Cultivating Oakland Youth Writers

Chapter 510 & the Dept. of Make Believe provides tutoring, creative writing workshops, and publishing opportunities for K-12 students in Oakland.

The Dept. of Make Believe is the magical bureaucracy that supports Chapter 510’s youth programs. It is a place to come dream, wish, imagine, and create.

Student writer Samuel G. was a participant in Chapter 510’s Black Joy writing workshop. The photo above is of him reading at the book release in May 2019.

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The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) has long been a supporter of programming at Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) schools. OFCY provides grants to community-based organizations and directly to OUSD to fund programming for children and youth from before Kindergarten through to twelfth grade.

In 2019-2020, OFCY is providing nearly $1 million in grant funding directly to OUSD through program grants and subcontracts to support Restorative Justice, programming for Immigrant and Refugee students, Summer Pre-K, Linked Learning, and the African American Male Achievement initiative.

Beyond the direct funding, OFCY is a critical supporter of key OUSD programming including support for Comprehensive Afterschool Programs at 52 OUSD K-8 schools, leadership and support programs at 14 high schools, programming to address chronic absenteeism, and funding for early childhood mental health consultation services at 27 OUSD child development centers.

“OUSD is always grateful for the support and guidance that OFCY provides to run the Summer Pre-K program and offer kinder-readiness programming for our families.”

- OUSD Summer Pre-K Staff

OFCY supports Community Schools

In 2011, OUSD led the nation by announcing its intent to become the first Full Service Community School District. Community Schools leverage community partnerships and resources so school campuses become hubs of support and opportunity for students, families and community members.

OFCY is the largest local supporter of programs that work in Oakland schools. Some grants go directly to the school district to operate programs, but the vast majority of grants go to local non-profit agencies that provide direct services before, during, and after school, in the school year and during summer months.

OFCY is funding 110 programs that have identified an Oakland school site as a service location. OFCY estimates that over $11 million in annual funding goes to support direct services for OUSD students provided at school sites.

Overall, OFCY is supporting programming at 121 Oakland school sites, including Head Start pre-schools (14), OUSD Child Development Centers (27), OUSD K-12 school sites (67), and at K-12 charter schools (13).
“This year was our largest and most impactful May Arts to date, we were able to uplift the vibrancy of Chinatown, our young people, and the need for resources and start a community dialogue in a time where development threatens to dismantle the culture and community that has been built and sustained for Generations in Oakland Chinatown.”

Support for Immigrant, Refugee, and Newcomer Youth & Families

Many programs provide services to support the needs of immigrant, refugee, and newcomer children, youth, and families. OFCY is providing over $1.7 million in grant funding to following twelve programs that explicitly identify immigrant, refugee, and newcomer youth and families as their target population for services.

1) Covenant House California - DreamCatcher Youth Program
2) East Bay Spanish Speaking Citizens’ Foundation - LIBRE (Leading the Independence of our Barrios for Raza Empowerment)
3) Friends of Peralta Hacienda Historical Park - Peralta Hacienda Youth Programs
4) Health Initiatives for Youth - Leadership in Diversity
5) La Clinica de La Raza, Inc. - Youth Brigade
6) Oakland International High School - Refugee & Immigrant Wellness, Leadership & Restorative Justice Initiative
7) Oakland Kids First - Knight Success: College Ready, Career Ready and Community Ready
8) Oakland Unified School District - Kindergarten Readiness-Summer PreK
9) Oakland Unified School District - Student Engagement in Restorative Justice
10) Refugee Transitions - Newcomer Community Engagement Program (NCEP)
11) Refugee Transitions - Parent & Tot Initiative (PTI)
12) Safe Passages - Safe Passages Baby Learning Communities Collaborative

Asian Pacific Environmental Network: AYPAL: Building API Community Power

The Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Promoting Advocacy and Leadership (AYPAL) has been continuously supported by OFCY since its inception in 1998. The program has received over $3.6 million in OFCY grant funding over this time. These funds have helped the program develop over 500 Youth Leaders and engage over 5,000 youth.

This year the program is receiving $85,000 in grant funding to provide 100 youth with leadership development, cultural arts enrichment, gender justice circles, one-on-one mental health and academic support services, and peer led after school workshops.

“Our program works to make youth the center of school and community advocacy, and to understand their power to make change.” - AYPAL
Grant Management Support

Do you have questions regarding your contract? Are you interested in finding out more about reporting, program monitoring, or performance benchmarks?

The Grantee Corner on OFCY’s website is there to help you. It contains information on OFCY’s policies and procedures, manuals, contract documents, and other resources.

OFCY’s Grant Managers are also there to help you out. OFCY will host a “Grant Management 101” workshop for programs to hear more about the nuts and bolts of managing your grant, and to answer your questions regarding the matching funds requirement, proper invoice documentation, requirements for marketing and attribution of funding to the City of Oakland, and more!

Click here to go to the OFCY Grantee Corner

October & November Trainings and Workshops for Grantees

Below are some upcoming trainings and events to support the capacity of programs and the professional development of staff. For more information and to register, visit the OFCY website by clicking here.

October 2019

October 2, 2019
OFCY Planning and Oversight Committee (POC) Meeting
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza - Hearing Room #4 (2nd Floor): 6:00pm – 9:00pm

October 9, 2019
OFCY Evaluation with Social Policy Research - Early Childhood Programs
1330 Broadway Avenue, Oakland: 10:00am – 1:00pm

October 10, 2019
OFCY Evaluation - Career Awareness & Employment Support Programs
1330 Broadway Avenue, Oakland: 10:00am – 1:00pm

October 21, 2019
Oakland City Council/ Oakland School Board: Education Partnership
Oakland City Hall, Council Chambers, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza: 5:30pm

October 28, 2019
OFCY Evaluation - Youth Development & Student Success Programs
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza - Hearing Room #4 (2nd Floor): 10:00am – 1:00pm

October 31, 2019
OFCY Cityspan Training
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Computer Lab ‘A’: 10:00am – 11:30am

November 2019

November 6, 2019
OFCY Planning and Oversight Committee (POC) Meeting
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza - Hearing Room #4 (2nd Floor)
6:00pm – 9:00pm

November 13, 2019
Grant Management 101
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Classroom #1
10:30am – 12:00pm

November 21, 2019
OFCY Cityspan Training
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Computer Lab ‘A’
10:00am – 11:30am