



YOUTH CALIFORNIA

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



THE CENTER
at Sierra Health Foundation

Elevate Youth California is a statewide program supporting community leaders who are addressing substance use disorder by investing in the leadership development and activism of youth of color and LGBTQ2S+ youth ages 12 to 26.

ACCOMPLISHMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Photo from Alcohol Justice

Family Assistance Program conducted 20 weekly diversion classes with 20 youth participants. 18 youth demonstrated a 90% increase in knowledge, including being able to identify mental and physical risks associated with substances.

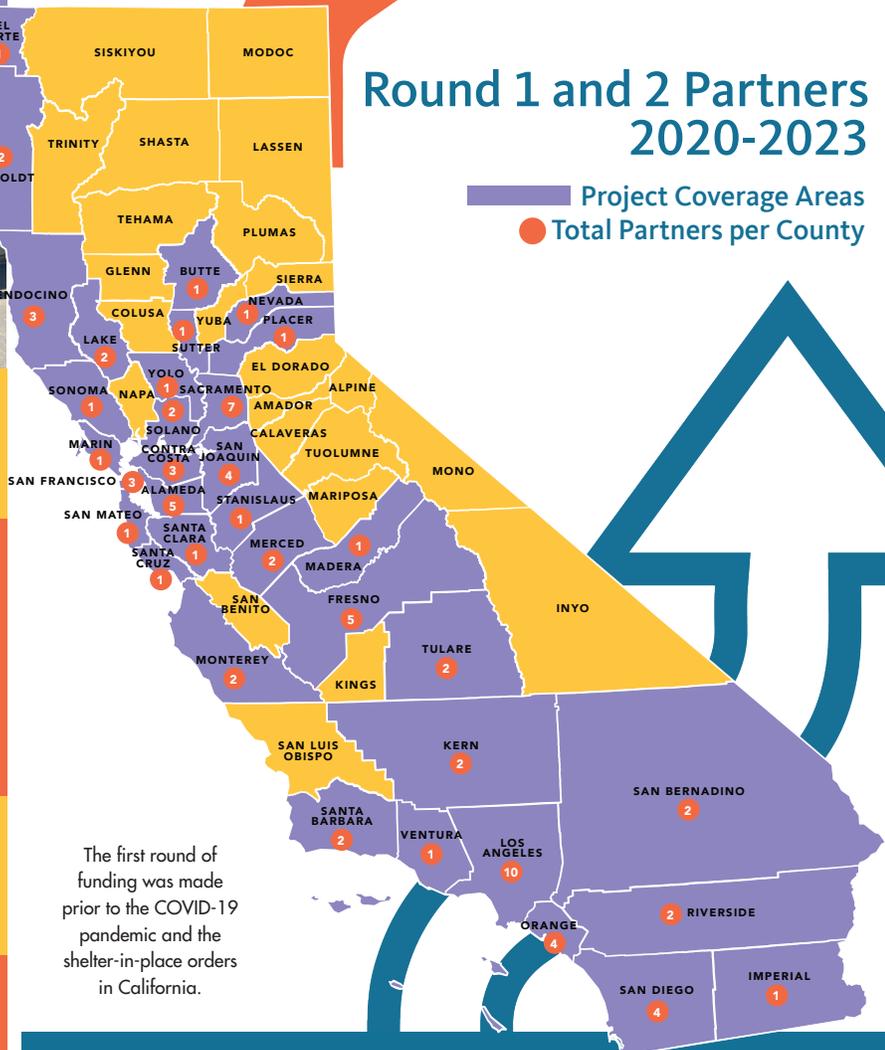
California Health Collaborative staff attended a meeting with the Performing Above the High (PATH) Advisory Board, a marijuana prevention coalition. The PATH Advisory Board communicated support of the newly funded program and future support to serve as allies for future objectives to address issues of access, distribution and marketing of substances in low-income communities of color in the city of Visalia.

Alcohol Justice held the Youth for Justice Academy virtually from July 27 to August 7. Topics discussed included the negative consequences of using alcohol and other drugs. An average of 22 youth participated daily.

Fresh Lifelines for Youth conducted mentoring/case management/relationship building and youth listening sessions. 52 of 58 youth demonstrated increases in at least one social-emotional learning domain including self-awareness, social awareness, critical thinking and self-advocacy.

Gateway Mountain Center created and released 7 Wellness videos on YouTube. These videos focused on activities youth can do anytime and anywhere to increase mental, emotional and physical health. Currently there are 489 views on the YouTube channel.

