

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

Youth of Promise Fund FY25 Data Summary



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Introduction

Through the Office of Reentry and Justice (ORJ), the Probation Department partnered with the Antioch Community Foundation (ACF), a local regional community foundation, to administer mini-grants of up to \$13,500. These grants are designed to strengthen the emerging nonprofit community across the East and Central Contra Costa County (CCC) regions by enhancing and expanding support for a variety of prevention programs.

- **36 local non-profit organizations received a total of \$190,000 in mini-grants in FY 2024-2025 (FY25)**
- Projects targeted to support youth at risk of juvenile legal system involvement and justice-involved youth

The 36 prevention grant recipients implemented projects in the following prevention categories:

- Academic success, mentoring, and tutoring
- Civic Engagement/social justice
- Leadership development
- Prevention
- Youth employment (including internships, work-ready skills training, etc.)



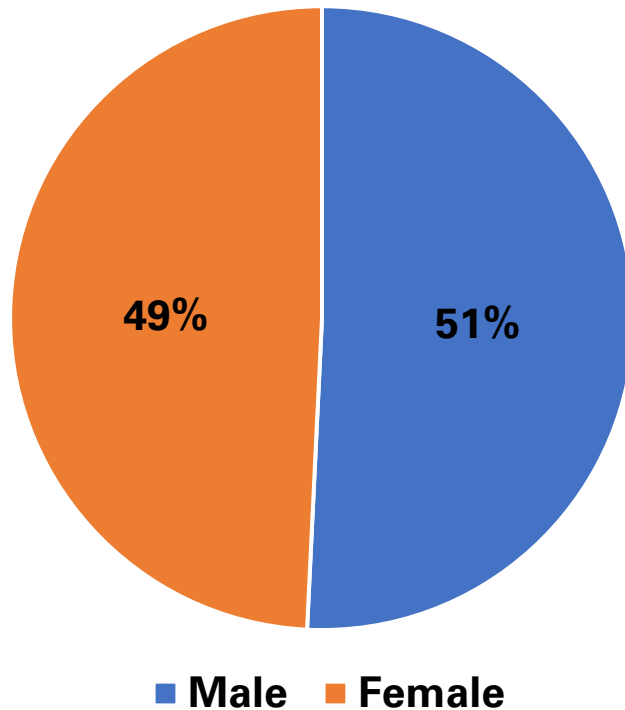
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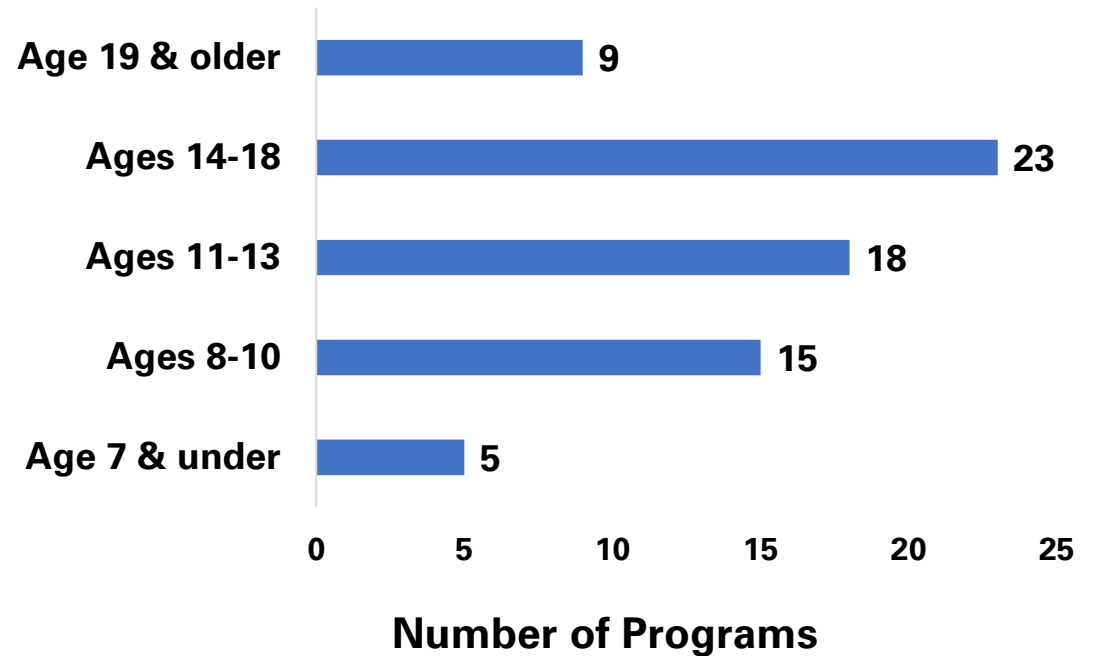


Demographics Served by Programs

Participants by Gender



Age Groups Served

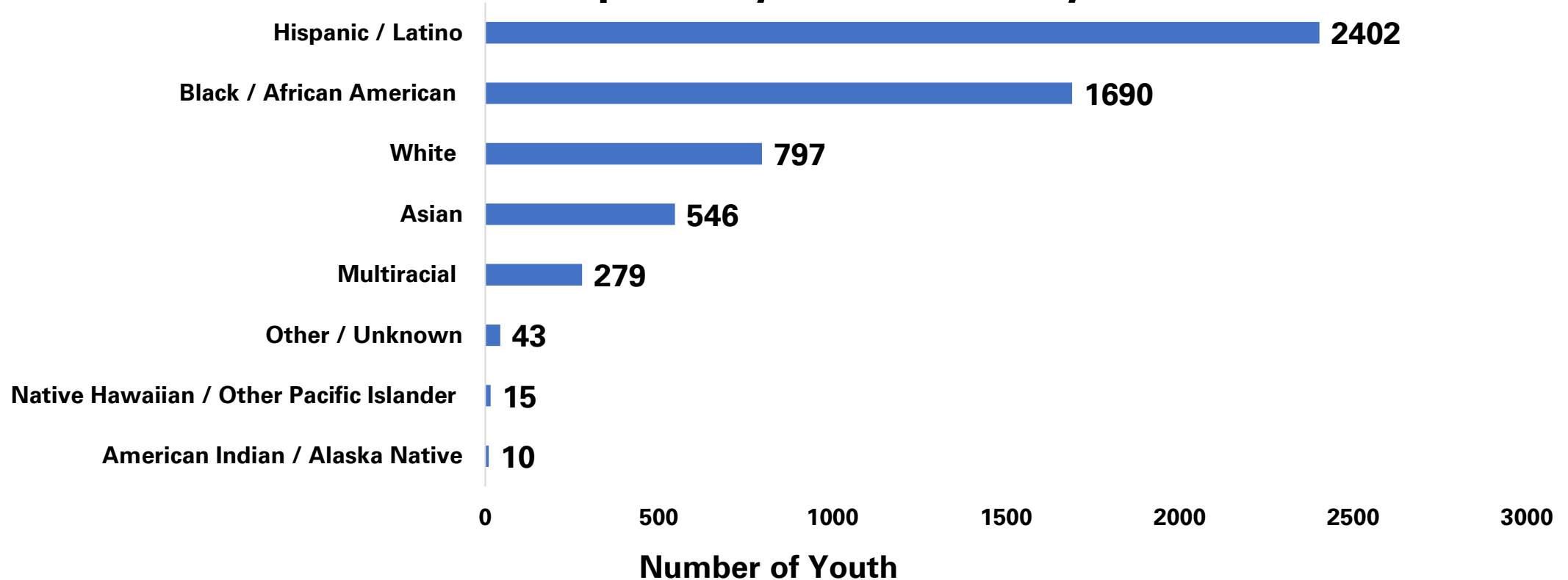


Note: Data reflects only programs that reported each respective demographic measure.

