

SUMMER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT



“We focus on **critical thinking** and **problem solving** and **collaborative learning**, so that whatever they learn over the summer is transferable, regardless of the content. We try to make the content **relevant to our students' lives** and what they're experiencing. And we also never forget that it's summertime, and that **learning should be fun and joyful.**”

-Program Director

The *Summer Youth Development and Empowerment* programs funded by OFCY help youth stay engaged in learning while developing leadership skills, contributing to their community, and having fun. Children and youth receive academic support and participate in opportunities such as field trips, arts programming, project-based learning, and community activism. Half of these programs operated community-based summer camps throughout the city and half provided enrichment activities for students enrolled at OUSD summer school programs.

The Summer Youth Development and Empowerment Strategy at a Glance

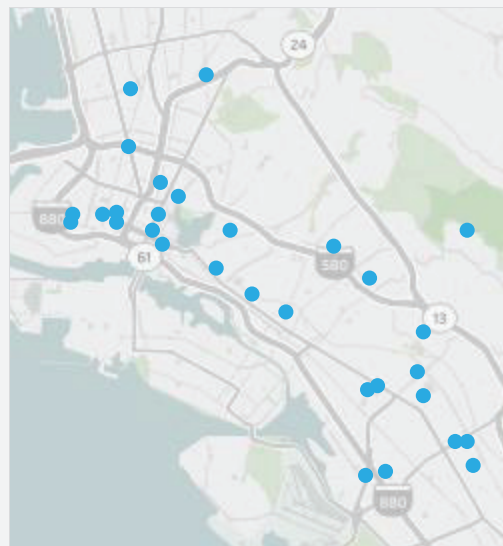
\$1,043,901 invested

12 programs funded

- Aim High for High School - Aim High/Oakland
- Destiny Arts Center - Summer with Destiny
- East Bay Asian Youth Center - Camp Thrive
- East Oakland Youth Development Center - Summer Cultural Enrichment Program
- Edventuremore! - Camp Edmo
- Family Support Services of the Bay Area - Kinship Summer Youth Program
- Girls Incorporated of Alameda County - Concordia Summer
- Lincoln Child Center - Oakland Freedom Schools
- Oakland Leaf Foundation - Oakland Peace Camp (OPC)
- Prescott Circus Theatre - Prescott Circus Theatre Summer Program
- Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment - New Voices are Rising
- Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE), Inc. - Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project

2,457 youth served

31 program sites



Participants

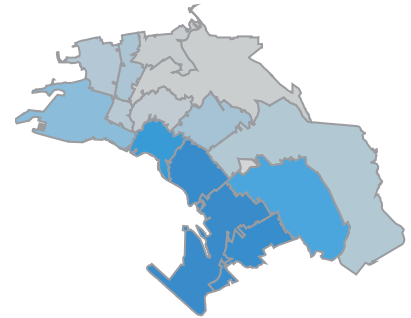
During FY2016-2017, 2,457 children and youth participated in *Summer Youth Development and Empowerment* programs. Key demographic findings are displayed in Exhibit 2 below.

Exhibit 2: Summer Youth Development and Empowerment Participants

Children and youth came from across Oakland, with the majority coming from zip codes in East Oakland.

Home zipcode and neighborhood

94621: Webster Tract and East of Coliseum	17%
94601: Fruitvale and East Oakland	17%
94603: Sobrante Park, Elmhurst, E. 14th Street	17%
94606: Highland Park, San Antonio, East Lake	14%
94605: Eastmont, Seminary, Havenscourt	12%
94607: West Oakland and Chinatown	6%
94602: Glenview, Lincoln, Oakmore	4%
94609: Temescal, Pill Hill, Bushrod Park	3%
94619: Maxwell Park, Leona Hgts, Redwood Hgts	3%
94608: San Pablo and Market Street Corridor	3%
94612: Downtown	2%
94610: Adams Pt, Lakeshore, Crocker Highlands	1%
94618: Rockridge and Hiller Highlands	1%
94611: Piedmont Avenue and Montclair	0%
Homeless/Transitioning	0%



A racially diverse group of children participated in summer programs. Compared to OUSD, these programs served a larger proportion of African American students.

Race/Ethnicity of OFCY participants compared to OUSD students (2016-2017)

African American/Black	37%	25%
Hispanic/Latino	36%	45%
Asian/Pacific Islander	15%	15%
Multiracial or Biracial	5%	4%
White	2%	10%
Native Alaskan/American	0%	0%
Other	1%	0%

Legend: OFCY enrollment (dark grey), OUSD enrollment (light grey)

Half of all participants were between seven and ten years old.

