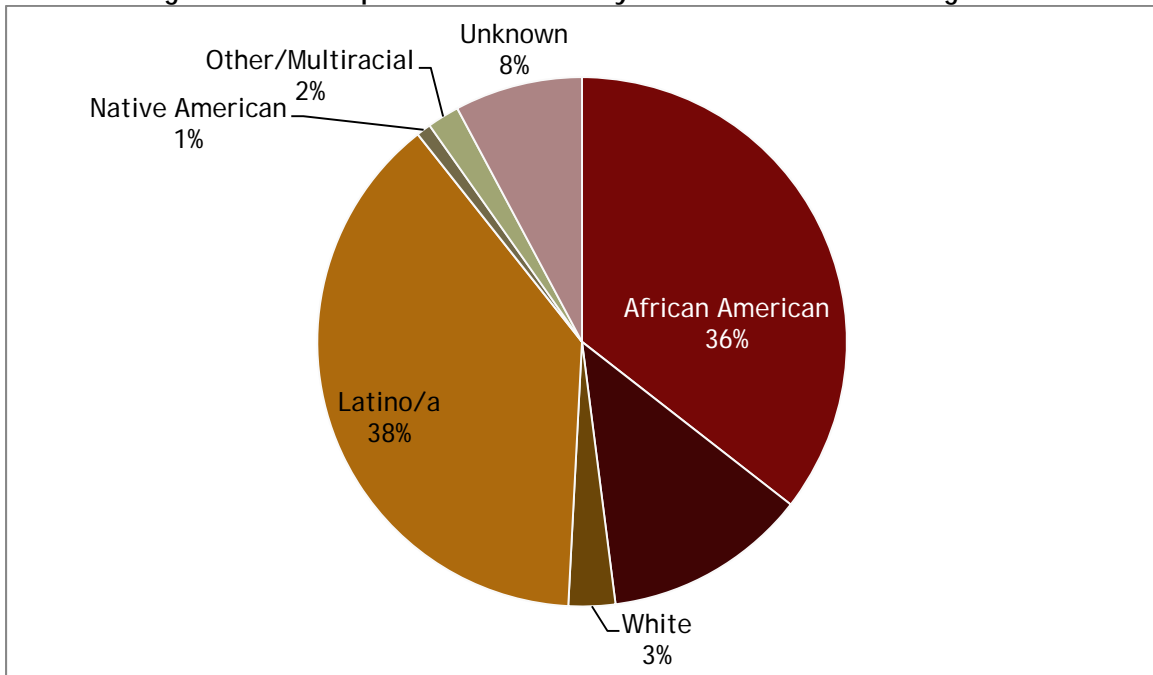
Funding Strategy	Grantees in 2011-12
Early Childhood - Mental Health Consultation	5
Early Childhood - Community Playgroups	8
Out of School - School Based After School	55
Out of School - Community Based After School	10
Out of School - Summer	12
Wellness & Healthy Transitions - School Based	6
Wellness & Healthy Transitions - Youth Leadership	7
Wellness & Healthy Transitions - Conflict Resolution	2
Older Youth - Academic and Career Success	10
Older Youth - Comprehensive Programming	7
<b>Total OFCY Grantees</b>	<b>122</b>

## Scope of Service

Enrollment records provided by OFCY-funded programs indicate that OFCY-funded programs served 28,728 youth in the 2011-12 school year.<sup>1</sup>

Latino/a and African American children and youth were roughly evenly represented among OFCY program participants, comprising about two-thirds of the whole. About one in ten participants identified as Asian/Pacific Islanders.