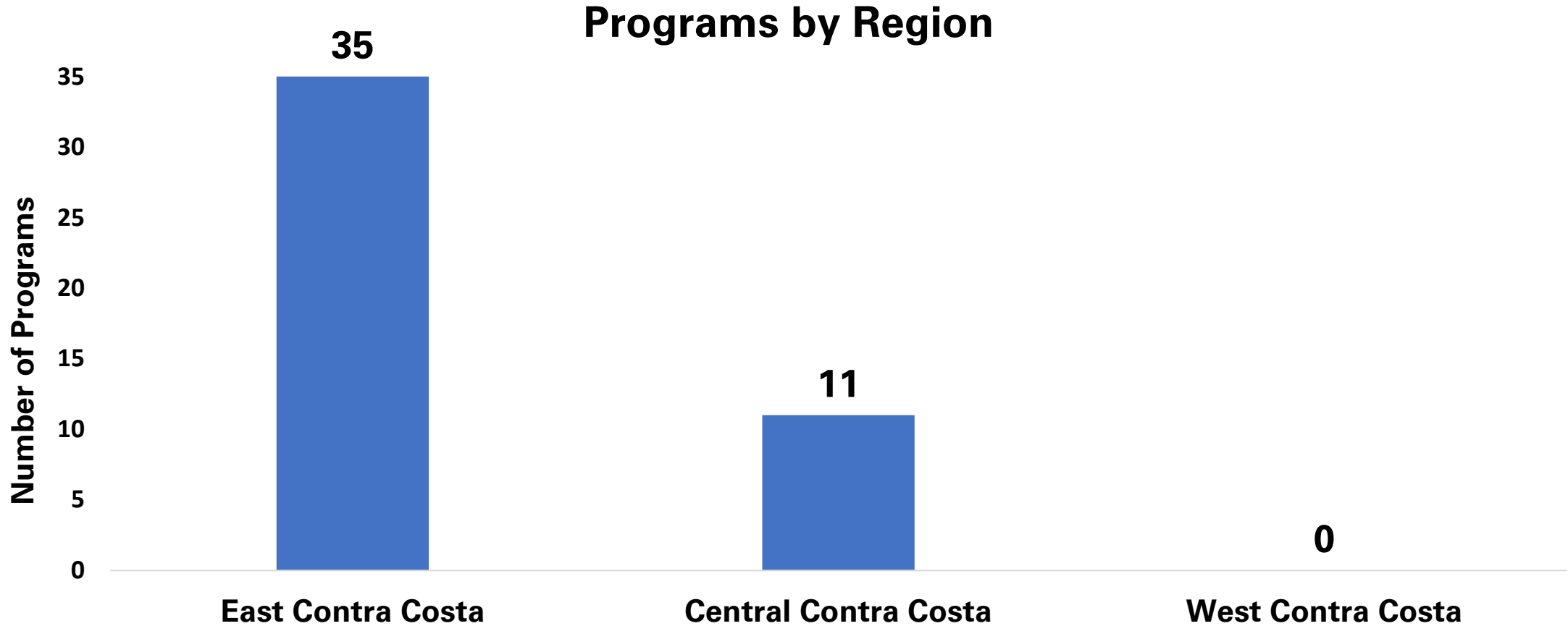


Demographics Served by Programs Continued

Participants by Race/Ethnicity

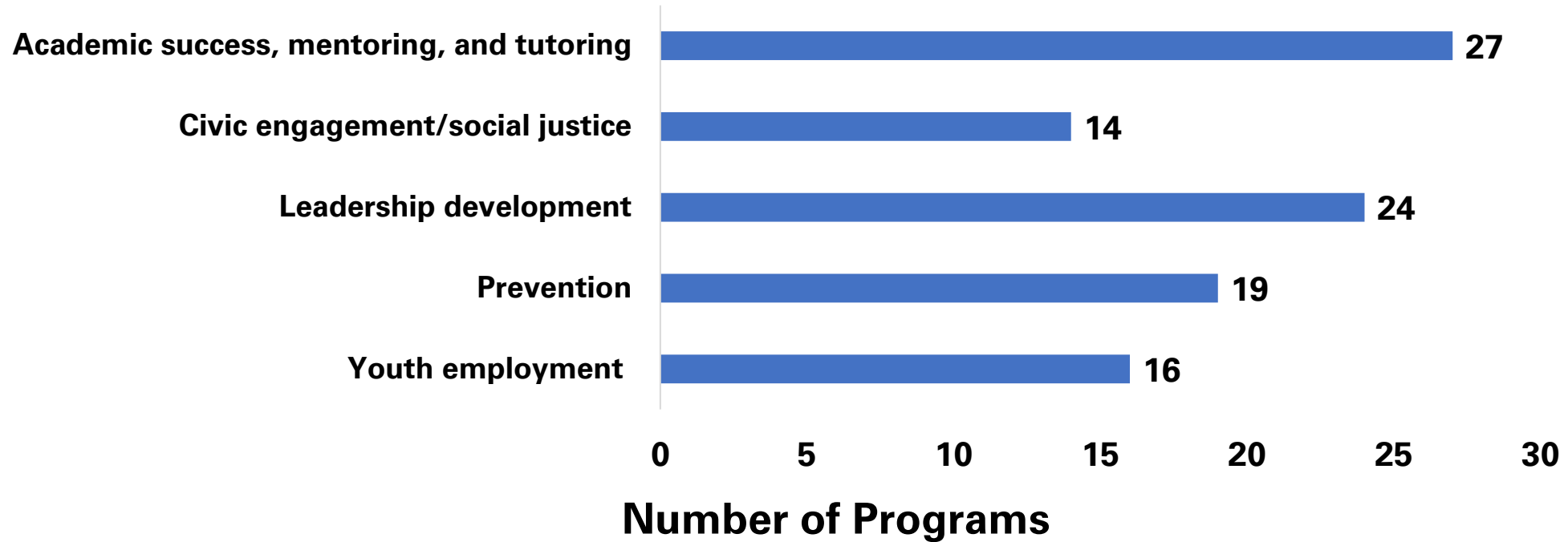


Regions Served by Programs



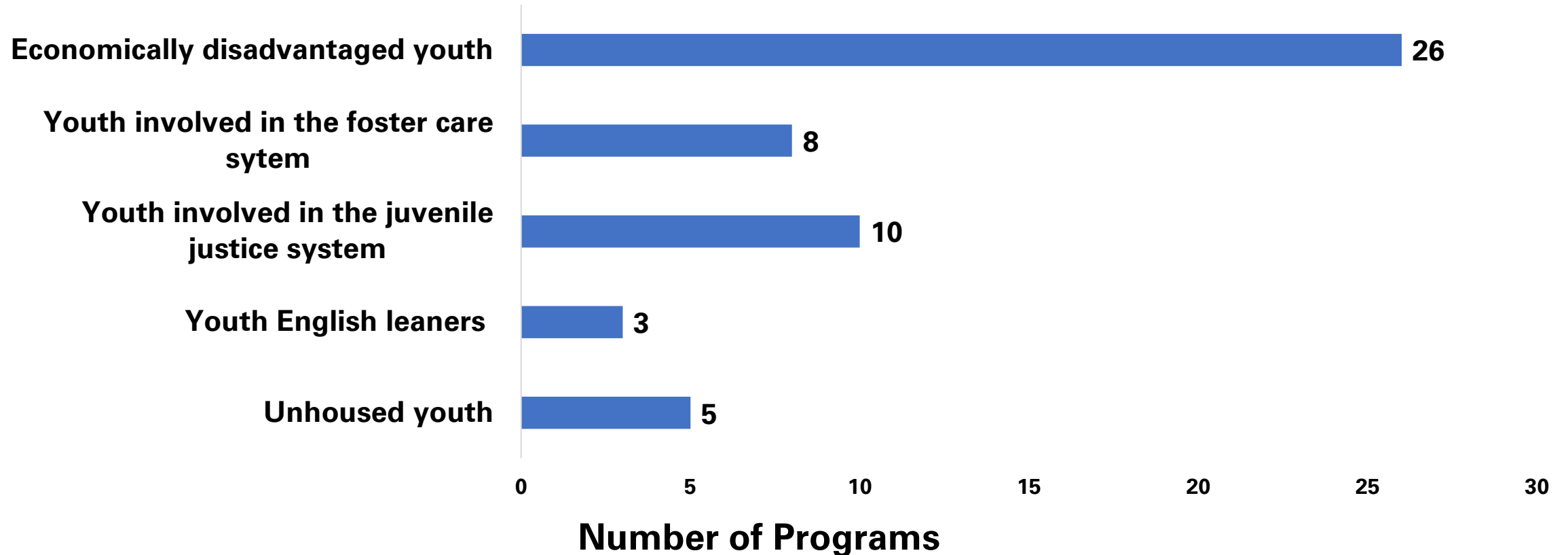
Programs by Service Area

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Programs Serving Specific Youth Subgroups

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Funds Awarded & Youth Served

	Returning Programs/Projects	Funds Awarded	Youths Served
1	Antioch Rotary Club – <i>We Empower</i>	\$7,000	150
2	Beat the Streets – <i>Work Readiness Program for Young Adults</i>	\$5,000	148
3	Biotech Partners – <i>BioTech Academy</i>	\$8,000	44
4	Bridge Builders to a New Generation – <i>Change the Narrative Program</i>	\$10,000	566
5	Diablo Ballet – <i>PEEK Program</i>	\$6,000	74
6	Grace Arms of Antioch – <i>Grace Kings Mentoring Program</i>	\$3,000	23
7	Hijas del Campo – <i>Campesinx Educational Programs</i>	\$3,000	303
8	John Muir Land Trust – <i>Family Harvest Farm</i>	\$6,000	1,198
9	Village Community Resource Center – TK-6 th Grade After School Academy - <i>Leadership Program</i>	\$4,000	10
10	Village Keepers, Inc – <i>Rites of Passage Life Skills Training Program</i>	\$7,500	22