Round 1 and 2 Partners 2020-2023



The first round of funding was made prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the shelter-in-place orders in California.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED

\$21.5M

ROUND 1-MARCH 2020

\$29.7M

ROUND 2-NOVEMBER 2020

LOCAL MOVEMENT BUILDING

FUNDED PARTNERS HAVE ENGAGED 480 DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS

SCHOOLS/SCHOOL DISTRICTS	24%
OTHER YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS	16%
TRIBAL LEADERS OR ELDERS	7%
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS/AGENCIES	7%
YOUTH GROUPS/REPRESENTATIVES	6%
PARENTS/FAMILY/CAREGIVER GROUPS	5%
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION ORGANIZATIONS	5%
CIVIC OR VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS	4%
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES	4%
OTHER STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	4%
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS/AGENCIES	3%
SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT ORGANIZATIONS	3%
COURTS/JUDICIARY SYSTEM	3%
BUSINESS COMMUNITY	3%
ORGANIZATIONS SERVING LGBTQ2S+ INDIVIDUALS	3%
OTHER	2%



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

MARCH TO SEPTEMBER 2020 BY ROUND 1 PARTNERS



3959

PARTICIPANTS
ATTENDED

320

PREVENTION
PROGRAM
ACTIVITIES

FUNDED
PARTNERS
CONVENED

18

YOUTH
LISTENING
SESSIONS

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

- Youth prepared for town halls and meetings with local elected officials to identify problems in their community caused by the War on Drugs.
- Youth participated in training on narrative building to find their voice and share the stories of their communities.
- Youth engaged in healing circles, a space that allowed them to ground themselves, develop positive relationships with their peers and mentors, and heal.

YOUTH LISTENING SESSIONS HELD ACROSS THE STATE HIGHLIGHTED:

- Youth would like to better understand policy change and the need for youth voices to be heard by elected officials.
- Youth want virtual convenings and services to meet their needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Youth believe social media platforms are a way of bringing more awareness to substance use disorders.
- Youth emphasized the importance of having safe spaces that allow them to comfortably discuss substance use issues without feeling judged.

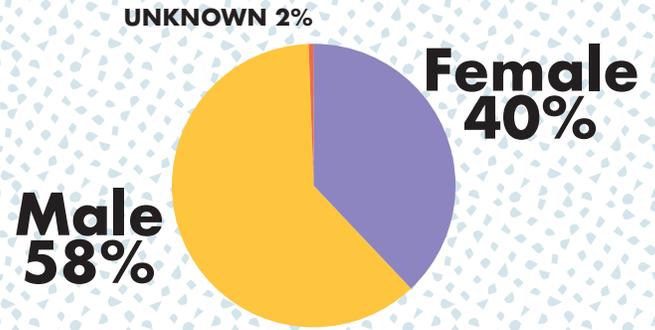
YOUTH ENGAGED

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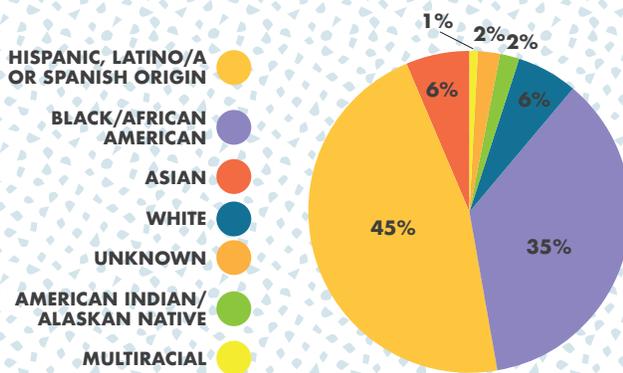
YOUTH ENGAGED FROM MARCH TO SEPTEMBER 2020 BY ROUND 1 PARTNERS **

83 (6%)

LGBTQ2S+ YOUTH ENGAGED

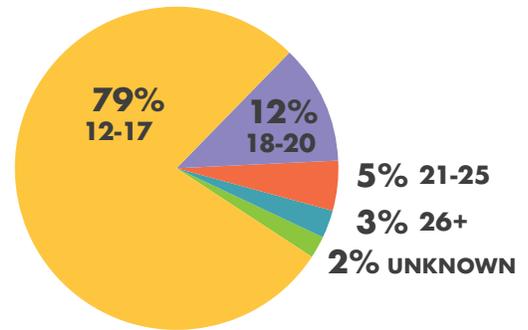


% OF YOUTH ENGAGED BY RACE OR ETHNIC GROUP (n=1348*)



*n is smaller than total number of youth engaged due to limited reported data
 **Total number of unduplicated youth that engaged in programming.

% OF YOUTH ENGAGED BY AGE GROUP (n=1118*)



CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES FROM THE CENTER

127+ HOURS

OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CENTER INCLUDES THE APPLICANT PROPOSER'S CONFERENCES, GRANTEE ORIENTATIONS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON THE DATA REPORTING TOOL AND INDIVIDUAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS TO PARTNERS.



Photo from Young Women's Freedom Center

Elevate Youth California is a program of the California Department of Health Care Services funded through Proposition 64. This statewide program is providing \$55.893 million in funding and technical assistance for organizations that are developing or increasing community substance use disorder prevention, outreach and education focused on youth. The Center at Sierra Health Foundation is contracted to support the implementation of Elevate Youth California.

More information is at elevateyouthca.org.