City Invests in Youth

The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) provides program grants to support direct services for Oakland’s children, youth and families. For over twenty years, OFCY has helped families by funding afterschool programs, summer programs, leadership programs, parent support and early childhood programs, and job training and work experience for older youth.

“Students are given the opportunity to demonstrate that they know something by themselves. Having the support of the rest of the class while you do something by yourself is huge...Just letting them know that it’s ok not to get something right... you’re not a failure if you didn’t get it right the first time.” – Staff Member, Dance Dimensions Theatre’s Rites of Passage Program

www.ofcy.org
New Grants Announced for 2019-2020!

OFCY is providing 154 programs with annual grant funding for 2019-2020. This year, OFCY annual funding has increased 31% compared to last year, and supports 79 agencies with annual grant funding totaling $19,819,772.

These grants are to programs that provide direct services to Oakland’s children and youth from birth through 21 years of age, and work to support youth with the greatest needs. Programs estimate that they will reach over 26,000 children and youth this year – about 1 out of every 4 Oakland youth. 95% of grants are to non-profit agencies and 5% are to government programs – no grants are made to for-profit groups.

Nine Strategies, Four Goals, One Fund

OFCY provides funding through nine program strategies to support its’ four legislated goals:

1) **Support the healthy development of young children**
2) **Help children and youth succeed in school and graduate high school**
3) **Prevent and reduce violence, crime, and gang involvement among children and youth**
4) **Help youth transition to productive adulthood**

For more information on the funding strategies and the programs supported, click here to visit the OFCY website.
Programs serve Oakland’s Children & Youth

Programs are funded to support youth at over 200 different programs sites in Oakland, predominately in the flatland neighborhoods of East and West Oakland.

Programs estimate that over 90% of children and youth served are youth of color, with three-quarters of children identified as Latino (40%) or African-American (35%).

Two-thirds of programs are based at a school site. Half of the programs are at an Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) K-12 school; 13% are at an OUSD or Headstart preschool, and 4% are located at public charter schools.

For more info, visit OFCY’s website here.

Demographics in 2019-2020:
Projected Race/ Ethnicity of Children and Youth

Oakland Children and Youth from birth to 21 years of age

- Low-income neighborhoods
- Low-income children, youth and families
- Children attending schools with high levels of stress
- African American children and youth
- Latino, American Indian, and Asian/Pacific Islander children and youth
- Immigrants and Refugees
- Unaccompanied Minors
- LGBTQ Youth
- Commercia-ly sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)
- Homeless Youth
- Youth with Disabilities
- Foster Youth

Programs project to serve over 26,000 children and youth in 2019-2020

Photo Courtesy of Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY) Leadership Program

“OFCY’s mission to strategically fund services and programming for children and youth is intentionally directed towards communities and families most in need.”

- OFCY 2019-2022 Strategic Investment Plan
**OFCY’s Grantee Corner**

OFCY’s website provides links to forms, training manuals, policies, and resources to help grantees as they navigate through the contracting and reporting requirements.

*Click here to get more information on:*

- Cityspan
- Contract Documents
- Grantee Policies
- Quarterly Meeting Information
- Resources
- Grantee Spotlight
- OFCY Logos

**August & September Community Trainings and Events 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.

**August**

**August 29, 2019**
OFCY Cityspan Training  
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Computer Lab ‘A’  
10:00am – 11:30am

**August 30, 2019**
Oakland ReCAST: Trauma Informed Culturally Responsive Workplaces  
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor  
9:00am – 4:00pm (lunch is included)

**September 2019**

**September 13, 2019**
1st OFCY Grantee Convening of 2019-2020  
Nile Hall, Preservation Park, 1233 Preservation Park Way, Oakland, CA 94612  
Breakfast and Registration 8:30-9:00am, Meeting from 9:00am – 12:00pm

**September 16th**
Oakland ReCAST: Emotionally Intelligent Leadership & Social Justice  
Location: TBD  
9:00am – 4:00pm

**September 26, 2019**
OFCY Cityspan Training  
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Computer Lab ‘A’  
10:00am – 11:30am

**September 27, 2019**
Oakland ReCAST: Ecotherapy, Eco Soul Wisdom (Intro to Ecotherapy: Healing with Nature)  
MLK Shoreline Center East Bay Regional Parks - 7250 Doolittle Drive, Oakland, CA 94621  
9:00am – 4:00pm