Funds Awarded & Youth Served Continued

	Newly Funded Programs/Projects	Funds Awarded	Youths Served
1	The Bay Compassion – <i>Read On! Program</i>	\$3,500	17
2	Bethel Island Children’s Support – <i>Educational Outreach Program</i>	\$3,000	333
3	Child Advocates of Contra Costa County (Formerly CASA) – <i>CASA Volunteers Juvenile Justice Program</i>	\$6,000	7
4	Counseling Options and Parent Education Support Center (C.O.P.E.) – <i>Empowering Minds Program</i>	\$10,000	14
5	Delta Bay Impact – <i>Mentorship Program & Family Engagement</i>	\$8,000	284
6	Families Empowered & Transformed (F.E.A.T.) – <i>Family Empowerment Initiative: Youth & Parents</i>	\$5,000	49
7	Family Purpose Corporation – <i>Successful Purpose Program: Youth & Parents</i>	\$2,500	12
8	Genesis Church – <i>“RAMP” Youth Drug Prevention Program</i>	\$6,000	45
9	Improve Your Tomorrow – <i>ITY College Academy: Pathways to Success</i>	\$5,000	189
10	La Concordia Wellness Center – <i>Youth Empowerment & Resilience Group Therapy</i>	\$5,000	19



Funds Awarded & Youth Served Continued

	Newly Funded Programs/Projects, Cont	Funds Awarded	Youths Served
11	Lively Stones Agency for Change – <i>Let’s SEEE Mentee Project</i>	\$4,000	80
12	Mindful Life Project – <i>Mindfulness Programs</i>	\$5,000	1,925
13	Monument Impact – <i>ELEVATE Antioch Guaranteed Income Pilot</i>	\$5,000	20
14	NAMI Contra Costa – <i>Mental Health Student Ambassador Program</i>	\$2,500	1,110
15	Newberry’s BLOCK – <i>Sports Scholarships Program</i>	\$2,500	30
16	Nunley Karate-Do (Fiscal Agent) – <i>HerStoryIsMine: Healthy & Thriving Initiative</i>	\$4,000	25
17	Nunley Karate-Do – <i>Martial Arts Training for at –risk Youth</i>	\$2,500	15
18	Parent of African American Collaborative Team – <i>Ubuntu</i>	\$7,000	30
19	People Who Care (PWC) Children Association – <i>PWC Expect Success Job Readiness Program</i>	\$13,500	155
20	Prison From-The-Inside-Out Inc. – <i>EYES (Empowering Youth through Employment Services) Program</i>	\$4,500	10



Funds Awarded & Youth Served Continued

Newly Funded Programs/Projects, Cont		Funds Awarded	Youths Served
21	RCF Connects – <i>CoCo Youth Participant to Practitioner Pathway</i>	\$5,000	10
22	Restorative Community Solutions (Fiscal Agent) – <i>Life 2 Livin'</i>	\$2,500	12
23	RR Transitional Housing – <i>Youth Empowerment Group</i>	\$6,000	280
24	Counseling Options and Parent Education Support Center (C.O.P.E.) – <i>Empowering Minds Program</i>	\$10,000	14
25	St. Mark Baptist Church – <i>Youth Impact Project</i>	\$2,500	60
26	STAND! For Families Free of Violence – <i>Youth Against Violence Teen Dating Campaign</i>	\$2,500	75



Program Highlights

Hijas del Campo: With the funding from the 2024 – 2025 YOP Grant, Hijas del Campo was able to deliver Lunch & Learn Sessions at Liberty High School. Due to the reported stress and anxiety students and teachers were feeling related to immigration threats impacting their families and communities, **Hijas del Campo delivered a Know Your Rights L&L which also included the distribution of “Know Your Rights Red Cards”** to equip individuals for any potential encounters with immigration authorities.

Village Community Resource Center: “Our project **empowers families to advocate for themselves and their children within the local school systems, promoting a relationship of cooperation between schools and parents.** We are working to make elementary school districts more equitable for English Language Learners and students of color.”

Improve Your Tomorrow: 189 students engaged across three schools, with 2,191 mentorship sessions, 2,251 parent engagement sessions, and 157 study hall sessions.

Lively Stones Agency for Change: “One youth, an **East Contra Costa County resident placed on juvenile probation in Alameda County,** was referred to our program by their probation officer to support completion of court-ordered community service hours. Through our prior work in the community, particularly our youth and law conference workshop series, the youth’s parents were familiar with our organization and supported the youth’s participation in LSAC services, which helped the youth enroll in high school, receive soft skills training, and access employment assistance.”



Program Highlights , Cont.

People Who Care (PWC) Children's Association:

Objective 1: Improve Resiliency

Target: 75% of participants demonstrate improved resiliency (self-esteem, relationships, and engagement).

Result: Based on pre- and post-surveys, 83% of clients in the afterschool program showed measurable gains in resiliency, including greater confidence, stronger peer relationships, and more positive engagement in school and community.

Objective 2: Prevent Re-offending

Target: 75% of participants on Probation do not re-offend during program participation.

Result: Of 27 clients referred by Contra Costa County Probation for community service or clinical services, 100% did not re-offend while engaged in PWC programming, reinforcing the program's impact as a protective factor against system involvement.

Objective 3: Build Caring Relationships

Target: 75% of clients report having a caring relationship with an adult in the community or at school.

Result: Of 155 surveyed participants, 83% reported having a meaningful relationship with a caring adult, strengthening protective factors and social-emotional well-being.



Questions???

THANK YOU!

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Youth of Promise Fund

2024-2025 Grant Report Summary

Background

The Contra Costa County Probation Department (Probation), through its Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) dollars, provided funding to numerous community-based providers to address prevention and intervention needs of justice-involved youth and youth at risk of involvement in the juvenile legal system in Contra Costa County (CCC).

Probation, through the Office of Reentry and Justice (ORJ), partnered with the Antioch Community Foundation (ACF), a local, regional community foundation, to provide mini-grants of up to \$13,500 to support the emerging non-profit community in the East and Central CCC regions in providing prevention and intervention services. These mini-grants were intended to be used to enhance or increase support for primary, secondary, or tertiary prevention activities, resulting in a broad range of youth having access to and engagement in these programs. Through this partnership, the Youth of Promise Fund (YOP) was created in 2022. In FY 2024-2025 (FY25), **36 local non-profit organizations received a total of \$190,000 in mini-grants**. The mini-grants were designed to support programs that both prevent or reduce juvenile legal system involvement and the grantees implemented projects in the following youth development and prevention categories:

- Academic success, mentoring, and tutoring;
- Civic engagement/social justice;
- Leadership development;
- Prevention;¹
- Youth employment (including internships, work-ready skills training, etc.).

At the conclusion of the grant, awardees were required to submit a brief report which included required and optional items through both structured fields and narrative responses. The report fields included the following:

- Organization and program or project name
- Amount of funding received
- Number of youth served (including regional breakdowns)
- Demographic information of participants (e.g., age, gender, priority subgroups)
- Categories of programs and services provided
- Partner organizations involved in implementation
- Description of how grant funds were used
- Strategies or approaches used to reach priority populations

¹ While all programs are preventive in nature, some programs view their work as a more traditional youth development activity (e.g., tutoring programs), while others provide services within a specific prevention field (e.g., violence prevention or preventive health care).

- Methods used to assess program impact
- Key findings or lessons learned
- Perceived impact on participants and the broader community
- Acknowledgment of ACF funding support
- Optional supporting materials (e.g., photos)

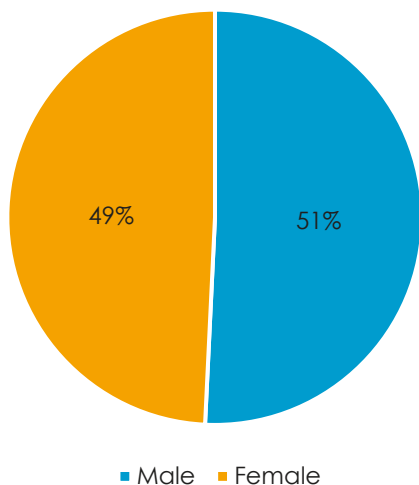
Limitations and Considerations

- Each program determined the amount of detail they shared within the parameters of the data collection template. Therefore, there are varying degrees of detail included in their summaries below.
- Only aggregate data is provided in the grant reports. Therefore, there may be some duplicated youth served throughout the grants.
- The funded projects were a mix of existing and newly formed programs and often, the mini-grants made up a very small part of their overall project or program budget. Given these funds were intended to be used to enhance or increase support for primary, secondary, or tertiary prevention activities, a broad range of youth had access to and engaged in these programs.
- The breadth and depth of programming and services was different in each program. Some provided long-term programs for fewer youth, and some provided brief or single interactions to a large group of youth, such as classroom-based activities and youth-focused conferences or events to raise awareness. Neither the number of youths served by each project/program nor the amount of funds spent per youth should be used as points of comparison.