Figure 1: Participant Race/Ethnicity - All OFCY Funded Programs

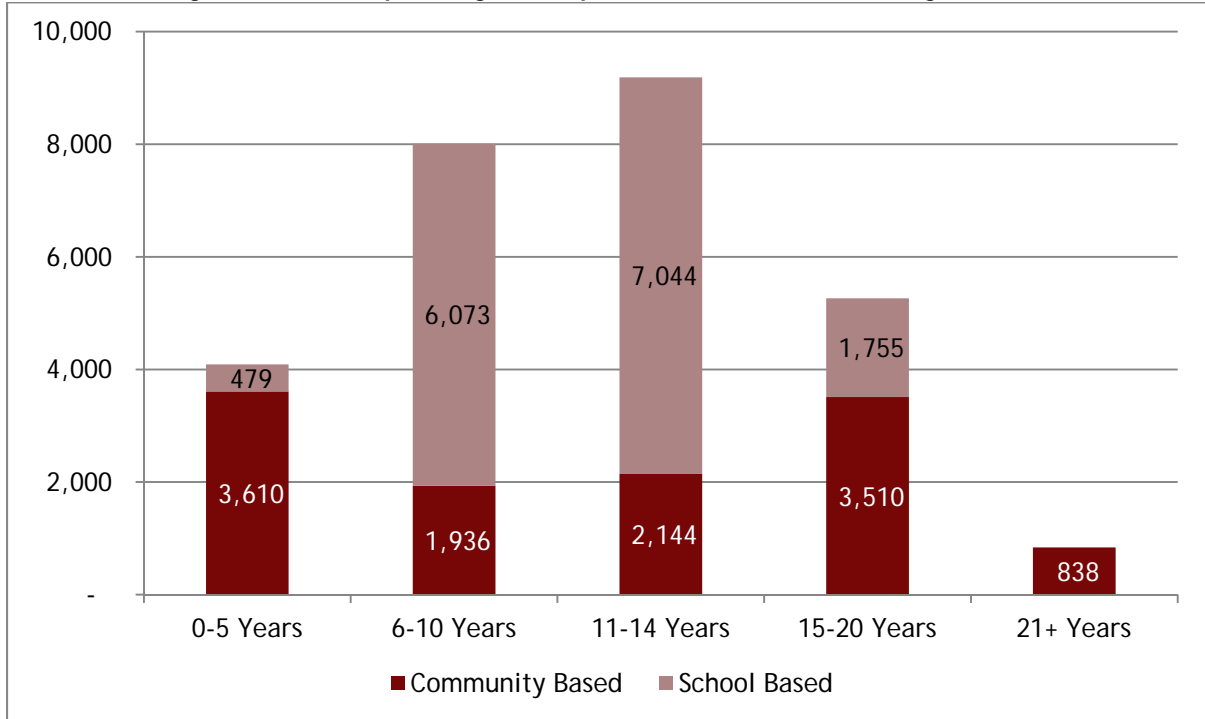


Source: CitySpan records for the 28,728 participants for whom race/ethnicity was reported.

<sup>1</sup> This estimate includes an unknown number of duplicate records, as community-based programs maintain separate enrollment databases.

Valid dates of birth were available for 27,389 participants in OFCY-funded programs in 2011-12. About one-third of youth served (34%) were between 11-14 years old, followed by the 6-10 year old age group (29%), 15-20 year-olds (19%), 0-5 year-olds (15%) and participants 21 or older (3%).

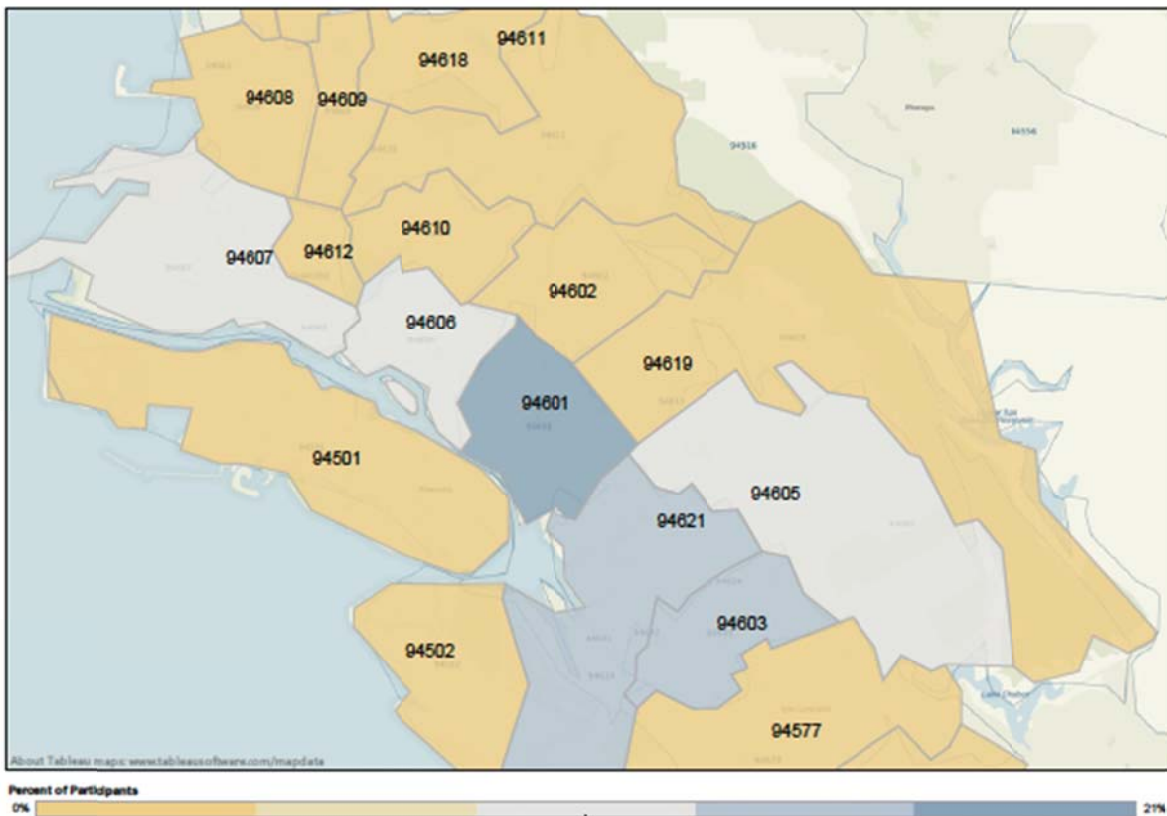
**Figure 2: Participant Age Groups - All OFCY Funded Programs**