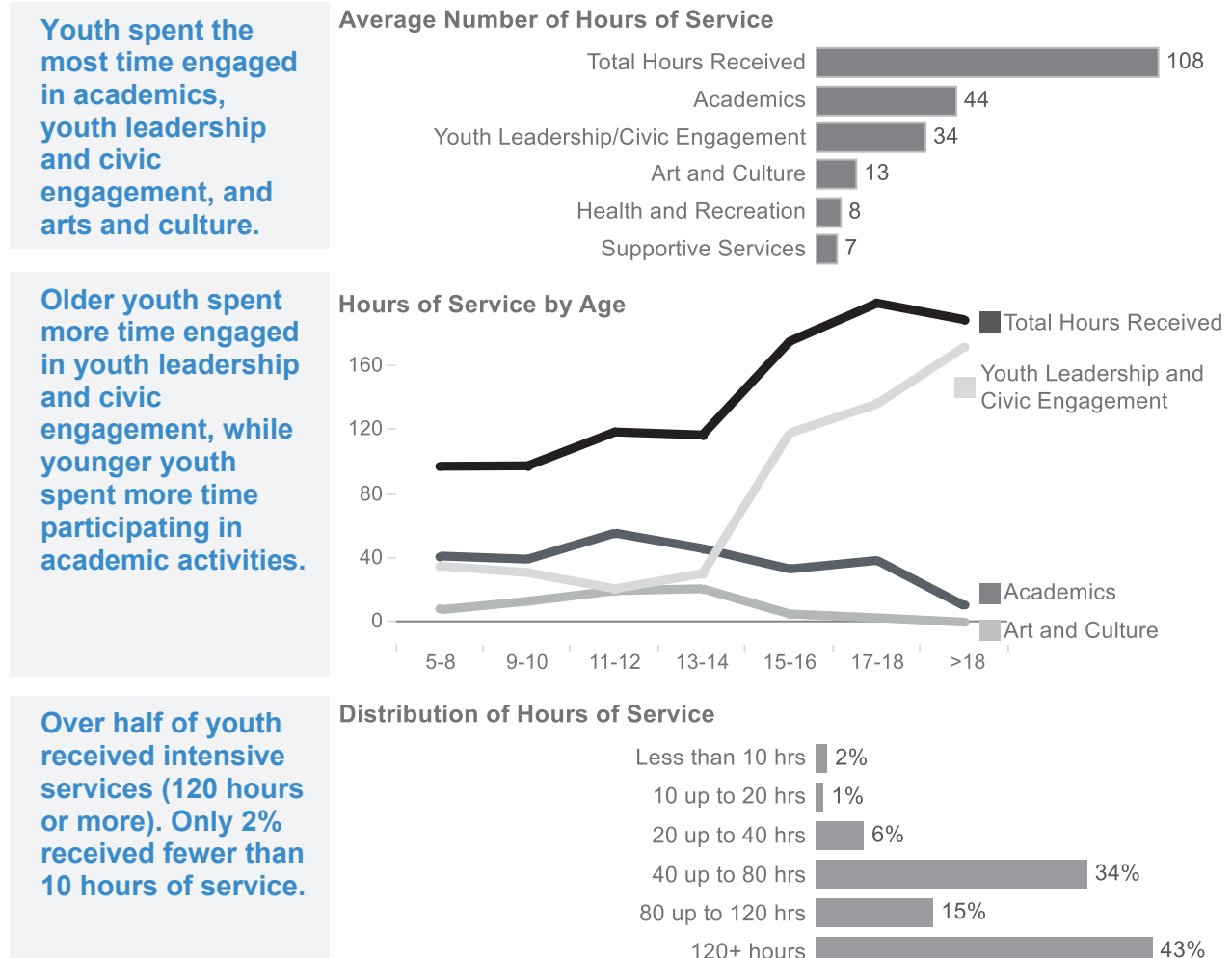
Age of participants

5-6 years old	13%
7-8 years old	27%
9-10 years old	24%
11-12 years old	21%
13-14 years old	12%
15-16 years old	3%
17-18 years old	1%
19-20 years old	0%

Services

The average hours of service for children and youth in *Summer Youth Development and Empowerment* programs was 108 hours. Because these are primarily full- or half-day programs that take place over the course of several weeks, their average hours of service are fairly high. Key findings related to service patterns are displayed in Exhibit 3.