Funded Program **Summary Data** Who Was Served: Participants, Locations, & Services

Demographic Summary

Participant Gender

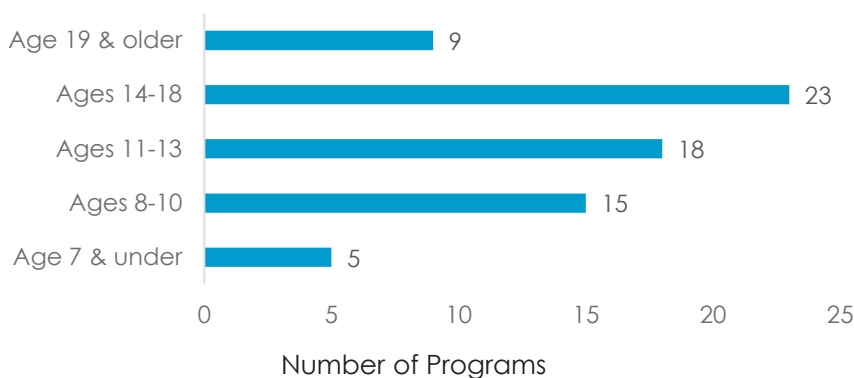


Participant gender information was reported by 28 of the 36 funded programs. Among participants with reported gender data, the distribution was nearly even, with **51% identifying as male and 49% identifying as female**. Only two participants identified their gender as “Other”.

Age ranges served were reported by 28 of the 36 funded programs as well. Programs reported serving participants across a wide range of ages, from **age 7 and under through age 19 and older**. Many programs served participants

across multiple age groups, particularly those spanning late elementary through high school ages. As a result, programs may be represented in more than one age category in this analysis.

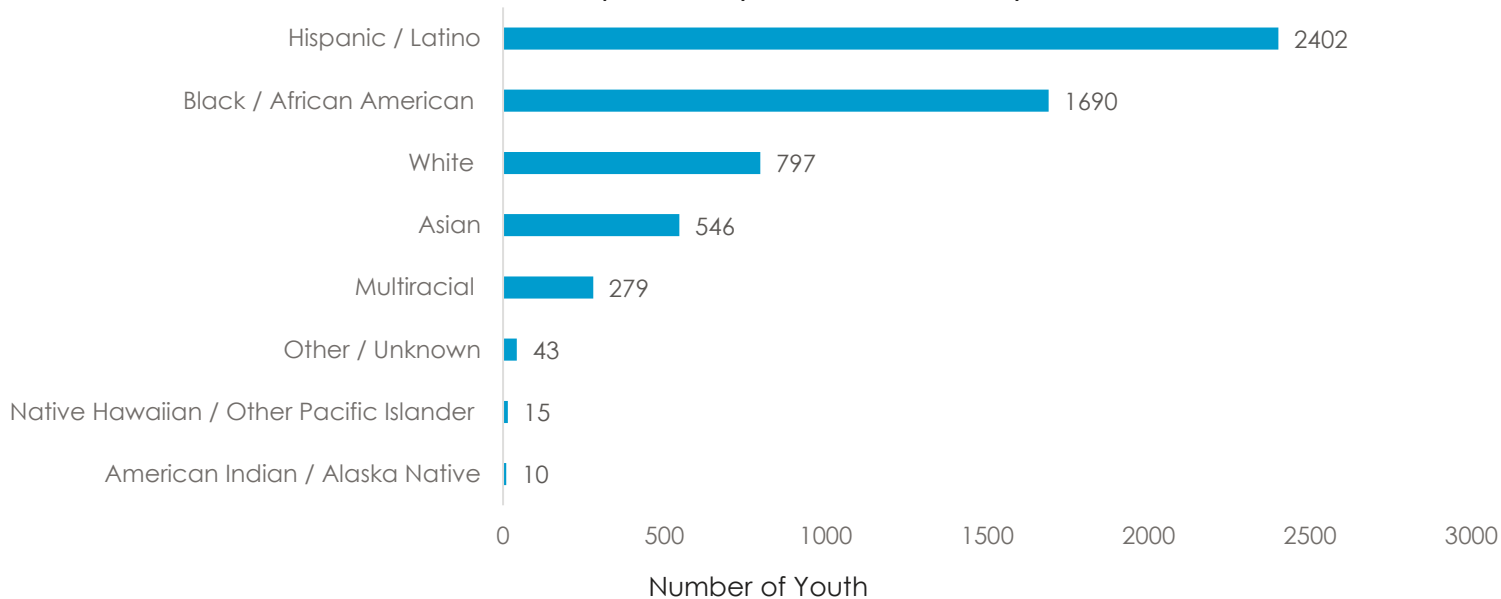
Age Groups Served



Race and ethnicity data were reported by 27 of the 36 funded programs. Most programs reported participant race and ethnicity using counts for standard reporting categories. However, two programs reported race and ethnicity using percentages rather than participant counts and grouped some categories differently (e.g., combining Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or other categories). In these cases, percentages were converted to estimated participant counts based on the total number of participants served, and categories were aligned as closely as possible with the reporting categories

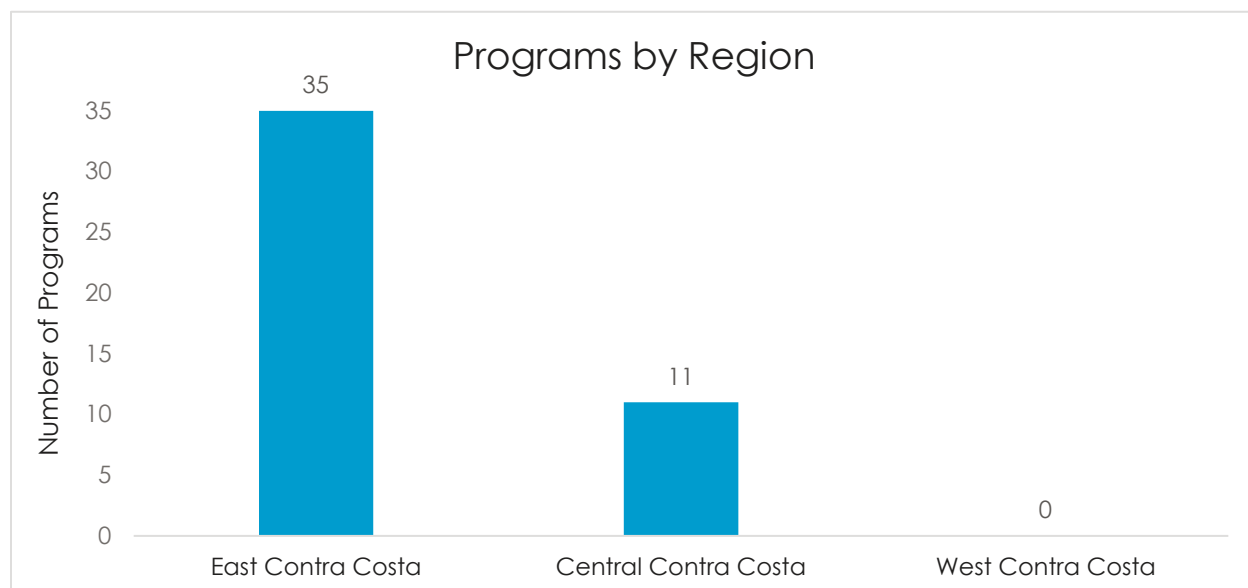
used in this analysis. Across programs that reported race and ethnicity information, participants represented a range of racial and ethnic backgrounds. Nine programs did not report race or ethnicity data; collectively, these programs served **1,417 participants**, whose race and ethnicity information was not available.