Source: CitySpan records for the 27,389 participants for whom valid dates of birth were available. "School-based" programs include school-based after school and school-based Transitions programs.

The six zip codes with the greatest number of 2011-12 OFCY program participants were: 94601, 94621, 94603, 94605, 94606 and 94607. Participants were clustered in East Oakland, with a notable concentration in the Fruitvale and San Antonio neighborhoods.

Figure 3: Participant Zip Codes - All OFCY Funded Programs



Source: CitySpan records for the 26,862 participants for whom valid zip codes were available.

Table 2: Participant Zip Codes - All OFCY Funded Programs

Zip	Youth	%
94601	5,647	20%
94621	4,130	14%
94603	3,446	12%
94605	2,692	9%
94606	2,637	9%
94607	2,408	8%
94619	1,081	4%
94602	1,066	4%
94608	1,024	4%
94612	897	3%
94609	628	2%
94610	458	2%
94611	301	1%
Other	2,169	3%
Unknown	1,005	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,728</b>	

In 2011-12, OFCY funded community-based grantees received \$9.56 million in OFCY funds, matched by \$8.3 in school-based after school grants from OUSD and approximately \$5.7 million from grantees.

**Table 3: Funding by Grant Group - All OFCY Funded Programs**

Program	OFCY Funding	OUSD Funding	Matched Funding	Total Funding	OFCY/ Youth Served	Total/ Youth Served
<b>Early Childhood</b>						
Community Playgroups	\$609,352	--	\$526,290	\$1,135,642	\$535	\$997
Mental Health Consultation	\$694,600	--	\$343,950	\$1,038,550	\$288	\$430
<b>Out of School Time</b>						
School Based After School	\$4,285,956	\$8,374,636	\$616,000	\$13,943,117	\$351	\$1,086
Community-Based After School	\$624,617	--	\$1,337,623	\$1,962,240	\$174	\$547
Summer 2011	\$680,725	--	\$143,218	\$823,943	\$404	\$488
<b>Wellness and Healthy Transitions</b>						
School Based Programs	\$477,208	--	\$352,000	\$829,208	\$141	\$246
Conflict Resolution	\$136,782	--	\$51,138	\$187,920	\$221	\$304
Youth Leadership	\$663,817	--	\$428,757	\$1,092,574	\$859	\$1,413
<b>Older Youth</b>						
Career/Job Success	\$889,248	--	\$1,385,701	\$2,274,949	\$713	\$1,824
Comprehensive Programming	\$502,928	--	\$569,531	\$1,072,459	\$234	\$499
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,565,233</b>	<b>\$8,347,636</b>	<b>\$5,754,208</b>	<b>\$23,694,077</b>	<b>\$327</b>	<b>\$811</b>

Source: CitySpan matched funding data for OFCY community based programs during summer 2011 and the 2011-12 school year.

