

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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# Youth Served August 2023

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# Overview

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“Youth” is an age category EHSD serves with specific programs geared to the needs of individuals as they transition from childhood to adulthood.

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# Youth Served

58,167

+3,536  
from  
Aug  
2022

Number of unduplicated youth aged 14-24 served by key EHSD programs in August 2023

37%

+2%  
from  
Aug  
2022

Approximate percentage of the Youth population served in August 2023, assuming ~157,361 youth age 14-24 in Contra Costa County \*\*

54,499\*

+132  
from  
Aug  
2022

Medi-Cal: 94% of Youth served

15,461

+1,650  
from  
Aug  
2022

CalFresh: 26% of Youth served

2,712

-527  
from  
Aug  
2022

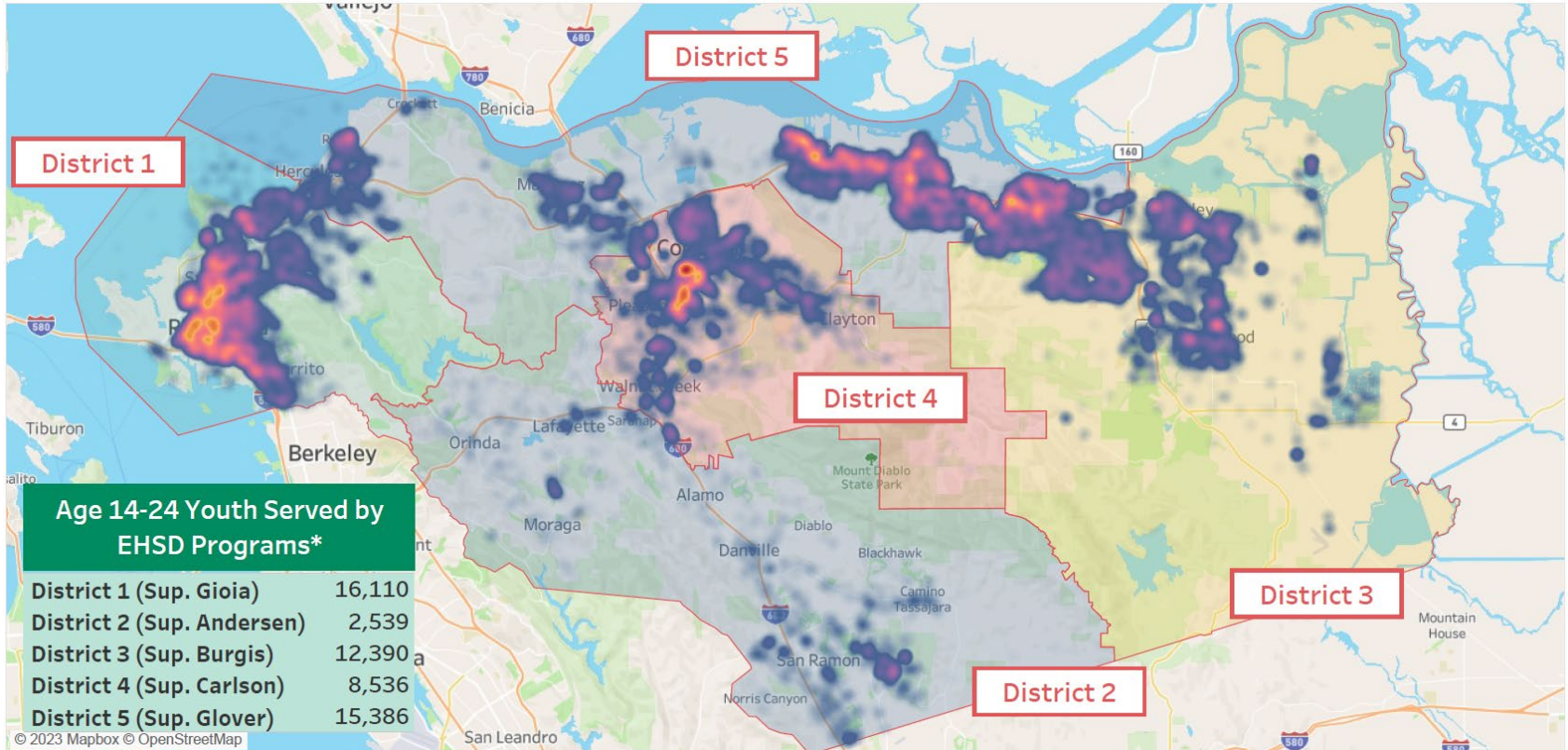
CalWORKs: 5% of Youth served

1,811

-154  
from  
Aug  
2022

Adoption Assistance, Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP), Foster Care, KinGAP, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Programs, and other supportive services: : 3% of Youth served