Participants by Race/Ethnicity



Services Provided by Location

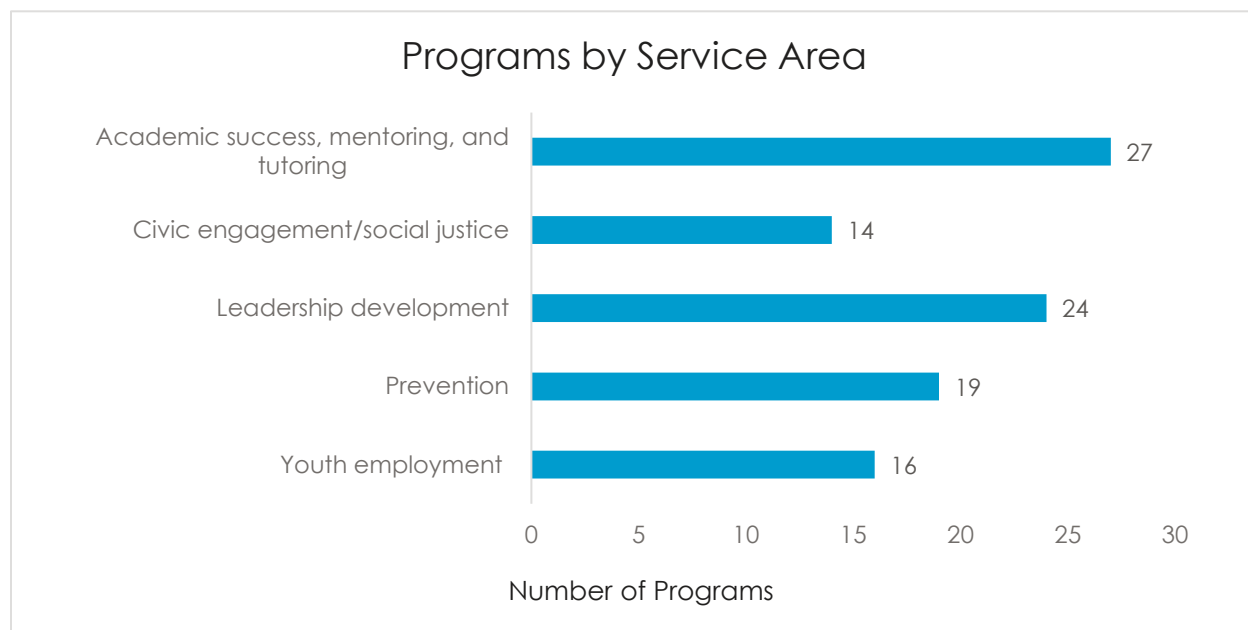
To better understand where services were delivered, the 36 funded programs were categorized by geographic region within Contra Costa County: East Contra Costa, Central Contra Costa, and West Contra Costa. East Contra Costa accounted for the largest share of service locations, with 35 instances of programs reporting service delivery



in the region. Central Contra Costa had the second highest level of service delivery, with 11 instances. No funded programs reported providing services in West Contra Costa. Some programs delivered services in more than one region and are therefore counted in each applicable region. Across the county, the cities where services were most commonly delivered included Antioch, Pittsburg, Brentwood, Oakley, Concord, Bay Point, and Martinez.

Summary of Service Areas

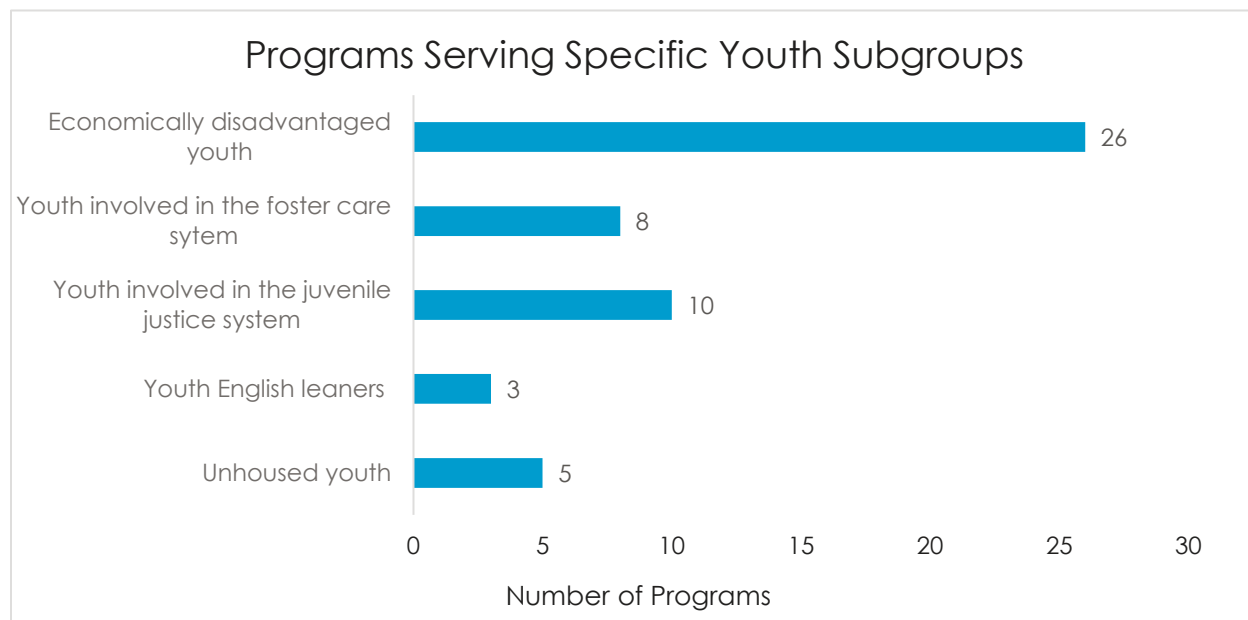
Funded programs reported delivering services across a range of service areas designed to support positive youth development and provide meaningful opportunities for participants across Contra Costa County. As part of the program reporting process, grantees were asked to identify which service areas their programs addressed using a predefined set of categories. These categories included academic success, mentoring, and tutoring; civic engagement and social justice; leadership development; prevention (including violence prevention); and youth employment (including internships and work-ready skills training). While all programs provide preventative services, some programs consider themselves more of a traditional youth development program (e.g., tutoring programs) while others consider their work functioning within a specific prevention field (e.g. violence prevention or preventive healthcare) which is why not every grantee self-selected the prevention service category. Many programs indicated that their services fell into multiple categories and as a result, programs may be represented in more than one service area within this analysis. These service areas reflect the variety of approaches funded programs use to support youth development, skill building, and community engagement.



Summary of Participant Subgroups

Programs were asked to identify the types of youth subgroups they serve; however, this question was optional. Despite this, most programs responded and provided information about the populations they work with. The most commonly reported subgroups were **low-**

income youth and youth at risk of juvenile justice involvement, though many programs also identified working with youth from immigrant communities as well as youth who have already had formal legal system involvement. The chart below reflects the number of programs reporting that they serve each subgroup, rather than the number of youths in those categories. Because programs may serve youth across multiple subgroups, a single program may be counted more than once in the chart and may appear in up to five categories, corresponding to the five subgroup categories listed.



Some of the agencies receiving the mini-grants were funded in the previous FY and some programs were newly funded. All 36 programs are described below using this distinction. Additionally, some descriptions include highlights that help demonstrate the variety in funded services and program impact.

Returning Prevention Programs – 10 Total²

Antioch Rotary Club, 1300 youth served, (\$7,000)

Youth participate in **The We Empower Programs**, a series of leadership development initiatives including Boys in Action, Girls Empowerment, and the Kings Conference. Through conference-style experiences and supportive group activities, youth build leadership skills while engaging with speakers who share relatable experiences and pathways for overcoming challenges.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Youth Employment, Leadership Development**

Beat the Streets, Inc, 148 youth served, (\$5,000)

Youth participate in **Workforce Readiness**, a career exploration program that supports young adults in identifying their interests, strengths, and career pathways. Through assessment software, youth build self-awareness and confidence while accessing information on career options, educational requirements, and potential earnings to support informed career planning and work readiness.

² Returning projects from the 23-24 grant cycle.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Youth Employment**

Biotech Partners, 44 youth served, (\$8,000)

Youth participate in **AHS Biotech Academy**, an academic and workforce development program that introduces students to biotechnology career pathways. Through academic support, workforce development workshops, lab-based activities, and industry site tours, youth engage in hands-on learning experiences that build awareness of biotech and related industry opportunities.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Youth Employment**

Program Highlight: The 12th Grade Biotech 3 and 4 classes received mentoring from scientists at UC Berkeley, UCSF and Stanford to support completion of their capstone research papers and presentations. Seniors were awarded a Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Certificate of Proficiency in both Biotech 1/2 and Biotech 3/4 by Biotech Partners and Contra Costa County.