Exhibit 3: Services Received by Summer Youth Development and Empowerment Participants



Sampling of Summer Youth Development and Empowerment Activities

Academic:

- literacy support
- project-based learning
- STEM activities.

Example: Rising sixth graders engage in a cross-disciplinary curriculum focused on climate change that includes activities in the humanities, science, and math at Aim High for Youth.

Art/Culture:

- graffiti arts
- music
- poetry
- drawing
- fashion
- dance
- martial arts
- drumming
- cooking
- mixed media

Example: Youth learn hip hop dance, martial arts, visual arts, and theater with an emphasis on mindfulness at Destiny Art Center.

Leadership and Civic Engagement:

- Service learning projects
- youth-led enrichment classes
- youth farming
- conflict resolution training.

Example: Youth instructors lead all electives at East Oakland Youth Development Center.

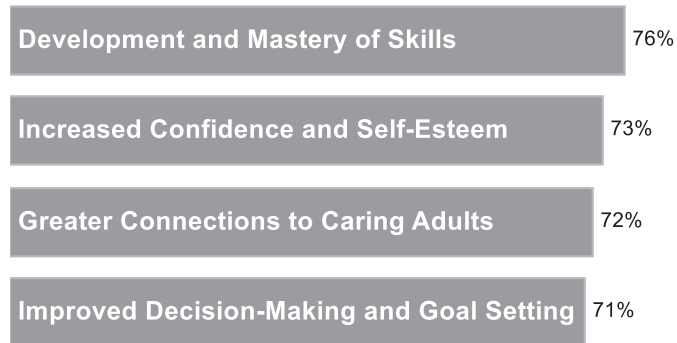
Outcomes

Children and youth survey results reveal participants' assessments of their progress towards youth development and empowerment outcomes. The results, illustrated in Exhibit 4, indicate that Summer Youth Development and Empowerment programs successfully supported youth in these areas.

Exhibit 4: Percent of Youth Agreeing to Questions tied to Youth Development and Empowerment Outcomes

Youth reported strong progress in general youth development outcomes, especially in *development and mastery of skills*. Most notably, 85% of participants reported that they try new things in their program, suggesting that these programs provide experiences that children and youth may not otherwise have access to. Program staff discussed the importance of creating a safe environment to help children and youth feel comfortable experimenting and challenging themselves.

Youth Development Outcomes



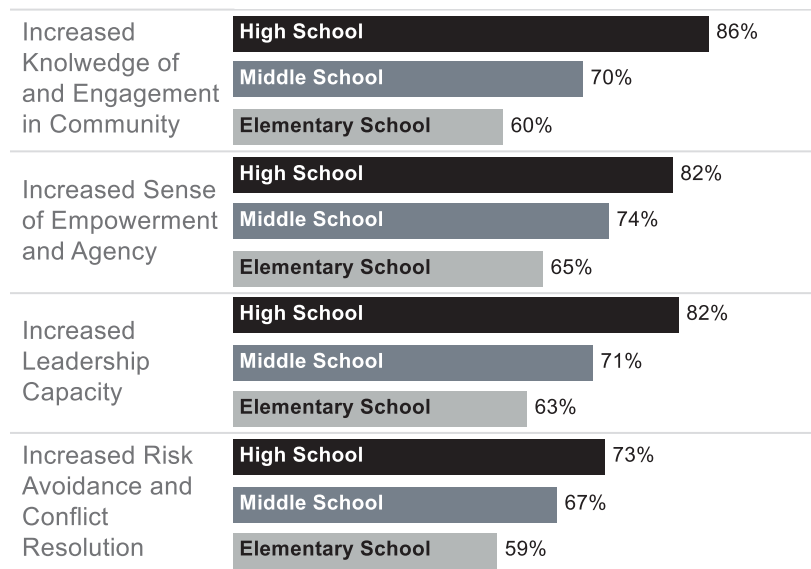
85%
reported they try new things in the program.

79%
reported that there is an adult at the program who cares about them.

78%
reported that the program helps the get along with other people their age.

Older youth reported strong progress in youth empowerment outcomes. These outcomes encompass higher-level developmental tasks, such as community engagement, leadership, and conflict resolution. Strategies to boost youth empowerment include embedding issues relevant to youth's community in academic and enrichment activities, providing opportunities to investigate community issues, and providing mentorship and leading activities for younger participants.

Youth Empowerment Outcomes



73%
reported that adults in the program listen to what they have to say.

72%
reported that the program taught them how to stand up for themselves.

71%
reported that they are more aware about what is going on in the community since coming to the program