# Map of Youth Served August 2023



\* Note: EHS programs that serve age 14-24 youth include Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, Foster Care, KinGAP, Independent Living Skills Program, Adoption Assistance, and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Programs, and other supportive services. 3,206 youth served are located outside of Contra Costa County.  
 Source: CalSAWS for benefits program participant list and ad-hoc ILSP, Summer Youth Program, CalLearn, and WIOA Youth participant lists

# Overview of Programs

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# Program Details

Program	Eligibility Criteria	# Served*	Number Served as % of Contra Costa Age 14-24 Youth Population**
<b>Medi-Cal</b>	Making less than 138% poverty level (FPL) for household size; some children and pregnant women may qualify under higher FPLs	54,499	35%
<b>CalFresh</b>	Income, asset, and legal status requirements	15,461	10%
<b>CalWORKs</b>	Low income; child of a CalWORKs recipient age 18 or below, or age 18 or below and the head of household, or pregnant	2,712	2%
<b>Adoption Assistance, Foster Care, KinGAP, and other supportive services:</b>	Adoption Assistance: adopted child Foster Care: child in Foster Care system KinGAP: meeting all KinGAP eligibility conditions	1,637	1%
<b>Independent Living Skills Program</b>	In or recently transitioned from the Foster Care system	480	<1%
<b>Cal-Learn</b>	Pregnant and parenting teens who are 19 years of age or younger and receive CalWORKs as a Head of Household	12	<1%
<b>HYPE Summer Youth Program</b>	Teens age 14 and 15 whose parents are receiving CalWORKs	14	<1%
<b>WIOA Youth Programs</b>	Out-of-school youth with barriers or challenges to employment and low-income youth	209	<1%

\* All numbers show number of youth served in August 2023, except for HYPE Summer Youth Program (latest data available is from 2022)

\*\* ~157,361 individuals; estimate obtained from 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates Table S0101 by adding the number of age 15-19 individuals, age 20-24 individuals, and 20% of age 10-14 individuals

# Independent Living Skills Program

## Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP)

provides services to youth who are in care or recently transitioned from the Foster Care system. ILSP Program staff specialize in Education, Employment, Housing, and Health and Well Being, and serve youth up to age 21.

### Program Highlights FY 2022-23

**100** Stipends, scholarships,  
and sponsorships issued

**42** Youth receiving WIOA  
employment support

**52** ILSP Youth who also  
receive CalFresh benefits



# ILSP Cooking Class





# WIOA Youth Program

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Programs** provide comprehensive services and support to young people between the ages of 14 and 24 who face barriers to education, training, and employment. WIOA youth programs aim to help young individuals develop the skills and experiences necessary to succeed in the workforce and pursue their career goals.

Program Highlight FY 2022-23

**\$289,041**

Spent by the WIOA Youth Program on paid work experience



# Measure X Youth Centers

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# Measure X Youth Centers

**Youth Centers** will offer a range of activities, programs, and classes for young people including media arts, health education, and employment and educational support.

## Programming

- Education and Skills Development
- Career Exploration and Guidance
- Work-Based Learning
- Supportive Services
- Leadership Development
- Civic Engagement

## Target Population

- Youth aged 14-24

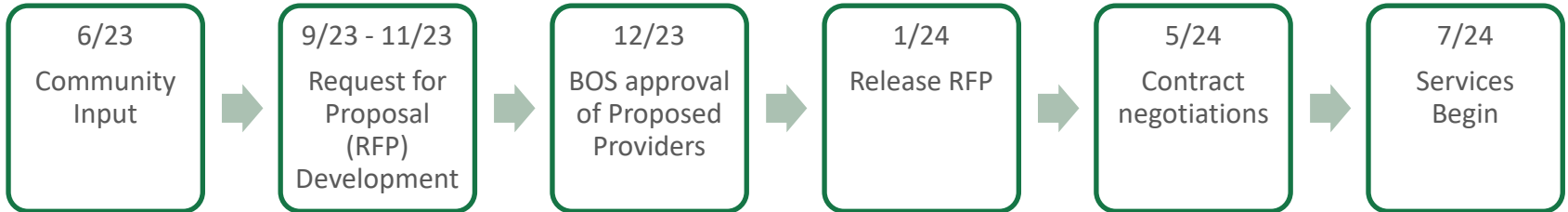
## Community Input

- Contractor to provide regular reports to EHSD and monthly the Steering Committees regarding Youth and Community Engagement activities completed as well as emerging key themes and takeaways

## 2024 Target Volume

- Serve 25% of youth already served by EHSD programs in Year 1:
  - District 3 – 3,093
  - District 4 – 2,135
  - District 5 – 3,844

## Timeline



# June 2023 Youth Kickoff Events



# Serving Youth Across the County

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# Staff That Serve Youth

1,080

Number of EHSD staff in Bureaus that directly serve Youth\* (August 2023)



\* Note: EHSD programs that serve age 14-24 youth include Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, Foster Care, KinGAP, Independent Living Skills Program, Adoption Assistance, and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Programs, and other supportive services. Calculated percentage based on % of customers served that are age 14-24.

# Youth Partner Story



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# Discussion

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