Bridge Builders to the New Generation, 566 youth served, (\$10,000)

Youth participate in **Change the Narrative Program**, a restorative justice and mentoring initiative that supports college and career readiness for youth. Through one-on-one mentoring, restorative circles, enrichment activities, college tours, and peer leadership opportunities, youth engage in healing-centered practices that strengthen protective factors. Family engagement activities further support youth and caregivers, reinforcing positive outcomes and long-term success.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development**

Diablo Ballet, 74 youth served, (\$6,000)

Incarcerated youth at Mt. McKinley Court School, located within John A. Davis Juvenile Hall in Martinez, participate in the **PEEK Program**, a weekly creative arts initiative. Through dance movement therapy, music, and social emotional learning (SEL), youth build self-confidence, emotional regulation, and positive peer relationships in a rehabilitative school setting. Consistent engagement supports skill development that helps youth successfully reenter their schools and communities.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development, Civil Engagement/Social Justice, Prevention**

Grace Arms of Antioch, 23 youth served, (\$3,000)

Youth ages 10–17 participate in **Grace Kings Young Boys Mentoring Program**, a mentorship and leadership development initiative serving boys ages 10 to 17 from under-resourced Black and Brown communities in Contra Costa County. Through caring mentors, engaging activities, and exposure to positive role models, youth build confidence, academic and life skills, and a strong sense of purpose. The program creates safe, supportive spaces that promote personal growth, community connection, and pathways toward long-term educational and economic opportunity.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development, Civil Engagement/Social Justice, Youth Employment, Prevention**

Hijas del Campo, 303 youth served, (\$7,500)

Youth participate in **CampeSinx Educational Programs**, a school-based career exploration and mentorship initiative serving low-income, first- and second-generation Latinx youth, including students in ESL programs and from farmworker families. Through partnerships with local high schools, youth engage with culturally responsive speakers from diverse professional and vocational fields who reflect their lived experiences and expand awareness of possible career pathways. The program also connects youth to post-secondary supports through college partnerships and campus exposure, helping reduce barriers to higher education and the risk of justice-system involvement.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Civil Engagement/Social Justice, Youth Employment**

Program Highlight: With the funding from the 2024 – 2025 YOP Grant, Hijas del Campo was able to deliver Lunch & Learn Sessions at Liberty High School. Due to the reported stress and anxiety students and teachers were feeling related to immigration threats impacting their families and communities, Hijas del Campo delivered a Know Your Rights L&L which also included the distribution of “Know Your Rights Red Cards” to equip individuals for any

John Muir Land Trust Family Harvest Farm, 1,998 youth served, (\$6,000)

Youth participate in **Family Harvest Farm Workforce Development**, which is a paid apprenticeship program serving young adults ages 18 to 24 with lived experience in foster care. Apprentices engage in hands-on organic farming, seasonal agricultural workshops, and weekly trauma-informed mentoring while building job readiness, life skills, and confidence. Through partnerships with local organizations, youth receive wraparound supports that promote stability, healing, and pathways to long-term employment and community well-being.

- **Leadership Development, Youth Employment, Prevention**

Village Community Resource Center, 10 youth served, (\$4,000)

Youth participate in the **After School Academy**, a holistic, relationship-based program serving children from severely underserved, low-income immigrant families in East Contra Costa County. Youth receive one-on-one mentoring, structured tutoring and academic enrichment, and life skills training focused on conflict resolution, decision-making, and financial literacy, while families engage in counseling, parenting workshops, and supportive services that strengthen stability at home. Through community-led program design, culturally responsive outreach, and prevention-focused activities such as education on vaping and academic integrity, youth build confidence, positive peer connections, and protective factors that support academic success and reduce the risk of justice-system involvement.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development, Civic Engagement/Social Justice, Prevention**

Program Highlight: “Our project empowers families to advocate for themselves and their children within the local school systems, promoting a relationship of cooperation between schools and parents. We are working to make elementary school districts more equitable for English Language Learners and students of color.”

Village Keepers, Inc., 22 youth served, (\$7,500)

Youth participate in **Village Keepers Rites of Passage Life Skills Training**, a multi-session program serving youth from low-income families who are at high risk of justice-system involvement due to truancy and academic challenges. Youth engage in interactive life skills classes covering topics such as mental and physical health, nutrition, stress and anger management, goal setting, decision-making, healthy relationships, peer pressure, social media awareness, education and career pathways, and money management. Through hands-on activities including vision boards, self-assessments, and reflective evaluations, youth build resilience, self-awareness, and practical skills that support improved behavior, academic engagement, family communication, and positive decision-making at home, school, and in the community.

- **Prevention, Leadership Development**

New Prevention Programs – 26 Total³

The Bay Compassion, 17 youth served, (\$3,500)

Youth participate in **Read On! Program**, a literacy intervention that provides individualized reading instruction tailored to each student's needs. Through trusted, relationship-based support, staff help students strengthen reading skills, build confidence, and return to grade-level literacy. Program outcomes include increased classroom engagement and confidence, with educators noting meaningful positive changes in students' academic participation and overall growth.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring**

Bethel Island Children's Support, 333 youth served, (\$3,000)

Youth participate in **Educational Outreach**, a comprehensive academic support program offering expanded tutoring services, subject-specific math support, dedicated high school tutoring, and access to college scholarships. Tutoring is provided immediately after school and promoted through bilingual outreach to youth, families, and local schools, with coordination from school counselors to increase awareness of scholarship opportunities. Program tracking shows strong outcomes, including college enrollment among youth who received laptops, all of whom were first-generation college students, demonstrating the impact of accessible academic supports on educational success and postsecondary pathways.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Youth Employment**

Program Highlight: "In addition to our academic programs, we also provide an annual Christmas party to over 300 youths in our community. At this event, children receive new toys, a new coat, and spend an afternoon with Santa doing crafts, taking pictures, and eating snacks and dinner."

Child Advocates of Contra Costa County (formerly CASA), 7 youth served, (\$6,000)

Youth participate in **CASA Volunteers Juvenile Justice Program**, an advocacy and mentoring initiative serving justice-involved youth in Contra Costa County. Trained CASA Volunteers provide consistent, one-on-one advocacy and mentorship focused on supporting educational engagement, self-efficacy, and long-term stability for youth navigating the juvenile justice system. To support this work, the program includes specialized volunteer training and ongoing supervision designed specifically for justice-

³ New projects compared to 23-24 grant cycle.

involved youth, ensuring advocates are equipped to address the unique legal, educational, and developmental needs of this population. The program is implemented in close collaboration with the Juvenile Court, Probation Department, District Attorney's Office, and Public Defender's Office, creating a coordinated approach to youth advocacy. Program staff also engage with other CASA programs across California to establish best practices and continuously strengthen the model. Through this expanded approach, youth receive informed, consistent advocacy that promotes positive decision-making, strengthens educational outcomes, and supports successful navigation of the justice system.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring**

Counseling Options and Parent Education Support Center (C.O.P.E), 14 youth served, (\$10,000)

Youth participate in **Empowering Minds Program**, a six-week mental wellness initiative delivered through Youth Achievement Workshops (YAW) for justice-involved and at-risk youth. Through in-person cohorts hosted in a trusted, culturally responsive community setting in partnership with a local high school, youth engage in structured activities that support emotional development, self-regulation, and mental well-being. The program creates safe spaces for youth to build coping strategies, strengthen emotional awareness, and develop skills that support healthier decision-making and long-term success. By centering relationship-based engagement and culturally responsive practices, the program helps youth increase resilience, improve emotional stability, and strengthen connections to school and community supports.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development, Prevention**

Delta Bay Impact, 284 youth served, (\$8,000)

Youth participate in **Mentorship Program & Family Engagement**, a comprehensive initiative led by Delta Bay Impact that serves African American students and families in Contra Costa County. Youth receive academic mentoring, classroom-based support, and culturally affirming enrichment through classroom push-ins, small group sessions, and one-on-one mentoring that strengthen learning, confidence, and school connectedness. The program emphasizes culturally relevant mentoring and identity-centered activities that promote belonging and positive self-identity, while families engage in workshops designed to build advocacy skills and strengthen family-school partnerships. Together, these supports create a coordinated network that reinforces protective factors, supports academic success, and promotes long-term well-being for youth and their families.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring**

Program Highlight: "We hosted activities and events that center African American history, culture, and achievement. This combats negative stereotypes, strengthens self-esteem, and promotes pride in identity. At one of our sites we hosted their first Black History Month program which brought in many from the community to witness all of the student presentations."