Staffing information reported by 97 OFCY grantees indicates that OFCY grant funding supports 692 staff members, 494 (71%) of whom are Oakland residents.

## Program Performance & Point of Service Quality

Nine in ten OFCY grantees met their contracted Units of Service goals in 2011-12; just 11 programs did not meet their goals.

Site visits<sup>2</sup> indicate that OFCY-funded programs are providing high quality service. Thirty-five percent (35%) of sites are in the *Performing* category, indicating that they are providing quality service overall and can continue to improve in specific areas. Sixty-five percent (65%) of community-based sites serving school aged youth are *Thriving*, indicating strong overall performance.

**Table 2: Summary of Program Performance and Point of Service Quality**

Program Type	Meeting or Exceeding Annual Units of Service Goal <i>(OFCY Goal is 80% or higher)</i>	Meeting or Exceeding Point of Service Quality Measures <i>(Performing or Thriving)</i>
Early Childhood (n=13)	85%	100%
Out of School (n=77)	96%	100%
Wellness & Healthy Transitions (n=15)	80%	100%
Older Youth (n=17)	82%	100%
<b>Total (n=122)</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>2</sup> Site visits were conducted at all OFCY grantee programs except programs in the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Grant Group.

## Participant Outcomes

### Early Childhood

Early childhood mental health consultants improved early childhood educators' ability to work with children, and nearly all parents reported that they are more aware of resources to help their children learn and grow.

Nine in ten (87%) parents surveyed in early childhood community playgroups reported that they spend more time reading to their child since participating.

### Out of School

In community-based after school programs, nine in ten survey respondents (92%) report that they learned to do something they used to think was hard in an OFCY-funded program, and 94% agreed that they trust the adults in their program.

Youth participants in community-based after school reported positively to community engagement outcomes, which included the program helping them to care more about their community (89%) and feeling like they are a part of the community (92%). Boys reported higher levels of community engagement: 91% of males and 82% of females responded positively to both community survey items.

Among school-based after school program participants, eight in ten elementary aged youth (83%) reported that after school "helps me make friends." Similarly, 79% of middle school-aged youth report getting along better with other people their age since coming to the after school program.

For elementary school-aged youth in school-based programs, nearly all agreed that, "this program helps me to take care of problems without having to fight (87%)." About eight in ten (79%) middle school-aged youth report getting along better with other people their age since coming to the after school program.

About three-quarters (76%) of youth in elementary-based after school report that, "this program helps me to think about the future." Among middle school-aged participants, 70% of agree that they've learned about the kinds of jobs they'd like to have in the future. Eighty one percent of middle school-aged participants (81%) report that the program helps them to feel more confident about graduating high school.

Youth in summer enrichment programs in 2011 reported learning more about physical activity (72%) and about careers and future opportunities (65%).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Results reported for Summer 2011. Public Profit will issue a Summer 2012 mini report in fall 2012.



## Wellness and Healthy Transitions

Nearly all participants in Youth Leadership programs report that their OFCY-funded program helped them to make better decisions (90%), to set goals (89%) and to be more of a leader (85%). Those who attended Youth Leadership programs longer were more likely to respond positively to questions about leadership.

About eight in ten (79%) youth who participated in the OUSD Conflict Resolution program reported that they learned how to take care of problems without violence or fighting. Nine in ten (92%) reported learning how to make their school a better place.

Among youth in the school-based Healthy Transitions program, three-quarters (74%) report having improved social and communication skills as a result of being in their program. Ninety one percent (91%) of youth agree that the transitions program has “helped me to get to help other people.”

Nearly all youth in Healthy Transitions programs (96%) report that the program has helped them to expect good things from themselves, and 91% state that they are more of a leader since coming to this program.

## Older Youth

Nearly all youth in Academic Success programs reported that their OFCY-funded program helped them to feel more confident about completing high school (94%) and going to college (94%). Participants' first-time pass rates on the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) were substantially higher than the District-wide average.

About nine in ten (88%) of surveyed youth in Career Success programs reported that they learned more about the different kinds of jobs they'd like to have; 86% reported that they expanded their network of potential employers. Male (84%) and female (88%) youth survey participants did not report significant differences in their responses about increasing their network of employers, however for African American youth, 80% of males responded positively to this survey in contrast to 97% of females.

About eight in ten youth in Comprehensive Programs reported that their program helped them to feel more like a part of their community (80%), to make friends (79%), and to work with others on a team (77%).