



# OFCY News

**September 2019**

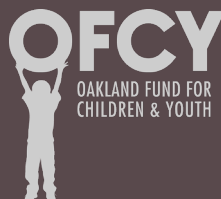
*Photo Courtesy of  
Attitudinal Healing Connection's  
West Oakland Legacy & Leadership Project*

## *OFCY Program Highlight*

Attitudinal Healing Connection's West Oakland Legacy & Leadership Project provides culturally relevant arts integration programming, with an emphasis on STEM, to support leadership development for West Oakland youth.

**Find out more information about the artist pictured above on page 3.**

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## Summer 2019

This summer marked a transition from the previous three-year funding cycle to the new 2019-2022 funding cycle. With school letting out at the end of May 2019, programs needed to be up and running earlier than ever before. OFCY's early jump on funding for Summer 2019 allowed programs to begin serving youth on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

In the new 2019-2022 grant cycle, **OFCY is providing \$1,939,697 in annual grants to support 15 summer-specific programs.**

Ten programs are supported through the Summer Programs strategy. They provided free or low-cost enrichment and academic learning to **over 2,800 children and youth.**

The four programs for older youth helped **over 500 youth gain paid summer work experience** through subsidized employment. Over \$350,000 in OFCY funds go directly to youth participants; on average youth are anticipated to earn over \$1,000 each, with the four programs providing **over half a million dollars directly to Oakland youth.**

And OUSD's Summer Kindergarten readiness program reached **72 young children** who are on the verge of entering Kindergarten!

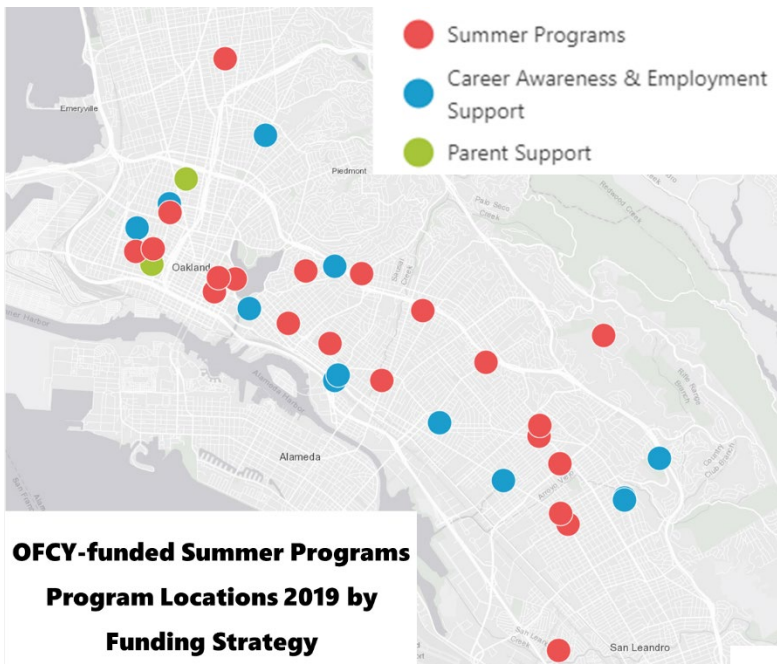
Programs provide reporting on progress to OFCY next month, and we'll have more information on what the summer programs were able to accomplish later in the year.

**[For more information on OFCY programs, click here.](#)**

## Prescott Circus Theatre Summer Program

*"I can't find the words, but it just makes me [feel] loved and cared for, and I love being part of Prescott Circus because I get to meet many new people."*