Families Empowered & Transformed (F.E.A.T.), 49 youth served, (\$5,000)

Youth and families participate in evidence-based parenting education and teen mentoring programs that address anxiety, school disengagement, and truancy. Two

cohorts of parents attended the **Fear-Less Triple P Positive Parenting Class** (26 parents served), and two cohorts of youth attended the **Teen Mentoring Program** (23 youth served). In partnership with the local school district, youth at risk of not graduating receive targeted referrals, mentoring, and coordinated academic and emotional supports. These early intervention strategies strengthen coping skills, promote school engagement, and reduce the risk of justice-system involvement. By addressing truancy and anxiety related challenges early, the program supports youth in staying engaged in school, strengthening coping skills, and preventing escalation into more serious behavioral or legal challenges.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Prevention**

Family Purpose Corporation, 12 youth served, (\$2,500)

Youth of color participate in the **Academics, Accountability, and Advocacy (AAA) Program**, a comprehensive initiative that supports academic achievement, college and career readiness, workforce development, and life skills. Through one-on-one mentoring, small group sessions, and coordinated family and school engagement, youth receive guidance with college applications, financial aid, scholarships, academic planning, and employment preparation. The AAA Program also integrates social-emotional learning and leadership development to build confidence, self-awareness, and long-term pathways to success.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development, Youth Employment, Prevention**

Genesis Church, 45 youth served, (\$6,000)

Youth participate in **RAMP Youth Drug Prevention Program**, a trauma-informed healing and leadership initiative serving youth in Contra Costa County. Through structured, judgment-free spaces, youth receive emotional support while building healthy communication skills and strengthening academic, social, and emotional development. The program integrates substance use awareness and prevention by helping youth understand the connection between trauma, coping strategies, and risky behaviors, while introducing healthier ways to process stress and pain. Through guided dialogue, peer engagement, and skill-building activities, youth develop self-awareness, resilience, and positive decision-making skills that support overall well-being and reduce the risk of substance use and related harms.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development, Civil Engagement/Social Justice, Youth Employment, Prevention**

Improve Your Tomorrow, 189 youth served, (\$5,000)

Youth participate in **IYT College Academy: Pathways to Success**, a relationship-based mentoring program serving high school students across three Liberty Union High School District campuses. Youth receive consistent academic support through structured mentoring sessions, study halls, and family-focused engagement activities that create safe, accountable spaces and strengthen trust and positive peer culture. The program emphasizes college and career exposure through campus visits, career expos, and guided exploration of postsecondary pathways. Through these experiences, youth build motivation, expand their vision for the future, and develop protective factors that support educational attainment and reduce the risk of justice-system involvement.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring**

Program Highlight: 189 students engaged across three schools, with 2,191 mentorship sessions, 2,251 parent engagement sessions, and 157 study hall sessions.

La Concordia Wellness Center, 19 youth served, (\$5,000)

Youth participate in **Youth Empowerment & Resilience Group Therapy**, a therapeutic program serving at-risk youth ages 13 to 17 in East and Central Contra Costa County. Through a therapeutic summer camp model and optional individual therapy, youth receive personalized mental health and emotional support grounded in trauma-informed care and art therapy practices. Youth build coping strategies to manage stress, anxiety, and emotions, leading to improved emotional regulation, increased confidence, and positive behavioral changes. The program also engages families in the healing process, strengthening communication and support systems that contribute to safer, more stable home environments and overall youth well-being.

- **Prevention, Leadership Development**

Lively Stones Agency for Change, 80 youth served, (\$4,000)

Youth participate in **LET'S SEEE Mentee Project**, a relationship-based mentoring and workforce readiness program serving youth in East Costa County. Through consistent, individualized mentoring, youth build soft skills, explore civic engagement opportunities, and receive support related to school enrollment, employment readiness, and goal setting. The program prioritizes trusted community relationships and trauma-informed engagement, supporting youth including those involved in the juvenile justice system. By combining high-quality mentoring with family-informed approaches, youth strengthen life skills, build confidence, and develop positive pathways toward education, employment, and long-term stability.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Youth Employment, Leadership Development, Civic Engagement/Social Justice, Prevention**

Program Highlight: "One youth, an East Contra Costa County resident placed on juvenile probation in Alameda County, was referred to our program by their probation officer to support completion of court-ordered community service hours. Through our prior work in the community, particularly our youth and law conference workshop series, the youth's parents were familiar with our organization and supported the youth's participation in LSAC services, which helped the youth enroll in high school, receive soft skills training, and access employment assistance."

Mindful Life Project, 1,925 youth served, (\$5,000)

Youth in 5th grade to 8th grade in Antioch and Oakley participate in **mindfulness-based social-emotional learning programs** that strengthen emotional regulation, mental health, and a sense of belonging. Through whole-class mindfulness instruction and targeted small-group support for students with higher behavioral health needs, youth build skills to manage stress, respond thoughtfully to challenges, and develop positive peer relationships. At Tier 1, all students and teachers participated in weekly Mindful Community lessons, fostering a shared language around regulation, empathy, and belonging. This whole-school approach helps reduce stigma and ensures students with high needs are not isolated. Tier 2 interventions, offered twice weekly, include Rise Up groups: small, emotionally safe settings where students with higher behavioral health needs were deliberately mixed with peer leaders. This design promoted healthy peer

relationships and role modeling, which are evidence-based practices for reducing involvement in the justice system. The program uses trauma-informed, culturally responsive practices and engages educators and families to reinforce protective factors, reduce disciplinary disparities, and lower risk factors associated with justice-system involvement.

- **Prevention, Leadership Development**

Monument Impact, 20 youth served, (\$5,000)

Young adult students and parents in East Contra Costa County apply to participate in Elevate East County, with 20 participants randomly selected from eligible applicants. Participants receive guaranteed income and coordinated supports such as academic tutoring, leadership development, workforce training, and referrals for childcare, housing, transportation, healthcare, and basic needs. By stabilizing income and connecting young parents to education, employment, and civic engagement opportunities, the program supports educational persistence and reduces the risk of housing instability and justice-system involvement.

Additional supports include leadership training through a six-week paid housing justice program, opportunities for civic engagement and advocacy, and prevention-focused services that strengthen connections to education, employment, and community resources. Participants may also access technology training and small business support, including technical assistance, mini-grants, and referrals to entrepreneurship programs, to build long-term economic stability.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Youth Employment, Leadership Development, Civic Engagement/Social Justice, Prevention**

NAMI Contra Costa, 1,110 youth served, (\$2,500)

Youth with mental health needs, including foster youth and those impacted by the criminal justice system, participate in a peer-led **Mental Health Ambassador Program** that reduces stigma and increases access to support. Youth engage in outreach activities, community events, and suicide prevention education, including a youth-led "Know the Signs" gathering, while receiving peer support in welcoming, judgment-free spaces. The program also strengthens family engagement and community response through collaboration with families, justice partners, and local law enforcement to improve mental health awareness and support for youth.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development, Civic Engagement/Social Justice, Prevention**

Newberry's BLOCK, 30 youth served, (\$2,500)

Youth receive sports scholarships through **Newberry's BLOCK (Benefiting Leagues Offering Children Kindness)**, a community-based program that increases access to youth sports for children from low-income and financially challenged families. Through sports scholarships, community outreach, and partnerships with local nonprofit leagues, youth engage in organized athletics such as football, cheerleading, and basketball while building teamwork, confidence, discipline, and leadership skills. By reducing financial barriers and supporting inclusive sports environments, BLOCK helps ensure children can stay active, connected, and supported regardless of family income or athletic ability.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring**

Program Highlight:

- 21 of the scholarship recipients reside in Pittsburg, 6 reside in Antioch, and 3 in Bay Point.
- 27 children participated in Pittsburg non-profits including Mind Elevated Game Accelerated (MEGA) Football and Cheer and Pittsburg Jr Pirates.
- 11 participated in cheerleading, 18 in football and 1 in basketball.
- The average age of participants was 9.5.

Nunley Karate-Do (Fiscal Agent), 25 youth served, (\$4,000)

Girls ages 10 to 18 in East Contra Costa County participate in **HerStoryIsMine**, a culturally responsive sisterhood and mentorship program that supports self-love, self-esteem, healthy relationships, goal setting, mental wellness, and career and college planning. The program understands the disproportionate representation of young Black girls in juvenile justice systems and school disciplinary actions; therefore, the program aims to redirect youth to positive outcomes. As such, we employed several strategies. Those strategies include facilitated dialogue, arts-based activities, and engagement with community practitioners, allowing girls to build social emotional skills, resilience, and conflict resolution strategies while participating in anti-bullying, peer pressure, and violence prevention activities. The program creates safe and supportive spaces outside of school where girls are seen, heard, and empowered to develop positive identities and take on leadership roles that shape future programming.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development, Prevention**

Nunley's Karate-Do, 15 youth served, (\$2,500)

Youth from low-income families participate in **Nunley's Karate Do**, where they receive regular martial arts instruction that supports physical health, mental focus, discipline, and respect. Youth engage in structured training, sparring, and skill building and participate in belt testing held twice each year, where they demonstrate techniques and knowledge and advance to higher belt levels. Through consistent participation, students build confidence, develop responsibility, and remain engaged in a positive activity that supports healthy lifestyles and keeps youth connected to their community in a positive way.

