



OFCY News

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*Photo Courtesy of
Oakland Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development (OPRYD):
Oakland Fine Arts Summer School*

Oakland Fine Arts Summer School

The **City of Oakland Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development (OPRYD)** partners with OUSD to provide programming as a 'summer hub'. The Oakland Fine Art Summer School (OFASS) provides a full day, four-week intensive summer program concentrating on Drama, Dance, Music and Visual Arts.

OFCY provides a grant for the program to reach 220 students during the summer.

The photo above is from the OFASS summer performance.

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Programs help youth ages 16-21 with school, engage youth as leaders, provide enrichment, and help youth get jobs.

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Older Youth in Programs

Programs will serve over 5,000 youth ages 16-21 this year. To put this into perspective, there are approximately 14,285 youth 15 to 21 years of age in Oakland, according to US Census data.

Working towards the goal of helping **youth transition to a productive adulthood**, OFCY funds programming for older youth primarily through three strategies:

- Youth Development & Leadership
- High School & Postsecondary Student Success
- Career Awareness & Employment Support

Programs take place at school sites and throughout the community. All OUSD high schools are projected to have at least one OFCY-funded program operating on sites, and many have multiple programs.

Last year, Career Awareness programs helped over 1,000 youth gain work experience and collectively earn over \$1.3 million in stipends and wages.

[Click here to find out more about these programs](#)

[For maps of projected program locations, click here](#)



Photo Courtesy of [Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice \(CURYJ\)](#): Leadership Development Program

"In August we were invited by Congresswoman Barbara Lee who held an event that publicly opposed the hate motivated violent mass shootings that occurred in Texas and Gilroy. The congresswoman's office honored us by asking one of our youth leaders to speak on behalf of the youth in Oakland.

This event symbolizes some of our core work to effectively develop youth leaders who never imagined that they would be given agency for their voices in public spaces and allow them to shine."

"Anayeli has expressed that she feels inspired by her work with CURYJ and that her participation with us has motivated her to make healthy life choices, do better in school and work harder towards a positive vision for her future."

-CURYJ Leadership Development Program

Opportunity Youth

OFCY prioritizes support for programs working with opportunity youth in the Career Awareness & Employment Support strategy. Opportunity youth are 16 to 21 years of age and are not in school and not employed. Half the programs and funding in the Career Awareness Strategy are funded specifically to work with opportunity youth. Programs provide comprehensive, supported work experiences for youth who face high barriers to self-sufficiency, and includes employment experience combined with academic programming and wraparound supportive services.

- Civicorps - Academic and Professional Pathway
- East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation - Havenscourt Youth Jobs Initiative
- Lao Family Community Development - Oakland Youth Industries Exploration Program
- Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities - Bridges from School to Work
- New Door Ventures - Employment Program for Oakland Opportunity Youth
- Young Women's Freedom Center - Sisters on The Rise
- Youth Employment Partnership, Inc. - Level Up - Options for Real Careers
- YR Media - Digital Media Pathways

[Contact us](#) if you want to connect with these programs for referrals or for more information.



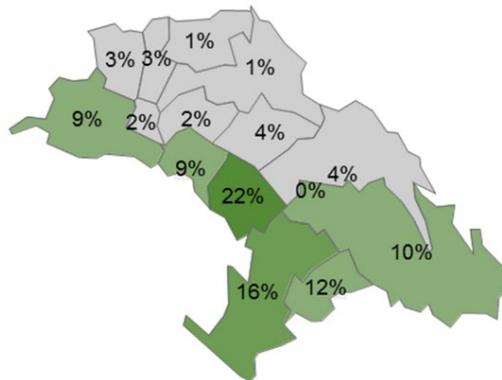
September Grantee Convening at Nile Hall

OFCY's Independent Evaluation

2018-2019 Highlights

- **Over 25,000 Children and Youth and over 2,000 Parents & Caregivers Served**
 - Over \$15 million in grant awards to 75 agencies for 146 programs for children and youth ages 0-21 in Oakland
 - Three out of four children and youth who participated in programs were Latinx (41.3%) or African American (33%)
 - 84% of children and youth report that they try new things because of their program
 - 76% reported that they are better at something they used to think was hard since going to the program
 - Latinx and African American youth reported the most progress toward youth development outcomes
 - 92% of parents & caregivers reported that the program connected them to additional resources to be a better parent

8,333 students participated in OFCY afterschool programs in grades K-8



Over 1,000 older youth gained job experience and collectively earned over \$1.3 million

Map shows where children and youth in programs live.

Oakland City Charter requires that OFCY conduct an independent evaluation and present findings to City Council for adoption. The 2018-2019 Evaluation report is being finalized now, and will be presented to OFCY's Planning and Oversight Committee at their November meeting. It will then be presented to City Council in early December for adoption. The report will be available on OFCY's website in November. The 2018-2019 report is the third and final report of the 2016-19 three-year funding cycle.

[**Click here for more information on OFCY's evaluations**](#)

Grant Management Corner

Reporting for the first quarter was due in October. OFCY wants to give a big thanks to programs for giving us updates on your progress and challenges as we face our own challenge in getting the Cityspan reporting system up to speed.

A special thanks goes to all the programs that are sharing your stories and pictures with us in the quarterly reports– giving us a look beyond the data and numbers into the lives of the children and youth you serve and the accomplishments made each day across the city.

Another **thank you** goes out to all the programs that came out to the **Grant Management 101** and **Evaluation Design** workshops in October. There is one more Grant Management 101 meeting in November – space is still available, [so register today!](#)

[Click here to go to the OFCY Grantee Corner](#)



November & December Workshops and Events for Grantees

Below are some upcoming trainings and events to support OFCY programs and some public meetings. Check out the website for more information, additional events not listed below, and other resources for OFCY programs. For more information and to register, [visit the OFCY website by clicking here.](#)

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 18, 2019

Oakland City Council – OUSD School Board Education Partnership
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, City Hall Council Chambers
5:30pm

November 21, 2019

OFCY Cityspan Training
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Computer Lab 'A'
10:00am – 11:30am

December 2019

December 3, 2019

City Council: Life Enrichment Committee – OFCY Evaluation 2018-2019
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza – 1st Floor
4:00pm – 6:00pm

December 4, 2019

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

December 13 2019

2nd OFCY Grantee Convening
Location: TBD
9:00am – 12:00pm

December 19 2019

OFCY Cityspan Training
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Computer Lab 'A'
10:00am – 11:30am