

The background features a stylized illustration of a woman's face with dark skin and curly hair, looking upwards. She is wearing large, ornate gold earrings. The scene is overlaid with a light blue tint. There are line-art roses on either side of her face. A red awareness ribbon is visible at the bottom center. The overall aesthetic is artistic and celebratory.

Creating Spaces of Hope, Healing, & Liberation

RYSE

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ROOTED IN

Belonging & Liberation

Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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SAFE SPACES

Grounded In Social Justice

RYSE is a:

- Home
- Center
- 'Beloved Community'
- Movement

RYSE Departments:

- Health Justice
- Media Arts & Culture
- Youth Power Building
- Education & Justice



WHO WE SERVE

Youth Demographics

- Youth ages 13-21
 - Select Health Justice and Youth Justice programs support TAY up to age 26.
- There is no cost to participate in RYSE programs
- Our main campus is in Richmond and is open to ALL youth in the County
 - Youth from East/Central County are members of the center
 - Staff also travel East/Central County to support youth
- Services are provided virtually, in-person, group, 1:1
- Diverse referral sources include Probation, schools, CBOs



WHO WE SERVE

Youth Demographics

Male - 53.4%	Asian/Pacific Islander - 10.2%	LGBTQ - 15%
Female - 41.3%	Black/African American - 32.8%	Transition Aged Youth - 32%
Nonbinary - 4%	Latinx - 40.7%	Housing Insecure - 20%
	Multiracial - 12.8%	
	White - 5.4%	

RYSE provides services in English and Spanish. We provide translation services whenever needed for additional language needs.



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Core RYSE Programs

- Young Men's Group
- Sister Circle
- Alphabet Group (LGBTQIA)
- Clinical Support and Therapy
- Referrals, crisis intervention, and case management
- Education and Career Supports
- Youth Participatory Action Research
- Anger Management/ Substance Use (starting Spring 2025)
- Art-based Programs



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Core Youth Justice Programs

- Transition & Reentry
 - Supporting youth who have been incarcerated
 - Ages 13-24
- RESTOR
 - Restorative justice diversion-Pre-charge
 - Ages 13-17
- Freedom Beatz (Hall)
- Civil Legal Clinic 2nd & 4th Wednesdays (Partnership with Bay Legal)
- Stay FLY (Partnership with Fresh Lifelines for Youth)
- Policy & Advocacy



PROGRAM MODEL & OUTCOMES

Case Management

The Name

- Hip Hop Group Dead Prez
- Public Education
- Prison System
- Economic Inequity
- Food Injustice
- And More...

Approach

- Collaborative development
- ID assets & cultivate
- ID barriers & solutions
- SMART Goals
- ID supportive services
- Regular review and revision
- Minimum of 6 months of follow-up service

Components

- Strengths
- School
- Job/Extracurriculars
- Relationships
- Safety
- Health & Wellness



PROGRAM MODEL & OUTCOMES

Evidence Based & Evidence Informed Models

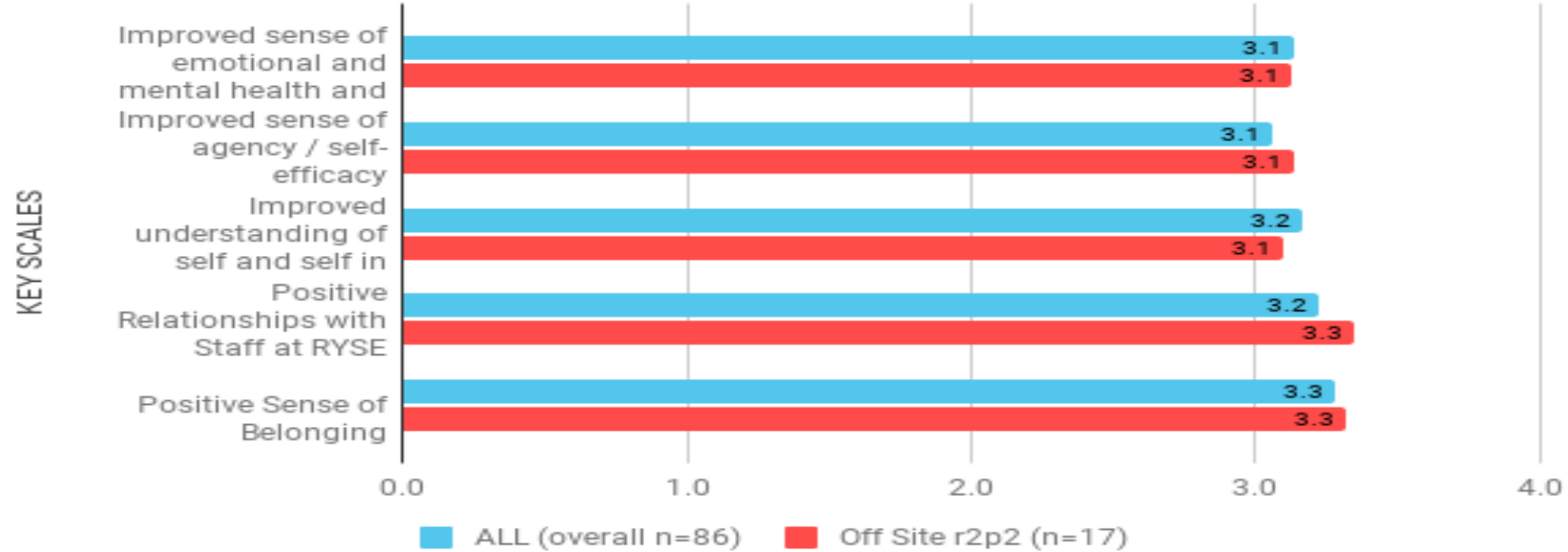
*RYSE's holistic model is a community defined, community evaluated practice. Since opening we have trended consistently across the scales and measures tied to our values (Member Survey 2009 -2024). **The Transition & Reentry Program** incorporates the following evidence based and evidence informed models:*

- Establishing services 1-3 months prior to release with a designated reentry specialist.
- Intensive case management, utilizing practices of Nonviolent Communication, engagement of Family Systems, Thinking for a Change, Motivational Interviewing, and Creative Youth Development.
- Afterschool Programming rooted in a positive youth development model, and in the trauma -informed practice wherein young people most impacted have significant voice and leadership in shaping program design and delivery.
- Individual and Group Therapy utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, whole-family approaches, art therapy and Seeking Safety from Substance Use.

2023 Member Surveys: Disaggregated System Involved Youth* + General Membership

Items rated on 4-point scale: 1 = *strongly disagree*; 4 = *strongly agree*

2023 Average Ratings for Key Scales



*Restorative Pathways Project, diversion, community service, Youth Justice Initiative

2024 Member Surveys: Counseling & Case Management (n=57)

“It’s someone I can talk to about anything and not feel like they’d have a bias, even towards me”

“It feels like a community”

“I felt very safe and respected despite what I did wrong.”

“I get to be myself & have that safe space to do so”

“I liked the energy my case manager brought when she first met me . She made me comfortable to start talking to her , other staff and kids. I also like all the services they give to support some of my favorite hobbies like music and art.”

“One thing I like best about this RYSE service is that I always have someone to rely on.”

- Being in this program has helped me pay more attention to MY emotions and feelings (**98%**)
- Pay more attention to OTHERS emotions and feelings (**93%**)
- Feel more connected to friends, family, community (**90%**)

THANK YOU!

Questions

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