- **Leadership Development**

Program Highlight: "The grant funds have impacted the 15 students to continue doing something they love to do. Without the support of the program, most of the kids would have quit the program. On behalf of Nunley's Karate-Do, we truly thank you. We need more organizations like yours to keep our youth off the streets."

Parent of African American Collaborative Team, 30 youth served, (\$7,000)

Diamond High School youth participate in the **Ubuntu** program, grounded in the African philosophy of *Ubuntu*⁴, meaning "I am because we are," which emphasizes shared humanity, collective responsibility, and interconnectedness. Through mentorship and

⁴ *Ubuntu* is an African philosophy commonly translated as "I am because we are," emphasizing interconnectedness and shared humanity.

wraparound supports in a school-based setting, youth engage in life skills development, SEL, violence prevention, and career and college readiness activities, including restorative circles and mediation services. Students receive individualized case management, academic enrichment, workforce development, and personalized exit planning for college or trade school, while being supported to share their voices, set goals, and build positive pathways forward.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring**

People Who Care (PWC) Children Association, 155 youth served, (\$13,500)

Youth participate in the **PWC Clinical Success After-School Program**, receive mental health support, community service opportunities, job training, and youth development services. PWC focuses on engaging at-risk and high-risk youth in Pittsburg, Bay Point, Antioch, and surrounding East Contra Costa communities. The program serves youth referred by probation, courts, and school attendance review boards, as well as youth from low-income households, offering individual and group mental health services, peer support, and culturally responsive care through a coordinated triage model. Youth also engage in green jobs training with the East Bay Regional Park District, community service projects that build civic pride and accountability, and experiential learning connected to social justice and environmental stewardship, supporting emotional well-being, school engagement, and positive pathways forward.

- **Leadership Development, Civic Engagement/Social Justice, Youth Employment, Prevention**

Program Highlights:

1. Objective 1: Improve Resiliency

Target: 75% of participants demonstrate improved resiliency (self-esteem, relationships, and engagement).

Result: Based on pre- and post-surveys, 83% of clients in the afterschool program showed measurable gains in resiliency, including greater confidence, stronger peer relationships, and more positive engagement in school and community.

2. Objective 2: Prevent Re-offending

Target: 75% of participants on Probation do not re-offend during program participation.

Result: Of 27 clients referred by Contra Costa County Probation for community service or clinical services, 100% did not re-offend while engaged in PWC programming, reinforcing the program's impact as a protective factor against system involvement.

3. Objective 3: Build Caring Relationships

Target: 75% of clients report having a caring relationship with an adult in the community or at school.

Result: Of 155 surveyed participants, 83% reported having a meaningful relationship with a caring adult, strengthening protective factors and social-emotional well-being.

Prison From-The-Inside-Out Inc., 10 youth served, (\$4,500)

Youth participate in the **Empowering Youth Through Employment Services (EYES) Program**, a trauma informed workforce readiness and civic engagement program serving youth with high Adverse Childhood Experiences scores and significant barriers to stability. Youth receive hands-on support to complete resumes, fulfill community service requirements, participate in athletics or extracurricular activities, and engage in civic engagement experiences, such as council meetings and community events. Through

peer mentoring, consistent community presence, and relationship-based leadership, youth build confidence, discipline, and a sense of responsibility while accessing stipends, meals, materials, and transportation that support full participation. The program creates structured, supportive pathways that help justice system impacted, and high-risk youth remain engaged, develop life skills, and contribute positively to their community.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development, Civic Engagement/Social Justice, Youth Employment, Prevention**

Program Highlight: "Every youth completed a resume, fulfilled community service requirements, joined athletics or extracurricular programs, and engaged in civic activities for the first time."

RCF Connects, 10 youth served, (\$5,000)

The **CoCo Youth Participant to Practitioner Pathway** is a guaranteed income and leadership development pilot program serving transitional age youth (TAY) transitioning out of foster care. Youth receive monthly guaranteed income to support basic needs such as food, transportation, and housing, while also engaging in wraparound services including financial literacy, housing stability workshops, and benefits counseling. Through Train the Leader workshops and listening sessions, youth build advocacy and leadership skills, share lived experiences in public forums such as County Board of Supervisors meetings, strengthen confidence, stability, and peer support networks that support long-term goals and systems change.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development, Civic Engagement/Social Justice**

Restorative Community Solutions (Fiscal Agent), 12 youth served, (\$2,500)

Youth participate in **Life 2 Livin**, a gender-responsive outreach and mentoring program serving system-impacted young women in East and Central Contra Costa County. Youth engage in street-based outreach, one-on-one mentoring, and small group sessions at a trusted community hub in Pittsburg, while also participating in healing-centered activities such as cultural events, recreational outings, and a community fashion show that support self-expression, belonging, and confidence. Through trauma-informed, credible messenger mentoring and resource navigation, youth receive support to stabilize housing, reconnect with family, re-engage in school and employment, and build skills related to goal setting, emotional regulation, and leadership in a safe, culturally responsive environment.

- **Leadership Development, Civic Engagement/Social Justice, Prevention**

RR Transitional Housing, 280 youth served, (\$6,000)

Youth participate in the **Community Tutoring and Mentorship Program**, which provides individualized academic support, SEL, and enrichment opportunities for youth in Antioch and East Contra Costa County. Youth receive tutoring in math and reading, including a specialized literacy program that builds comprehension, vocabulary, and confidence, alongside mentorship that supports emotional awareness, healthy communication, and resilience. Through summer enrichment activities such as field trips, parenting classes that strengthen family support, and community initiatives like a holiday gift program, youth experience holistic support that promotes school engagement, positive relationships, and a strong sense of belonging while reducing risk factors associated with justice system involvement.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Leadership Development, Youth Employment**

St. Mark Baptist Church, 60 youth served, (\$2,500)

Youth participate in the **Life & Wellness Day**, a community-based event that combines mentorship, wellness, skill-building, and spiritual support for at-risk and justice-involved youth in East and Central Contra Costa County. Youth engage in hands-on workshops such as cooking, cosmetology, barbering, graphic design, fashion design, knitting, dance, and flag-making, alongside wellness activities including yoga, mindfulness, and a guided "Release Activity" that supports emotional healing and reflection. Through trauma-informed mentorship, creative expression, and holistic programming offered at no cost, youth build confidence, discover new interests, and experience a strong sense of belonging, while older teens also access paid tutoring internships that position them as leaders and peer mentors beyond the event.

- **Academic Success/Mentoring/Tutoring, Prevention, Youth Employment, Leadership Development, Civic Engagement/Social Justice, Prevention**

Program Highlight: The YOP grant supported the launch of paid teen tutoring internships and removed financial barriers so all youth, including those at risk or justice-involved, could access mentorship, skill-building, and wellness opportunities at no cost.

STAND! For Families Free of Violence, 75 youth served, (\$2,500)

Youth participate in **Youth Against Violence (YAV)** through the *Log Out of Violence* Teen Dating Violence Awareness campaign, which raises awareness about technology-facilitated abuse and healthy relationships among East Contra Costa youth. Youth leaders research teen dating violence, create interactive art exhibits depicting forms of tech abuse, and engage peers through on-campus tabling events and conversations during Mental Health Awareness Week at Pittsburg High School. Through youth-led education, accessible resources, and peer-to-peer dialogue, students increase their understanding of healthy relationships, connect to counseling and crisis support services, and help reduce the risk of future relationship violence while strengthening youth leadership and community awareness.

- **Prevention, Leadership Development**

Program Highlight: Throughout this grant period, STAND! was able to increase the number of students reached as well as the number of referrals submitted for internal program services as well as external services.

United Latino Voices of CC, 5 youth served, (\$3,000)

Youth participate in **United Latino Voices College Outreach Internships**, a peer-led college access and awareness program serving at-risk Latinx youth in East and Central Contra Costa County. Community college interns serve as peer mentors across multiple middle and high school campuses, where they share personal stories about college enrollment, financial aid, and academic life through bilingual student and parent panels, workshops, and school visits. Youth engage with culturally affirming social media content, peer-to-peer encouragement, and family presentations that demystify college pathways, build confidence, and help students see themselves as college material, while strengthening connections between schools, families, and higher education institutions.

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- **Youth Employment, Leadership Development, Civic Engagement/Social Justice**

Conclusion

Overall, the Youth of Promise Fund continues to support a diverse network of community-based programs that provide critical prevention-focused services to youth across Contra Costa County. In FY25, funded programs collectively reached thousands of young people with opportunities that promote academic success, leadership, wellness, cultural empowerment and economic stability, while reducing risk factors associated with involvement in the juvenile justice system. Despite variations in program design and reporting, the breadth of services and strong community partnerships demonstrate the investments in supporting positive youth development and long-term outcomes.