**– Youth Participant**



**[For more maps of OFCY program locations, click here.](#)**

## Summer Programming in 2019

### Parents Support Strategy:

- Oakland Unified School District: Kindergarten Readiness-Summer PreK

### Summer Programs Strategy:

- Aim High for High School: Aim High Oakland
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland, Inc.: Summer Gains
- City of Oakland Parks Recreation & Youth Development: Oakland Fine Art Summer School
- East Bay Asian Youth Center: Camp Thrive
- East Bay Consortium of Educational Institutions: Pre-Collegiate Academy
- East Oakland Youth Development Center: Summer Cultural Enrichment Program
- Family Support Services: Kinship Summer Youth Program
- Girls Incorporated of Alameda County: Concordia Summer
- Lincoln: Oakland Freedom Schools
- Prescott Circus Theatre: Prescott Circus Theatre Summer Program

### Career Awareness & Employment Support Strategy:

- Lao Family Community Development: The Oakland Youth on the Move Summer Employment Program
- Oakland Unified School District: Exploring College and Career Options
- Youth Employment Partnership: Summer Jobs
- Youth UpRising: YU Achieve (Summer Youth Employment)





Photo Courtesy of Prescott Circus Theatre's Summer Program

## Reauthorization of the Fund

### Article XIII: Kids First! Oakland Children's Fund: Section 1307.

***"This section may be extended for an additional twelve years beginning July 1 2021 by a simple majority vote of the City Council.***

*If the City Council does not itself extend this section, then the City Council shall place the question of whether to extend this section on the **November 2020 ballot for a vote of the electorate**. This process will be repeated every twelve years or until reauthorization is rejected by a vote of the electorate."*

**[Click here for more information](#)**

## Kids First! Oakland Children's Fund

Did you know that OFCY is embedded in the Oakland City Charter? **Article XIII: Kids First! Oakland Children's Fund** is where you can find the enabling legislation that guides OFCY.

The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth was established in November 1996, when Oakland's voters passed the **Kids First! Initiative**, amending the City Charter to set aside funds to support direct services to youth under 21 years of age for a twelve-year period.

Oakland voters reauthorized the **Kids First! Initiative** in 2009 for a second twelve-year period, and required a Three-Year Strategic Investment Plan to guide the allocation of funds.

**It is now the time to Reauthorize the Fund for a third twelve-year cycle**

## Attitudinal Healing Connection's West Oakland Legacy & Leadership Project

*"A great achievement during our Art Exhibition came in the form of a high-priced art sale for our remarkable WOLP student, Clinton. The sale was to say the least well-deserved. In addition to being an outstanding artist, social justice advocate and stand-up human being, Clinton was the first student to sell his life-size painting for a whopping \$500. More than 30 hours were spent preparing, designing and perfecting his work of art in which truly showed once completed. The image [on the cover page] captures the magnitude of Clinton's persona and accomplishment the day of the Exhibition where he officially became a paid artist."*

**- WOLP Staff**

## Cityspan Support is Available

Cityspan is the online content management system (CMS) database used by OFCY to manage grants. It is the primary way that City staff works with programs to monitor contracts and program performance.

If you or your team need help with Cityspan, there is support out there! On the OFCY website, you can find information about OFCY's monthly in-person Cityspan trainings, review a recorded training webinar, download a user manual, and access other resources. Additionally, Cityspan itself provides a Help Desk that provides timely and helpful responses to grantee questions received via email and by phone.

So, if you need help with using Cityspan to set up activities, enroll clients, submit quarterly reports, upload documentation, use Utilities, create attendance sheets, or any of the many other functions available, please visit the Cityspan page on the OFCY website!

[Click here to for more info on Cityspan](#)



Photo Courtesy of Refugee Transitions: Newcomer Community Engagement Program

## September & October 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.](#)

### September 2019

September 16, 2019

Oakland ReCAST: Emotionally Intelligent Leadership & Social Justice  
9:00am – 4:00pm

September 18, 2019

Oakland Library: Youth Job & Internship Fair  
Main Library, 125 14th Street  
2:00pm – 4:00pm

September 26, 2019

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

September 27, 2019

Oakland ReCAST: Ecotherapy: Healing with Nature  
MLK Shoreline Center East Bay Regional Parks - 7250 Doolittle Drive,  
Oakland, CA 94621  
9:00am – 4:00pm

### 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 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